

GRUNDY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



To the Grundy County Community and Partners:

I am pleased to share the Grundy County Health Department highlights of 2023, a year in which our focus was *Public Health Forward*. In April, the Board of Health approved a three-year strategic plan (2023-2026) which outlined Goals and Objectives related to our three priorities: Clients, Workforce and Community. This initial year of the plan provided opportunities to focus programs related to developing community health needs. The data presented in this Report shows the numerous programs that have grown in recent years.

Partnerships remain the most effective way to serve others in our community. This past year has provided countless opportunities to partner with providers, law enforcement, schools, faith-based organizations, social services agencies, funders and others. These working relationships resulted in the successful creation and implementation of the Grundy Area Providers (GAP) Resource Fair, which was held quarterly in 2023. Also new this past year was co-hosting a National Night Out with the Morris Police Department and strengthened communication with community event planners to inform about regulations and best practices which result in the health and safety of our community and its visitors. The Will County Dental Van was invited to Grundy to offer adult and child dental services. Many of these clients have State health insurance coverage (Medicaid) and are unable to obtain dental care in Grundy without this mobile van. Services were expanded to offer peer recovery support for clients seeking behavioral health services. And finally, we continue to focus on encouraging healthy habits and community resiliency. The Department's anybody 5k (*Run, Walk, Stroll*) saw more than 100 people participate in physical activity while supporting financial needs of our community. Several participants also joined in the 12-hr Run for Night, which is an overnight run on a continuous loop. Funds raised this year far exceeded that of previous years. Those funds are used to offset minor costs of basic needs for residents.

Our year concluded with our eyes set on our second priority for 2024: Workforce. We are committed to recruiting and retaining the best team members so that residents receive necessary services.

Respectfully,

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
- INDIVIDUAL THERAPY
- GROUP THERAPY
- MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
- PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- MENTAL HEALTH & DRUG COURT SERVICES
- DUI EVALUATIONS & RISK EDUCATION
- MANDATED EVALUATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM
- POTABLE WATER PROGRAM
- PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM
- TANNING PROGRAM
- BODY ART PROGRAM
- VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM
- SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS
- CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER COURSES
- FOOD HANDLER COURSES
- SWIMMING FACILITY PROGRAM

SENIORS PROGRAMS

- COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM
- CHOICES FOR CARE SCREENINGS
- HOME DELIVERED MEALS
- MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT
- INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE & REFERRAL
- LICENSE PLATE DISCOUNT ASSISTANCE

NURSING

- FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT
- WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN)
- LEAD CASE MANAGEMENT & TESTING
- COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE
- VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS
- TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM
- SCHOOL NURSING
- NUTRITION EDUCATION
- CERTIFIED LACTATION CONSULTANTS
- PREGNANCY TESTING

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

COMPRISED OF:

- MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION
- TRAIN & PREPARE FOR ALL-HAZARD EMERGENCIES
- PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
- PREPARE COMMUNITIES FOR EMERGENCIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- TRAIN ALL STAFF ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
- IMPLEMENT AN INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM
- RESPOND TO GRUNDY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES
- PARTNER WITH AGENCIES IN DRILLS & EXERCISES
- PREPAREDNESS INCLUDES: PANDEMIC INFLUENZA, TERRORIST AGENTS, NUCLEAR DISASTERS, WEATHER RELATED INCIDENTS AND MORE
- VARIOUS INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAININGS AVAILABLE



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Grundy County Health Department

Mission: To Preserve, Protect, and Promote the health and well-being of Grundy County

Vision: Healthy People, Thriving Communities, Vibrant Futures

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER



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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

The Health Department has the privilege of providing services to older adults and their caregivers all year round, but never had we celebrated them the way we did in May of 2023. More than 1,300 persons joined us for the

1ST ANNUAL SENIOR EXPO IN CELEBRATION OF SENIORS!

Seniors and their caregivers experienced seminars, celebrations, visited with vendors, enjoyed lunch and all-day BINGO games.

This event was yet another example of dedicated staff, volunteers and supportive agencies working together.



DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

NURSING

- Collaborated with Kankakee County Health Department on Genetics Education and Follow Up program. This involves screening and referring individuals with genetic risks and facilitating access to appropriate specialist services.
- Hosted bachelor's level Nutrition intern from Eastern Illinois University.
- Expanded oral health program by participating in IDPH Dental Education Program, resuming the scheduling of Will County Mobile Dental Van in Grundy (the only Medicaid dental provider available), and providing oral health kits to public.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Obtained contract from IL Department of Public Health to serve as local inspectors of public pools and beaches.
- Under the direction of IL Department of Public Health, began tick surveillance and testing program for proper identification and pathogen testing.
- Created a multi-year fee schedule of services, with graduated increases, so as to allow for transparency and planning.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Introduced peer recovery support specialists, who are people with lived experience and assist residents in navigating the behavioral health system while achieving other levels of support to satisfy basic needs.
- Developed partnership with local Psychologist to offer comprehensive risk assessment and psychological evaluations. This is the only Psychologist available in Grundy County to those covered by Medicaid.
- Successfully hosted the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) to receive another three-year accreditation.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

- Pioneered the inception of the Senior Expo. Through strategic initiatives, a commendable sum of \$15,000 in donations was secured. The event, a resounding success, boasted an impressive attendance of 1,300 individuals.
- Serves as the sole Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPAA) provider in Grundy County. Actively delivering informative sessions to empower and educate the community on the intricacies of Medicare.
- Collaborated with AgeGuide to conduct needs assessments by actively participating in senior events and engaging with the local senior community. Efforts gathered valuable feedback, effectively representing the unique needs of Grundy County seniors.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Resumed community preparedness and early intervention courses, including CPR, Stop the Bleed and Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- Emphasized the importance of community resiliency by partnering with Morris Police Department and others to co-host National Night Out.
- Continued various efforts related to prevention, early intervention and crisis mitigation, to include a multi-disciplinary approach to supporting residents and emergency management readiness drills.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	2023	2022	2021	2020
Psychiatric Services	1,686	1,654	1,481	1,443
Mandatory Evaluations	31	34	16	25
DUI Services	211	160	111	66
Crisis Intervention	74	63	68	43
Case Management	314	251	398	275
Mental Health Services	6,296	5,341	4,777	3,750
Substance Abuse Services	1,638	1,459	1,948	1,092
Total Clients (Unduplicated)	631	544	423	382
Clients Age <20	188	130	70	40

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2023	2022	2021	2020
Certified Food Protection Manager Course Students	63	79	72	70
Food Program Related Inspection (Routine, Complaint, Opening)	1,141	1,150	944	1,004
Food Establishment Complaints	39	19	36	37
Total Food Establishments at Year End	343	365	328	294
Water Well Permits Issued	48	72	51	41
Private Sewage Disposal Permits	59	42	43	47
Private Sewage Disposal Related Complaints	3	6	12	3
West Nile Virus/Mosquito Batches Tested	72	77	116	34
Positive Pools	7	5	4	3
Tanning Facilities Inspected	9	11	9	8
Body Art Facilities Inspected	8	4	2	2

NURSING	2023	2022	2021	2020
Communicable Disease Investigation	1,123	5,755	4,317	3,830
Immunizations Administered, Child	407	447	374	436
Immunizations Administered, Adult	544	2,858	42,617	282
Tuberculosis Tests	72	107	41	78
WIC Certified (average/month)	290.5	246.5	313	305
Family Case Management (average/month)	116	99	123	146
Vision Screenings	268	98	235	14
Hearing Screenings	307	119	337	14

SENIOR PROGRAMS	2023	2022	2021	2020
Assessments	774	1,111	1,407	1,305
Information and Assistance Units	4,641	2,756	2,792	2,293
Service Activity Units	7,595	4,745	5,678	5,294
Total Clients	5,176	1,486	2,848	1,427

GRANTS, FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACTS AND DONATIONS:

Illinois Department on Aging

- Comprehensive Case Coordination Agreement
- CCU Workforce Retention

Illinois Department of Health Services

- Substance Use Prevention & Recovery (Global)
- Family Case Management
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Office of Rehabilitated Services (Case Coordination Unit Screens)

Illinois Department of Public Health

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)
- COVID-19 Crisis
- COVID-19 Response
- COVID-19 Vaccination
- IL Tobacco Free Communities
- Influenza Vaccine Promotion
- Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response
- Local Health Protection
- Mass Vaccination
- Non-Community Water/Safe Drinking Water
- Tanning & Body Art Facilities
- Vector Surveillance/West Nile Virus

AgeGuide

- ARPA (Title III-B and Title III-E)
Information & Assistance, Flexible Community Services, 60+ Counseling, VAC5, Individual Counseling, Training & Education, Access Assistance, Gap-Filling, Respite
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (Title III-B)
Information & Assistance, Outreach, Options Counseling, Flexible Community Services
- Title III-B 60+ Counseling
- Family Caregiver Counseling Center (Title III-E)
Individual Counseling and Training & Education
- Family Caregiver Resource Center (Title III-E)
Access Assistance, Respite, and Gap-Filling, ADRD Gap-Filling
- Combined Funding
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), Senior Health Assistance Program (SHAP), Senior Health Insurance Program (MIPPA SHIP)

Community Foundation of Grundy County

- Mary Ann Sandford Fund: EMDR training, Children & Teen Mental Health
- Gerald D Abel Fund: Children's Mental Health
- Lois Lundy Fund: Behavioral Health Equity – Trauma-Informed Spaces

National Association of County and City Health Officials

- Completion of Self-Assessment and Comprehensive Strategic Plan

Other

- Kankakee County Health Department, Opioid Response Prevention Program
- Kankakee County Health Department, Genetics Screening
- Restricted Donations from Individuals or Groups

REVENUE	
GRANTS/EXTERNAL FUNDS	1,196,309
STATE CONTRACTS	278,534
CLIENT SERVICES	983,467
VFC VACCINES (IN KIND)	33,044
COUNTY SUBSIDY	353,864
PRIVATE DONATIONS	4,100
MISC INCOME	12,585
TOTAL	2,861,903

EXPENSES	
SALARIES	1,740,474
FRINGE BENEFITS	463,109
CONTRACTUAL	151,054
OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,296
COMMODITIES	25,013
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	126,301
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	40,522
LABOR RELATIONS	0
LIABILITY INSURANCE	5,096
TECHNOLOGY/FURNITURE	22,677
TELEPHONE	3,931
POSTAGE/PRINTING	14,615
TRAVEL/AUTO EXPENSE	9,066
ACCREDITATION	9,162
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	18,740
ELECTRONIC RECORDS	44,961
OTHER	22
SENIOR SERVICES	147,735
HEALTH FAIRS	260
HOSPITALITY	2,825
VFC VACCINES (IN KIND)	33,044
TOTAL	2,861,903