

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, June 8th, 2020

Called to Order: 7:00

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, June 8th, 2020, 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*; Jessica Eilers, RN; Helene Wertz. Also present was: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors; Katie Thornton-Lang, GCPH Program Coordinator; Michelle VanDeest, GCPH Office Coordinator.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Meester. The minutes from March 19th, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve the March, 2020, minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Eilers, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Meester.

Housekeeping Items: Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) personnel discussed mitigation measures taken for meeting: opened up other hallway for restroom use and GCPH personnel will open/close used doors, in order to limit touch of doorknobs, when able; board members seated at tables and others around room, in order to promote social distancing, as able; VanDeest will pour coffee/refills for individuals, in order to limit touching of coffee pot; Thornton-Lang will take attendance, in order to limit touching of paper; available pens on forms have been sanitized, individuals may keep pens or leave for sanitizing following meeting; masks are recommended, but not required.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Information: On April 29, 2020, the annual "Information for Other Local Boards of Health Included in FY21 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program" from Black Hawk County Health Department (BHCHD) was completed signed and returned to BHCHD by Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Authorized Signatory, Katie Thornton-Lang. Information is provided as an attachment to this report.

July Scheduled Meeting Discussion: The next scheduled meeting is July 13th, 2020. Due to the closeness of that date to this meeting, a discussion will be held on its placement. GCPH personnel will contact the IDPH Regional Consultant to determine if meeting is required to be held in order to meet the 6/year meeting requirements of LBOH's in the state of Iowa, which was discussed to may have possibly changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *Follow-up: GCPH contacted Heather Bombei, Regional Consultant, who replied that there has not been anything stipulated regarding lowering the rule for such. She offered options for electronic meeting, which will be emailed to GCPH personnel and shared with LBOH upon receipt to possibly utilize for future meeting forums.*

COVID-19 Updates: The COVID-19 pandemic was the main focus during reporting period. GCPH worked on, and continue to work on, various aspects of the pandemic. All regularly scheduled meetings, teachings and events were cancelled during this time. GCPH assisted Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) in collaboration with Grundy County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) on initial positive cases; cases were turned over to state so that GCPH could focus on education and assistance to community members in various capacities. We will continue to assist IDPH and community members as the pandemic continues. GCPH continues to participate in weekly phone conferences, webinars, and zoom meetings as pandemic continues; these meetings include information shared with and available from local, state, and national partners. Due to the volume of inquiries received daily (i.e., phone calls, emails, social media messages, etc.), it was determined that GCPH personnel could not account for each individual statistic. All information and education distributed has been saved, via email and/or in binders, for future reference, if needed. Smith states that the courthouse will be doing a “soft opening” starting today’s meeting date following the Board of Supervisor’s weekly meeting.

Other: Annual evaluations for GCPH personnel will be conducted by the end of July, 2020. Wertz will gather information, with assistance from GCPH personnel, and conduct evaluations similar to procedure last FY.

Public Health Report for March/April/May, 2020:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all regularly scheduled meetings (i.e., Wellness Committee, Community Partners, etc.) were cancelled.

Community Utility (Resource & Referral): Number of contacts are not available for reporting period due to COVID-19 pandemic constraints.

Disease Outbreak & Investigation: ☑ On March 17, 2020, investigation completed on Hepatitis A isolated case. Investigation began on March 4, 2020. During the month of April, 2020, four cases of epidemiologically linked cases of Cryptosporidiosis were investigated. All cases resolved by May 5, 2020.

LPHS Grant Funds: Funds were available to assist with time spend on pandemic response.

Community Assessment: Members inquired when Community Health Needs Assessment/Health Improvement Plan (CHNA&HIP) would be completed. GCPH responded that it would not be until the end of the year. *Follow-Up:* following the meeting, an email was received from IDPH stating the due dates for assessments for FY21. Email was distributed to LBOH.

Immunization (I4) Grant: A latent TB (LTBI) patient is being treated within Grundy County. GCPH representatives dispensed medications and offered education three times during reporting period to patient. I4 grant funds were available to assist with time spent on pandemic response. FY21 I4 grant was submitted on 4/7/20.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills programming was discontinued before completion in Reinbeck Elementary, due to schools closing for the pandemic. GCPH worked with IDPH on funding/grant changes due to pandemic. FY21 SAP grant was submitted on 5/26/20.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: Thornton-Lang, and Office Coordinator, Michelle VanDeest, continue to attend meetings for the preparedness program, as they are held virtually. PHEP grant funds were available to assist with time spent on pandemic response.

6YR Preparedness Funding: Grant was executed in April to cover response time used to address pandemic, and will be utilized for continued response and purchases until funding is expended/at end of cycle (March, 2021).

Medical Reserve Corps. (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 March/April/May, 2020:

- 31 total number of activities
- 31 total number of MRC participants
- 170 total number of hours contributed
- \$5492.13 economic value of contribution

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): Due to the pandemic, all in-person inspections/installations/ educational inquiries were mandated to cease. There were no inquiries during March or April. In May, there were 2 educational inquiries addressed to the public via social media.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): There were no HHAS presentations during reporting period due to the pandemic.

Signs of Suicide Program (SOS): Remaining grant funding was utilized to purchase forms and other implementation materials that were distributed to all schools in April, 2020.

Total Community Contacts for Reporting Period March/April/May, 2020 = Number of contacts are not available for reporting period due to COVID-19 pandemic constraints.

Social Media Stats: Reached 176,935 individuals for reporting period March/April/May, 2020. 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 7:32am; motioned by LaTendresse; seconded by Eilers; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, July 13th, 2020, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room

Will discuss if July meeting will be held electronically with LBOH members.

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

Sanitarian Position Information

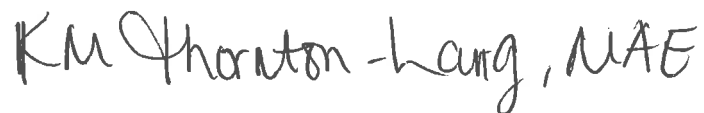
Budget/Wage Info from County

Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE

Grundy County Public Health Program Coordinator

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Beverly Meester

Chairperson

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