

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, January 10th, 2022

Called to Order: 7:02am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, January 10th, 2022, 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 on-going pandemic and wishing to support 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. Meetings will be recorded and uploaded onto Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Google Drive, with links available on minutes. Meeting recordings will be deleted off of Drive after no less than 1-years-time, but will continue to be available upon request on GCPH Program Coordinator, Katie Thornton-Lang's, county computer drive. Appointed board members present in person: Dr. Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC; Nick Rains, PA-C, ATC. Also present in person: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant; 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: Katie Strub, Allen Women's Health.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Hach. The minutes from November 8th, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve the November 2021 minutes by Eilers; seconded by Hach, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be signed by newly appointed Chair and will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

Allen Women's health/Allen Child Protection Center: Katie Strub offered 3rd quarter data updates for the Grundy County region through UnityPoint Health/Allen Women's Protection Center, which has three IDPH funded programs. Along with 3rd quarter data, end of year data is available but not comprehensive. Handouts were discussed. Services are offered at low or no cost and have sliding fee scale. Family Planning: inquiry on if increase in STI's compared to last year, which Katie reports yes, especially in syphilis, which is a national trend happening with rises in cases; due to the pandemic, it seems that many were not going to physicians' appointments, possibly leading to the increase. Maternal Health: provides access to car seats, pack & plays, sleep sacks, etc. to help those who would not be able to obtain these by other measures; there are language interpreters available, as needed; there has been an increase in COVID-19 positive moms, possibly due to vaccination hesitancy, and also an increase of moms testing positive at birth or breastfeeding, but not many babies testing positive at birth. Allen Child Protection Center (CPC): provides advocacy services to those who have been witness to

crimes and assist Department of Human Services (DHS) and Law Enforcement (LE) with investigation and provide needed services; assisted 14 children in Grundy County for allegation of abuse; reports that department works well with LE; also works well with schools on body safety education; Strub reports that the pandemic brought on various discussions of abuse in the home.

Public Electronic Access to LBOH Meetings Policy: Board members discussed procedures and updates to new policy. GCPH has been utilizing zoom during pandemic and will continue to do so in the future. Dallas County implemented similar policy and shared a template to utilize as a “safeguard” to provide meeting as a courtesy (for example, if internet goes down, then the meeting is still available in person. GCPH will add disclaimer to agenda at future meetings. Motion to adopt new agenda policy by Hach; seconded by Eilers; carried and will begin on March meeting agenda/read-ahead report.

New Board Member Introductions and Conflict of Interest Statements: New members introduced themselves and signed conflict of interest statements. Orientation was completed with new members on Friday, 1/7/22, with Bombei. Conflict of interest statements will be emailed to other members and will be updated yearly.

Board Chair/Vice-Chair Voted On: Board voted on 2022 chair and vice-chair, with motion for Hach as Chair and Petersen as Vice-Chair by Eilers; seconded by Johnson, carried. Board member/positions will be updated and submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

Landfill Commission Updates: Ryan Bingman has been designated LBOH representative. He will send notes to GCPH after each quarterly meeting. GCPH will email notes to LBOH members upon receipt to keep them up-to-date on information. This will be a standing notice in LBOH read-ahead reports and minutes.

Other: Department of Human Services and IDPH are merging into one entity in the state of Iowa. GCPH will continue to update LBOH on merger, as information is received.

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 via email, phone calls, and Facebook messenger will continue to be a high priority, but have continued to slow down. GCPH continues to work with local schools’ 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 no longer active by the State of Iowa. Vaccine administration continues. 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) continues to meet, currently monthly, and guidance/updates are shared with partners, as needed. The county's COVID-19 website is still active and being updated, as needed (<https://tinyurl.com/38ffnwwz>). This site is through the county website and has information on vaccine administration sites, previous incentive program details, and other COVID-19 information. Vaccine rates, including booster dosages, continue to increase in Grundy County. Positive cases continue to increase, 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 via social media platforms. All vaccine updates and information has been shared with local partners and on social media platforms. GCPH will continue to share information, as received, with county partners and on social media platforms during pandemic. Discussion on testing options for community. Bombei suggests that GCPH see if tests can be distributed via our department to local clinics; Thornton-Lang will look into. Test Iowa PCR tests available to order from website (<https://www.testiowa.com/en>).

Public Health Report for November/December, 2021:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

LPHS Contract Updates: Bombei reports that the LPHS contract is non-competitive state tax funding to all 99 LBOH/PH departments. Historically, public health (PH) departments have been allowed to use funds for various activities to be face of PH in community, including for direct services (skilled nursing, home care aide, etc.). Over the next 5 years, this will be transitioning out of direct services and utilized for population health activities that serve every person in the county. GCPH made these change a few years ago, so LBOH/GCPH will not see manly changes from this transition except in billing compacity, which will be helped through with tech support. GCPH will provide quarterly reports, instead of 3-year compliance review which should help with keeping up on things timelier. The funding formula will remain the same, with the amount received consistent, as it is population based (with elderly and low-income included). GCPH will continue to update LBOH on updates.

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: This will be changing to CHA CHIP in future (Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan). Grundy County's CHNA submitted to IDPH on 12/29/21. Grundy County's HIP inputted into state system on 12/29/21

Disease Outbreak: One school district, in both high school and elementary school buildings, reported days of 10% absenteeism during reporting period. School district nurse worked with GCPH, Hardin County health department and IDPH on specifics, resources and information. A long-term care (LTC) facility reported a norovirus outbreak during reporting period. This was amongst staff and residents (3 or more residents confirmed at a given time. LTC worked with GCPH and IDPH on confirmation, with Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) offering

assistance for transfer of samples to State Hygienic Lab (SHL). Facility reported updates daily to GCPH/ IDPH until resolution (4 days with no new symptomatic residents).

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

Injury Prevention: The Sharps Disposal program received 13 sharps containers during reporting period.

Immunization (I4) Grant: Immunization Audits for childcare centers were to be completed by end of January, 2022. All childcare audits have been completed for Grundy County. There were 637 certificates audited in total. School Audits: 12 sites, 2272 certificates, 99.82% valid. Childcare Audits: 15 sites, 637 certificates, 100% valid. Total Audits: 27 sites, 2909 certificates, 99.91% valid. Annual flu campaign continued during reporting period. Flyer/ information continued to be shared on social media and via email to local partners.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills was offered in all elementary schools. Lessons have been completed at Timothy Christian (3rd/4th grades) and Grundy Center (4th grade), and continued in Dike (3rd grade). Reinbeck (4th grade) is scheduled to begin in January.

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, as needed and desired. There were two new members who joined the unit, making 28 active volunteers currently. 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 (see above report). Additional response grants have been offered to all county health departments in state: technology upgrades, confinement and homeless. Plans will be due to state by February 2nd, 2022. Technology upgrades: GCPH is working with county IT to determine needs for offered funding (\$105, 217). Confinement: GCPH is working with Sheriff's Office to determine needs for offered funding (\$5448). Homeless: Grundy County did not qualify for funding due to not having a homeless shelter in county.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): A local preschool reached out to GCPH for assistance on how to find booster seats for low-weight children (30lbs or under), as those seats can be difficult to find/purchase. GCPH had 8 state seats that met this requirement and worked with state to determine validity in offering seats to preschool for transportation during building remodel. These seats will be utilized for identified children who will keep seats following transportation needed.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): Vaccination and Handwashing presentations offered to all kindergarten classrooms in county during reporting period and previous reporting period.

Programs were given at AGWSR, Timothy Christian (handwashing only), BCLUW, Dike-New Hartford, and Grundy Center schools.

Assessment of grant searching for FY22/FY23 will take place in the upcoming months, due to continued pandemic restraints.

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

Social Media Stats: Reporting period November/December, 2021: 37,156 individuals reached on Facebook and Twitter (Instagram and Pinterest analytics were not available).

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

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UKxNI7mai0BpKpFzLVeONIWQ-uthqLXC/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z_Oq1qdDn7WhfKE6wj-YKPs6HsADU5Fw/view?usp=sharing
- File link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AfiaoNJtwJJilb14_5VS7un5iljBKViT?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned at 8:05am; motion by Johnson, second by Rains; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, March 14th, 2022, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

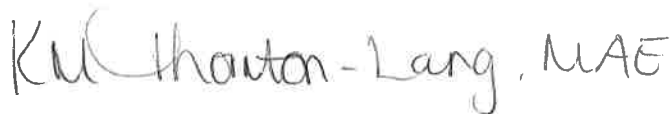
CHNA&HIP Updates (Lexie Hach, MA)

STD County Updates (Lexie Hach, MA)

Environmental Health Update/Procedure Discussion (Board)

Telehealth Education (Dr. Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC)

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE

Grundy County Public Health Program Coordinator

Lexie Hach, MA

Chairperson

