

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, July 8th, 2019

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, July 8th, 2019, at 7:00am in the Conference Room at the Grundy County Annex Building in Grundy Center, IA. Appointed board members present were: Beverly Meester, *Chair*; Dr. Charles LaTendresse, MD, *Vice Chair*; Dave Stefl; Helene Wertz. Also present was: Carie Sager, County Sanitarian; Lexie Hach, Rural Outreach Liaison; Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors; Melita Rizvanovic, GCPH/IDPH Intern; Michelle VanDeest, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Office Coordinator; and Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE, GCPH Program Coordinator.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Meester. The minutes from May 13th, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve the May, 2019, minutes by Wertz; seconded by LaTendresse, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Meester.

Policies/Procedures: GCPH received notification of compliance with IDPH that they are in compliance with Iowa Administrative Codes following review audit. Notification statement letter was emailed to LBOH members, as well as Grundy County Board of Supervisors. Policies and Procedures were developed by GCPH representatives Thornton-Lang and Michelle VanDeest to meet Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulations and compliances. The policies and procedures were emailed to board members prior to meeting to peruse and offer suggestions on changes/additions to forms. Upon approval from all board members of all policies/procedures, forms were given to Chairperson Meester to sign, date, and officially enact for Grundy County Public Health. Motion to approve policies and procedures, as written, with the change to make them be evaluated and signed on ONE page, instead of individual pages, was made by LaTendresse; seconded by Wertz; carried.

Discussions were held on the evaluation, which will be held in July yearly. VanDeest suggests having a LBOH representative complete each GCPH representative evaluation on behalf of LBOH, either by phone or in person. VanDeest suggests asking for input from other members/collaborators in county: County Social Services, Veterans Affairs, Sheriff's Office, Grundy Center Police Department, individuals from the Courthouse (VanDeest has specifics of who to get ahold of) and have them email comments/evaluations to board member conducting evaluation. Wertz will conduct evaluations during July 2019. She requests self-evaluations, along with 3 of the individuals suggested, and representatives evaluate each other's performances. The evaluation will stay with GCPH representatives in our personnel files, upon Wertz's completion of evaluation process.

Suggestion to have Public Health Policy tab placed on county website to hold policies online in order to have public availability; or have statement that can visit office to peruse Blue Binder

Meester suggests doing bi-yearly updates with policies and evaluations in the future, which may be something to look into. Policies should be updated as they change. Katie and Michelle will talk to Heather about IDPH/state requirements

Septic System Update: Sager will be attending court this Thursday, at 9:00am, about an hour of court time, as the Melchers have filed an injunction against the county and Sager 2 weeks ago. The injunction prohibits Sager from installing or inspecting septic systems until it is proven that she is doing so correctly; no permits will be allowed for new buildings during this time, or if people get septic water in basements within the county, Sager will not be allowed to help with issue. If court case takes a while, there may need to be a 28E agreement put in place for another county to come in to do permits. Sager has been going through each township of wells since 2008, and sent out 37 letters last week to look at water samples and systems to see if they should be looked at further. 6 have returned already. This is what she was asked to do by LBOH and Melcher attorney; she has not gotten samples back, but will be soon. Dave Shrock be will representing Sager in court; the same judge is overseeing all cases involved in this matter. Sager states an "expert witness" will be at court, not sure who is, but it is public knowledge, so they will be able to find out. The process in question has Sager putting information in an online database system, which is forwarded on to the Melcher's attorney. Sager will keep board updated on what is found out Thursday.

Rural Outreach Liaison Update: Lexie states that the 2018 data is being distributed currently: HIV testing is showing positive results, double testing and decreasing numbers; other cases have doubled; HEP C cases are coming from injection drug users; Lexie will get our county's data to share. HEP C consultants conducted research on hotspot counties, and that data is coming in: Appanoose county was projected to be #1 due to various contributors

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: Chairperson Meester signed off on the Black Hawk County Board of Health designation for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Representatives will be meeting with LBOH in September with a brief overview of program and outcomes. They will be presenting next meeting with iSmile, just as was done last year.

GCPH Interns: Nichelle Blakesley is a Masters of Social Worker from the University of Northern Iowa; she will be with GCPH up to December, 2019. She is working with various projects for the community including updating GCPH's Resource & Referral Guide, Transportation Disappearances, Bike Helmet Ticket program, Social Media Policy, MRC Tabletop Exercises, and helping with inventory/organization of supplies.

Melita Rizvanovic recently received her Bachelors of Science in Public Health from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, completing her internship as the final step; she will be interning through the summer. Melita is working part time with GCPH on STD Education Resources, and has already assisted GCPH with Bike Night and updating various policies and procedures, as well as being a part of community assessment procedures. She plans on updating LifeSkills lessons to incorporate vaping/e-Cigarette information from Botvin, as well as help with grant development and applications. Melita is also working part time with Lexie Hach, Rural Outreach

Liaison from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), gaining the state level information on public health education, policies and procedures. They have worked on various projects, including developing Rural Outreach Liaison Data Sheets, creating a PowerPoint for job positions/descriptions, and developing a proposal for a Sexual Health Coalition in a neighboring county.

Public Health Report:

18/19 Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: GCPH representatives continue to attend Wellness Committee and Community Partners meetings, as well as other partnership meetings. Hardin County Public Health and Home Care provided Blood Pressure Clinics in Grundy County:

- May
 - Grundy Center Senior Center: 10
 - West View Estates, Reinbeck: 5
 - Others in May: no official counts, no sign-in sheet available, estimation is less than 5
- June
 - Wellsburg Public Library: 3
 - Grundy Center Senior Center: 7

It was suggested to GCPH to implement a 28E agreement for legal purposes, if clinics are to continue. Thornton-Lang will contact county attorney, Erika Allen, about specifics on this in the future if HCPH&HC become county entity.

Thornton-Lang spoke with a representative from Reinbeck, who was looking for assistance with starting a Community Enrichment Center in town for various activities to take place. It was unclear what they really wanted help with, but Thornton-Lang did provide them with assistance to grant opportunities in the area, and connected them with the Grundy County Community Partners group for future collaborations with various community partners.

Community Assessment: Thornton-Lang completed the annual Health Improvement Plan (HIP) and submitted to the state via email. She has also attended a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) townhall meeting at Poweshiek, and met with Tama County Public Health on future CHNA processes, as GCPH's next CHNA is due in 2021.

Community Utility (Resource & Referral): 18 for reporting period May/June, 2019.

Disease Outbreak: There was 1 completion of CADE/IDSS investigation and follow-up during reporting of e.Coli. The patient experienced no further symptoms following interview, and no one in household developed symptoms.

Health Education: GCPH continues to inform public about health education topics via social media and other outlets. Thornton-Lang presented hand hygiene at a Health Fair for Reinbeck Schools, reaching 114 students of various ages.

Injury Prevention: The Sharps Disposal program received 13 sharps container during reporting period. 1 sharps program information was distributed to interested community member. Thornton-Lang educated local 3rd/4th graders on sun safety at the annual Progressive

Agricultural Safety Fair, hosted by 4H/ISU Extension Office. 221 students were reached during this presentation day. Sun Safety Bracelets for 20 students were distributed for educational purposes for 4H Safety Day, hosted by 4H/ISU Extension Office. 1 community member inquired about Sun Safety Protective Clothing via email. Water Safety education was offered at that Operation Threshold NEST Safety Fair, reaching 17 community members. Thornton-Lang assisted Safe Routes to School/INRCOG with Bike Rodeo at Grundy Center Elementary School, reaching 89 1st and 3rd graders. Thornton-Lang participated in Reinbeck Elementary's Rebel Up Week, offering education on bike safety and proper helmet use to 240 students. She tested out the curriculum proposed to IDPH for the concussion module and students seemed to love it. Thornton-Lang participated in Farmer's Market Family Night, offering 18 helmet fits/education. There were also helmets distributed to UnityPoint Clinic in GCMH.

Immunization (I4) Grant: 1 measles/HPV information was given to community member via phone. 1 measles information was given to community member via email. 1 instruction to schools on measles exemptions in the event of a possible outbreak. A latent TB (LTBI) patient is being treated within Grundy County. GCPH representatives dispensed medications and offered education twice during reporting period to patient.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills programming finished up in Reinbeck Elementary reaching 38 fourth grade students during reporting period. The Youth Coalition discussed programming for summer and possibilities for 2019/2020 school year. 4 students from Grundy Center Middle School participated.

PHEP: Thornton-Lang and VanDeest continue to attend scheduled meetings for the preparedness program. Thornton-Lang and VanDeest attending day 2 of a 2-day training in Waverly with PHEP partners in working with POD exercises. This training provided GCPH and Grundy County Sanitarian, Carie Sager, with insight into potential future PODs and planning procedures for such instances to take place.

MRC: The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events. There are 28 active volunteers.

Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period May/June, 2019:

- 11 total number of activities
- 35 total number of MRC participants
- 21 total number of hours contributed
- \$777.99 economic value of contribution

Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period FY2018-2019:

- 108 total number of activities
- 129 total number of MRC participants
- 222 total number of hours contributed
- \$8528.18 economic value of contribution

Grundy County Safety Seat Program: Nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, Thornton-Lang, continues to receive inquiries via social media, messaging, and phone about various car seat questions. 2 educational inquiries, 8 installations/educations, and 5 inspections/educations were conducted during reporting period. Thornton-Lang volunteered her time to help 1 family with inspections/educations, and 1 family with an educational inquiry.

Healthy Habits All-Stars: IDPH contacted GCPH about expanding further into the HHAS program, and include Bike Safety as an additional module. Thornton-Lang will create this curriculum, as well. GCPH is currently working with IDPH on when Service Agreement will be administered to take place for FY20.

Total Community Contacts for Reporting Period May/June, 2019 = 815

Social Media Stats: Reached 44,214 individuals for reporting period May/June, 2019; reached 214,017 individuals for FY2018-2019. GCPH is active on the following social media sites: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. We also promote our county website on all social media platforms.

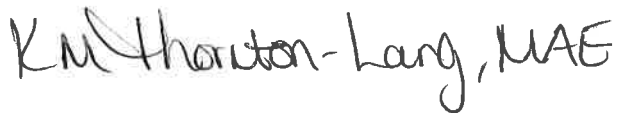
Motion adjourned at 8:07am; motioned by Wertz; seconded by Stefl; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, September 9th, 2019, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

Public Health FY19 Programs & Budget Review

Respectfully submitted,



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Beverly Meester
Chairperson