

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Called to Order: 7:02am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 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) Administrator; 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 July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were reviewed. Motion to approve the July, 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](http://IowaGrants.gov) following meeting.

**Operation Threshold Annual Report for WIC Program** – Amanda Kirchhoff will present information on WIC services available to Grundy County through Operation Threshold. PowerPoint slides were shared prior to meeting.

**NEI3A Annual Report** – Cara Ferch provided a written report on NEI3A services available to Grundy County via email. In upcoming years, Ferch will present information in person/via zoom.

**GCPH Structure Updates** – Job descriptions for GCPH Administrator and Office Coordinator were created/updated from previous years. These job descriptions were discussed by board. Feedback was provided from Hach, which will be emailed to Thornton-Lang for updating and possible approval at November meeting. GCPH FY23 annual evaluations were completed in July, 2022, for Administrator and Office Coordinator. Copies will be kept with each employee, with Administrator and in Auditor's Office. If board would like to view evaluations, they are to contact GCPH Administrator.

**Household Sharps Program Discussion** – Board discussed specifics of current household Sharps Program. Success stories and statistics were shared with board from GCPH. Landfill Commission and BOS has stated support of the program. Board concluded based on information presented to continue program with a few updates, including education and messaging to the public regarding program (i.e., free program, where can purchase red sharps containers as detergent bottles will no longer be accepted by department, possible grant funding from Grundy County Community Foundation or Grundy County Memorial Hospital foundation to purchase red sharps containers for community members, can still take red sharps containers or detergent bottles to convenience center, suggestion to have possible needle stick policy with sharps program policy/procedure including statistics from convenience center).

### **FY23 Grant Updates for Reporting Period July/August, 2022**

#### Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

There were 2 reported isolated cases of crypto in July, 2022. Both were closed without issue. Monkeypox cases continue to rise. No reported cases in Grundy County, as of this report. Hach can provide further updates, with information on stats from reporting sites and discussion of if information getting to all providers who may encounter cases.

Internship Updates: Thornton-Lang met via zoom with University of Iowa (UofI) internship coordinator to discuss new opportunities for partnerships between entities.

UofI Data Visualization Training: Thornton-Lang participated in a 4-week course to help with future data sharing information.

Annual Jail inspection: conducted in July, 2022, with no issues.

Household Sharps Program: received 30 containers during reporting period.

Grundy County Child Passenger Safety Program (GCCPSP): Installation of family rear-facing only w/base seat was conducted by Thornton-Lang immediately prior to emergency surgery to take place for family of to-be born baby. Education will follow.

Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS) – Hand Hygiene/Staying Healthy: No updates. Scheduling has begun for fall programming.

GCPH continues to participate in community meetings/discussions including but not limited to Grundy County Community Partners, Grundy Center Wellness Committee (board), Child Passenger Safety State Advisory (board), Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health Center (board), NEI3A (board).

#### Immunization (I4) Grant

An LTBI (non-communicable) case was identified in July, 2022. GCPH personnel is unable to make contact with individual to start medication provided by the Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS, formerly IDPH). GCPH notified patients clinic and HHS/IDPH on this matter. HHS/IDPH directed GCPH to keep trying to contact patient until 3 months after initial diagnosis, and to let clinic know of attempts. After 3 months, the patient will need to start process over with their physician, including x-rays. HHS/IDPH stated to document all attempts and to let them know when contact has been made or when 3 months is up to discuss next steps.

Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS) – Vaccination/Staying Healthy: No updates. Scheduling has begun for fall programming.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant

Chalk the Walk event was conducted with Grundy Family YMCA Summer Program in partnership with Pathways.

LifeSkills programming for fall has begun.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant

PHEP meetings have been held via zoom.

New Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Coordinator started in August, 2022. He has been working with GCPH on possible partnering opportunities in the future, as well as completing required NIMS for both departments.

Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC): The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events, as needed and desired. There are currently 26 active volunteers.

6YR Preparedness Grant:

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. Vaccine administration/distribution continues, with vaccines coming through GCPH. GCPH works with hospital, one clinic and all county pharmacies to ensure administration to community members. 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>). Positive cases, and vaccine rates including booster dosages, continue to increase in Grundy County. Available data continues to be tracked through the DOMO internal service by GCPH, as well as on state and federal websites. All vaccine updates and general COVID information continues to be shared with local partners and on social media platforms.

Technology funding assistance was made available through this grant, with new/updated laptops and printers being purchased for GCPH personnel.

**Social Media Stats** – for reporting period July/August, 2022: 20,609 individuals reached. (Instagram stats were not available. Pinterest stats will no longer be reported due to no longer being available.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:13am; motion by Petersen, second by Eilers; carried.

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

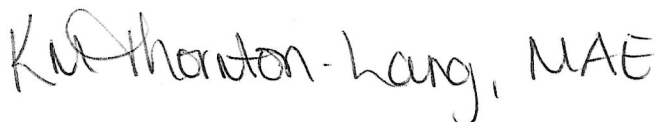
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- File link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dywvrJuCISEfpTmG-wlywEI2lcAguG4s?usp=sharing>

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

**Scheduled Meeting Topics:**

Local Board of Health Member Updates - Board  
Environmental Health Annual Update – Carie Sparks  
Landfill Commission Annual Update – Ryan Bingman  
Structure Updates – GCPH  
Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE  
Grundy County Public Health Administrator

Lexie Hach, MA  
Chairperson

