

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, July 11th, 2022

Called to Order: 7:02am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, July 11th, 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; Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD, Vice-Chairperson. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Michelle VanDeest, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Office Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Jessica Eilers, RN; Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC; Nick Rains, PA-C, ATC. Also present via zoom/conference call: Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE, GCPH Administrator; Hailey Finn, Black Hawk County Health Department (BHCHD); Traci Smith, BHCHD.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Hach. The minutes from May 9th, 2022 regular meeting, and June 17th, 2022, special meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the May and June 2022 minutes by Eilers; seconded by Johnson, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be signed by Chair, Hach, and will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

BHCHD Report for Child/Adolescent Health, I-Smile and 1st Five Programs: Reports for board was shared via email prior to meeting. Child/Adolescent Health and 1st Five programs: around 85% of 2-year-olds are up-to-date with immunizations which is a success for Grundy County especially in light of COVID pandemic; there has been a 5% increase in program referrals from previous years; child care providers were utilized for referrals, as well, for those who might slip through the cracks at well-child visits; program works with medical providers, as well; increase in referrals for 2-year-olds for behavioral issues, which is more than likely a result of the pandemic; Hach asks if there is anything LBOH can help with, to which Smith states nothing at the moment; UnityPoint is shifting to different screening tool that is easily embedded in the Early Head Start program, Smith is not allowed to train on this screening tool, but there is online training available for this screening tool. I-Smile program: program conducts trainings, as well as screenings for providers; 106 children received services from Grundy County, as opposed to 0 previous year; DNH & BCLUW are schools worked with directly; handouts included audit report for FY21; reports from school nurses who are helpful with gathering data; Hach asks if there is anything LBOH can help with, to which Finn states that schools seem to be

working well; currently getting into more medical providers for trainings would be helpful; Smith and LBOH can help with connections, if needed; program is offered regardless of insurance status; currently in Grundy County, no dentists are accepting Medicaid and transportation is an issue; referrals have been given to places in Hardin, Marshall and Black Hawk counties; another barrier is reimbursement rate being lower.

Intern Updates: Alana Ledtje is a University of Iowa College of Public Health intern for 80 hours in July, 2022, at GCPH. Alana introduced herself to the board, and discussed her internship plans, which include working on project for community education on canning/botulism with distributing information in county and at county fair. A Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) intern met with Thornton-Lang in June, 2022, to discuss public health structure and policy within Grundy County.

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. June 8th, 2022: *I was not able to attend the last meeting, so I do not have an update. I will be out of state for this month's meeting too. I will report after the August meeting.* Smith also attends these meetings and stated that there is a new hire since last report.

Environmental Health Updates: Carie Sparks, Grundy County Sanitarian, provided update via email communications to Thornton-Lang to share with board. 7/8/22 = *{Grundy County Attorney, Erika Allen} is going to make some changes to the 28E from Jasper County {template} to fit Grundy Co. She will get that done and send to you {Thornton-Lang}. I gave her some ideas of what the {LBOH} discussed at the meeting the other day and she is going to put those into the draft for the board to review.*

Structure Updates: Thornton-Lang is collecting job description templates from other Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA) around the state to assist with updates and will have these ready to share and approve at the September LBOH meeting. Thornton-Lang has been meeting with other LPHA Administrators to learn more about the role and to determine if all needs are being met by this role at GCPH.

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 continues 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. 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 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 May/June, 2022:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: GCPH continues to participate, as available, in community meetings/discussions.

Disease Outbreak: Isolated E. coli case started 5/4/22 and completed 5/5/22. Monkeypox information is shared with GCPH from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) on an as needed basis. If cases are reported in our county, GCPH will be notified but will most likely not be required to work the cases due to the nature of the questions involved. IDPH is working with another bureau to complete these within Iowa. Thornton-Lang and VanDeest completed refresher Advanced EPI course with Iowa Department of Public Health as a requirement for disease outbreak investigations.

Injury Prevention: Thornton-Lang assisted Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) with Bike Rodeos in Grundy Center, working with 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders on bike safety and helmet importance. Sun Safety Day materials and educational programming information was distributed to Iowa State Extension office to present at the Progressive Agricultural Safety Day Fair. Previous years, Thornton-Lang provided materials and educational programming, but was unable to do this year due to other conflicts. Hope to be back next year! Thornton-Lang participated in June's Walk With a Doc with Dr. Bissen to discuss the importance of Bike Safety with community members. Sharps Disposal program received 11 sharps container during reporting period.

Immunization (I4) Grant: FY23 RFA was due by 5/10/22; submission by GCPH on 5/10/22.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: Summer Safety Program, discussing medication safety and other substance abuse topics, was given to Grundy Center Middle School, per their request.

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 currently 26 active volunteers. Yearly drill/update was completed with all volunteers participating.

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 has allowed purchases to be made and many installed for GCPH in FY23.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): Inspection and education was given to one family for all four seats. Education given to family on laws for children riding in golf carts.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): Concussion and Bike Safety sessions were completed at DNH and AGWSR. Thornton-Lang met with new RB teachers and will be picking up kindergarten classrooms. This will now be offered at all county schools for all programming. Spring survey results are available by attachment.

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 May/June, 2022: 22,708 (Pinterest and Instagram stats were not available). Fiscal Year 2022: 286,701 (Pinterest stats were not available). Pinterest stats will no longer be available due to their analytics changes. Instagram's will be reevaluated at end of FY23.

LBOH Member Reminder: Please complete and send evaluations for BOTH Thornton-Lang and VanDeest and return to Hach/Petersen by Wednesday, 7/13/22.

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

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-vmSpQgvAKiB2chF5NejWcvT3mhi6ZCh/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M-TPJTLVvV4MG69K1CpPkHG7WdFMP9aq/view?usp=sharing>
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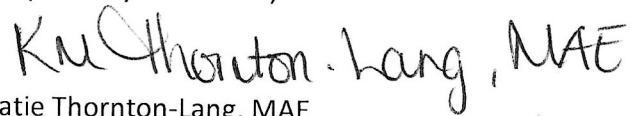
Meeting adjourned at 7:49am; motion by Petersen, second by Eilers; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, September 12th, 2022, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

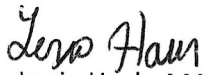
Black Hawk County Health Department Presentations – I-Smile and 1st Five

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE

Grundy County Public Health Administrator



Lexie Hach, MA

Chairperson