

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, September 13th, 2021

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, September 13th, 2021, at 7:00am in the Conference Room at the Grundy County Annex Building in Grundy Center, IA. Per the Iowa Public Information Board: Electronic Meetings for a Governmental Body, minutes must include a statement explaining why an in-person meeting was impossible or impractical. Currently, LBOH meetings are offered in-person or via zoom for members and the public. This is due to the pandemic and wishing to support social distancing and safe protocols/mitigation efforts. Future meetings will only be held in said circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical. Zoom/conference call attendance will still continue to be available to board members and to the public. Appointed board members present in person: Dave Stefl, RPH, Chairperson; Dr. Charles LaTendresse, Vice Chair. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Program Coordinator; Michelle VanDeest, GCPH Office Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Jessica Eilers, RN Lexie Hach, MA; Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD. Also present via zoom/conference call: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant; Katie Strub, Allen Women's Health.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Stefl. The minutes from July 12th, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve the July 2021 minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Stefl, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Stefl, and will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

Allen Women's health/Allen Child Protection Center – Katie Strub offered updates for our region. Handouts were provided and distributed via email prior to meeting with information.

Local Public Health Cost Reports Discussion: VanDeest discussed cost reports with board for \$36,000 in funding available from grant for utilization of previous FY20 activities carried over to FY21. VanDeest will email cost reports to board members upon request.

COVID-19 Updates: The pandemic continues to be the main focus during reporting period. GCPH continues to participate in phone conferences, webinars, and zoom meetings, as they are made available from local, state and federal partners. Individual inquiries that have come up daily via email, phone calls, and Facebook messenger will continue to be a high priority, but have slowed down. GCPH continues to work with local schools and sports teams' inquiries and guidance, long-term care facilities on guidance and updates, as well as childcare center guidance and updates; all, as needed, mostly via email when new guidance is presented. Isolation and quarantine home orders are still currently instituted by the State of Iowa; GCPH anticipates quarantine orders to cease, as school students no longer are required to stay home if exposed to a confirmed case. If these are needed, LBOH would be required to sign off on

orders, with GCPH personnel and local law enforcement working to execute orders. Vaccine administration has continued. GCPH works with hospital, clinics, pharmacies, long-term care facilities, and assisted living facilities in county to ensure administration to appropriate individuals. GCPH does not house vaccines; dosages are being distributed to pharmacies, hospital, and UnityPoint Clinic - Family Medicine in Grundy Center for administration. The Healthcare Preparedness Planning Group (HCPPG) and subcommittees are currently worked on a variety of initiatives to increase vaccination rates in Grundy County, including pop-up clinic availability and an incentive program. GCPH, with assistance from county attorney, Erika Allen, drafted an agreement for pop-up clinics to take place with Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) being the program manager for such while utilizing grant funds available from GCPH; this agreement was signed by all parties. GCPH is also working with GCMH and other entities in the county for marketing campaigns, as applicable. LBOH, on behalf of GCPH, applied for the GCMH Foundation grant for incentive programming in the community. The application was accepted and the incentive program began in August, 2021. GCPH worked with county IT to create a website for COVID-19 (<https://tinyurl.com/38ffnwwz>), which is through the county website and has information on vaccine administration sites, pop-up clinics, incentive program details, and other COVID-19 information. Pop-up clinics were not as successful as hoped, and will cease in September, 2021. Vaccine rates continue to slowly increase in Grundy County. Positive cases continue to, as well. All data is being tracked through the DOMO internal service by GCPH, as well as on state and federal websites to share with the public. Further discussion held on difference between booster shots and 3rd dosage, along with updates of such. Billboards and been purchased and are located in Grundy Center and Reinbeck for vaccine campaign. Mailings were discussed to send out to community members regarding the vaccine availability and incentive program. Long-term care/assisted living facilities have been contacted by GCPH personnel to determine who will administer their booster/3rd dosages and all are covered by either local pharmacies or corporate entity. Current vaccine data for Grundy County will be emailed out to board members following meeting; data can be found at anytime from CDC and weekly from GCPH on social media platforms.

Public Health Report for January/February, 2021:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: GCPH continues to participate, as available, in community meetings/discussions. Both Community Partners and Wellness Committee are available via zoom, and GCPH hopes to attend these more frequently in upcoming months.

Community Assessment: Grundy County CHNA&HIP updates provided by LBOH member Lexie Hach. She will try to meet every 2 weeks with GCPH to have this completed in December of this year and hope is to have in reportable form for website. Hach and GCPH met regarding CHNA focus groups and survey results to determine what needs will be addressed to set goals and objectives. HIP will be worked on as we go along. GCPH will ask IT to take survey off of announcement page.

Disease Outbreak: On July 6th, 2021, investigation began on Ehrlichiosis/ Anaplasmosis isolated case. Case was closed on July 13th, 2021. On July 9th, 2021, investigation began on E.coli isolated case. Case was closed on July 13th, 2021. On July 19th, 2021, investigation began on 2 Crypto household/epi-linked cases. Cases were closed on July 26th, 2021. On July 22nd, 2021, investigation began on an E.coli case. Upon interview, 4 additional cases were identified/epi-linked. All 5 cases were closed on July 26th, 2021. On August 11th, 2021, investigation began on Crypto isolated case. Case was closed on August 11th, 2021. On August 12th, 2021, investigation began on E.coli isolated case. Case was closed on August 13th, 2021.

Health Education: STD rates are increasing state-wide. Hach will provide county updates on this at November meeting.

Injury Prevention: The yearly jail inspection was completed on July 12th, 2021, with no issues to report on. The Sharps Disposal program received 14 sharps container during reporting period.

Immunization (I4) Grant: Immunization Audits for schools are to be completed by October 31st, 2021. All school audits have been scheduled for September/October. Childcare audits are to be completed by January 31st, 2022. These will be scheduled for November/December.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills will be offered in 4 schools, schedules already completed, during this school year.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom.

Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC): The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events. There are 26 active volunteers. Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period will cease for the foreseeable future, due to changes in the website. If reports are made available in the future, these will be shared with board.

6YR Preparedness Grant: GCPH continues to respond to pandemic with approved activities for vaccination efforts in county.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): No updates.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): No updates.

Due to the pandemic, assessment of grant searching for FY22 will take place in the upcoming months, due to continued pandemic restraints at the time of this report.

Due to the pandemic, total contacts for reporting period is not available.

Social Media Stats: Report was not available for July meeting, reporting period of May/June, 2021 and end of FY21. For May/June, 2021: 49,087. FY21: 480,938. Reporting period July/August, 2021: 78,806

Meeting was recorded via zoom and is available for future viewing on Google Drive:

- Video link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A_XjeKhkileJkkeRpt_9gAR7sqDc32KI/view?usp=sharing
- Audio link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HAw_Tz-JAxdTEPIHk5k7M3bXPwJh-qha/view?usp=sharing
- File link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d_NVcgkFTZbJyyFlvMrKiK0Qytk5hUVD?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned at 7:48am; motion by LaTendresse, second by Stefl; carried.


Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, November 8th, 2021, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

CHNA&HIP Updates (under LPHS Grant)

Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



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Grundy County Public Health Program Coordinator

Dave Stefl, RPH

Chairperson

