To the Grundy County Community and Partners:

The year of 2021 proved to be one of the busiest years yet for our local public health department. We started with optimism and an ‘all-hands on deck’ approach to mass vaccination efforts. In January, a call for volunteers was put out, and boy, did our community answer! Nearly 100 volunteers (medical and non-medical) joined health department staff, board members, and community partners in the largest public health response our current workforce has ever experienced. Partner agencies provided facilities, supplies, security, emergency response support, food for volunteers, and so much more. In March, we welcomed Illinois Governor JB Pritzker to the inaugural day of our IL National Guard-supported clinic, and received much cooperation from local businesses of all sizes to assist in on-site vaccine administration. The ILNG departed from Grundy in June, and our attention quickly transferred to the Morris lithium battery fire. We worked alongside partner agencies to provide resource coordination for residents, and then with State and Federal officials to ensure our homes, parks and places of business were safe to return to.

By the middle of the year, the Health Department’s primary services had all returned to in-person, and staff focused on the recovery phase of COVID-19. Services were added to meet the needs of residents, including the expansion of behavioral health therapeutic and psychiatric services, additional support services for senior residents, and formalization of college intern programs in various areas.

Amidst all of the energy and unexpected circumstances, the Health Department’s commitment to provide compassionate services to residents remains stable. Staff members look forward to the future of addressing needs identified in the current IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs): 1) Mental Health/Substance Abuse, 2) Access to Care and 3) Prevention/Education.

I hope this report provides you with a comprehensive understanding of local public health services. We are successful in our services because of our dedicated staff, exceptional volunteers, and abundant partnerships.

Respectfully,

Michelle L Pruim, MBA
Public Health Administrator
**Mission**
Preserve, protect, and promote the health and well-being of Grundy County.

**Vision**
Healthy People, Thriving Communities, Vibrant Futures.

**Board of Health**
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**Department Highlights:**
Local public health departments have long prepared to respond to public health emergencies. Staff, Board members and MRC volunteers participate in trainings and drills related to response, usually related to natural disasters or biological warfare. Never did we anticipate serving in a response capacity for 2+ years in which we worked alongside state and local partners in the fight against COVID-19.

**The Year of 2021 Provided an Opportunity to Put Our Training and Partnerships to the Test.**
With nearly 100 volunteers, partner agencies, the IL National Guard and the State of Illinois, more than 50,000 COVID-19 vaccines were distributed through the Health Department in 2021. The first 5-hour clinic in January provided 35 vaccines per hour, and by June we had built capacity to administer more than 140 vaccines per hour.

**Division Highlights**

**Behavioral Health**
- Increased staffing capacity to address youth, efficient assessments and psychiatric support.
- Strengthened existing graduate-level internship program to intentionally provide case management, and thereby support development of the behavioral health workforce.
- Implemented a direct service response program that provides local teens with easier access to behavioral health care.

**Emergency Management**
- Coordinated mass vaccination efforts, including closed Points of Dispensing and serving as one of Illinois’ first mass vaccination sites for community members, as supported by the IL National Guard.
- Added members to our Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) program, resulting in more than 100 total members.
- Resumed display of the In Plain Sight Bedroom (an educational tool to help parents detect and intervene with teen drug or alcohol use).

**Environmental Health**
- Welcomed staff to new roles, including Director, Program Coordinator and Sanitarian.
- Hosted college-aged interns to participate in Vector Surveillance Program.
- Resumed in-person food service sanitation manager certification courses.

**Nursing**
- Maintained COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program
- Implemented BinaxNOW COVID-19 testing distribution to local public health facilities including fire, police and long-term care.
- Provided increased fresh produce benefits for WIC participants, funded through the USDA and DHS.

**Senior Programs**
- Provided Emergency Senior Services funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Assisted with the distribution and purchase of PPE, funded by IL Dept on Aging.
- Implemented COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance efforts.
- Implemented Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE).
- Awarded CARES Act and IL Dept on Aging Technology funding, each related to sustain and enhance services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conducted Census outreach activities.
### Behavioral Health

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<td>Total Clients</td>
<td>1,531</td>
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Grants, Fee-for-Service Contracts and Donations:

Illinois Department on Aging
- Comprehensive Case Coordination Agreement
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Technology

Illinois Department of Health Services
- Mental Health 410: Capitated Community Care
- Substance Use Prevention & Recovery (Global)
- Family Case Management
- High Risk Infant Follow-Up/Healthworks
- 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)
- Contact Tracing
- COVID-19 Crisis
- IL Tobacco Free Communities Local Health Protection
- Influenza Vaccine Promotion
- Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response
- Mass Vaccination
- Narcan Distribution
- Non-Community Water/Safe Drinking Water
- Tanning & Body Art Facilities
- Vector Surveillance/West Nile Virus

AgeGuide
- Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Family Caregiver Counseling Center (CCC) Title III-E
  Individual Counseling, Support Groups, and Caregiver Training
- Family Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Title III-E
  Access Assistance, Respite, and Gap-Filling
- Flexible Community Services & Residential Repair
- Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)
- Senior Health Assistance Program (SHAP) &
  Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Title IIIB Information & Assistance, Outreach, 60+ Counseling

Community Foundation of Grundy County
- Sandford Fund: Teens Mental Health
- WRAP: Wellness, Recovery, Action, Planning
- Youth Philanthropy Project: Behavioral Health

Grundy County State’s Attorney
- Drug Court
- Mental Health Court

Other
- Restricted Donations from Individuals

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