

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, May 9th, 2022

Called to Order: 7:03am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, May 9th, 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 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: Lexie Hach, MA, Chairperson; Jessica Eilers, RN. 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: Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD, Vice-Chairperson. Also present via zoom/conference call: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Hach. The minutes from March 14th, 2022, were reviewed. Motion to approve the March 2022 minutes by Eilers; seconded by Petersen, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Hach, and will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

Approval/Signature of Updated Policies/Procedures: The Grundy County/GCPH Personnel Policies/Procedures document was emailed prior to meeting to LBOH members for discussion/approval. Board no offer of suggestions approved document. Motion to approve the Hach; seconded by Eilers, carried; the updated policies/procedures were approved as submitted and signed by Chair, Hach.

Landfill Commission Updates: Ryan Bingman, LBOH commission representative, will attend meetings quarterly and provide updates via email communications to Thornton-Lang to share with board. April 14, 2022: The Grundy County Landfill Commission held the monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022 in the Grundy County Courthouse. *The group reviewed bills with no concerns, questions, or objections. There was continued discussion on hiring a part-time employee. One person has applied, no new update on the hiring process. The Vice Chair will reach out to the candidate this month to discuss the position further. Further discussion this month from previous month about the DNR sending a letter stating they are looking into potentially limiting testing at closed landfill facilities. There are multiple other counties and steps that the state needs to work on/with prior to authorizing the new limited testing. HWL Engineering did their semi-annual inspection. They recommended removing dead trees from the*

north end, monitor road erosion, monitor landfill erosion and continue to monitor the drainage system. Discussion on selling a semi-trailer and a water truck. Both items will be put on the county website. No update from Chad – He was not in attendance. Smith also attends these meetings and stated that at the suggestion of HWL engineering that Grundy County qualified for an environmental covenant which means less testing and saving county dollars. Grundy County tests are normal enough from well testing, and they monitor wells throughout the landfill. This is moving forward, as of this meeting, and could take 3-4 more months for finalization. HWL would come around twice/year for semi-annual inspection.

Intern Updates: Thornton-Lang reached out to University of Northern Iowa (UNI) to offer internships for Masters of Social Work (MSW) students as in years past. A University of Iowa student College of Public Health student, who lives locally, reached out to Thornton-Lang to possibly intern for summer 2022; the student is finalizing details and will be in touch regarding with a meeting scheduled for Wednesday following LBOH meeting.

COVID-19 Updates: The pandemic continues to be a main focus. 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 continued to be a high priority, but have slowed down considerably. GCPH continues to work with local school 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. Information has been shared with local health departments on reporting changes and beginning to move from response phase of pandemic to recovery phase. As information is available to GCPH on this transition, it will be shared with board members via email communications. Vaccine administration continues, with vaccines coming through GCPH. GCPH works with hospital, one clinic and all county pharmacies 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) has discontinued to meet monthly; guidance/updates are shared with partners, as needed, via email. 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, but have slowed down considerably, most likely due to reporting changes. All data continues to be 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 general COVID information continues to be shared with local partners and on social media platforms.

Public Health Report for March/April, 2022:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

FY23 RFA was submitted on 4/20/22 (original due date of 4/22/22; extension due date of 4/28/22).

Collaborative Relations: GCPH continues to participate, as available, in community meetings/discussions. GCPH has been requested to join two additional boards: NEI3A Regional Board: Thornton-Lang has been approved as board member, with first meeting scheduled for 6/23/22, in Independence; and Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health Center: Thornton-Lang has been approved as board member, with first meeting scheduled for 5/18/22, virtually.

Injury Prevention: Sharps Disposal program received 19 sharps containers for reporting period. *PHCI:* Thornton-Lang attending the Public Health Conference of Iowa (PHCI), formerly known as the Governor's Conference on Public Health, virtually the first week of May and will share information gathered at July meeting.

Immunization (I4) Grant: No updates.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: FY23 RFA was submitted on 4/14/22 (due date of 4/14/22). LifeSkills was offered in all elementary schools. Lessons have been completed at Timothy Christian (3rd/4th grades), Grundy Center (4th grade), Dike (3rd grade), and Reinbeck (4th grade). A LifeSkills survey for FY22 was distributed to participating schools; data shared with board.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom. GCPH and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) participated in, and helped facilitate, a virtual tabletop exercise for local healthcare professionals, as well as other stakeholders for the event of high winds (i.e., tornadic activity, derecho). Around 30 participants total, including long-term care facilities, which was a focus. Very successful and informative exercise for all.

Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC): The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events. There are currently 27 active volunteers. Two volunteers participated in the tabletop exercise in coordination with volunteer management.

6YR Preparedness Grant: GCPH continues to respond to pandemic with approved activities for vaccination efforts in county (see above report). The amendment for technology upgrades will have purchases made for GCPH in FY23.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): A local clinic social worker called to inquire about seat availability for a family that had been in a car accident with the car being totaled (child not in vehicle at time of accident). The family of the child was in need of car seat while at the ER in Grundy Center. The social worker gave child information; a seat and information was provided to the family in writing and stated to social worker who picked up seat for family. Thornton-Lang has completed required CEU's and community education for recertification in April 2023. She will continue to work on required seat checks before that time frame.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): Concussion and Bike Safety sessions have been offered to all kindergarten classrooms in county. In April, lessons were completed with 3 classes at Grundy Center, 2 classes at BCLUW, and the kindergarten-2nd grade classes at Timothy Christian. Sessions are scheduled in May at DNH and AGWSR. Did not hear back from Reinbeck. Will be working with Reinbeck Kindergarten on programming next year, due to staffing changes. Will then be in all county schools for this programming.

Grant Searching assessment for FY22/FY23 will take place in the upcoming months, due to continued pandemic restraints.

Total Contacts are not available for reporting period due to the pandemic constraints.

Social Media Stats: Reporting period of March/April, 2022: 28,851 (Pinterest and Instagram stats were not available)

Zoom Meetings for 2022/2023 will be scheduled by Thornton-Lang and be emailed.

Recorded Meeting available via zoom for future viewing on Google Drive:

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kPDjnDP-wHYUGtm2oFlbkRjMI7r2fwtn/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rzAFne83WDSs4DxmFQWmDKq55XEzE8_3/view?usp=sharing
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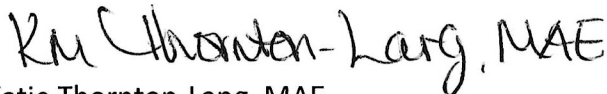
Meeting adjourned at 7:56am; motion by Hach, second by Eilers; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, July 11th, 2022, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

Black Hawk County Health Department Presentations – I-Smile and 1st Five

Respectfully submitted,



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Lexie Hach, MA
Chairperson

