

Princeton Board of Health Commission
Minutes
March 19, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Princeton Board of Health as convened at 7:30PM at Princeton Monument Hall-East Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. George DiFerdinando, JoAnn Hill, RN, Dr. Laura Kahn
Dr. Charles Rojer, and Rick Weiss, MS

Alternates: Steven Miller # 1 and Linda Steiner-Sichel # 2

Liaisons: Heather Howard

Also Present: Dave Henry, Health Officer

Member absent: Robert Ciotta, PhD

Visitors: Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates, Princeton Human Services Commission
Grace Sinden, former Health Commission member

Dr. DiFerdinando informed the Board that Mr. Topolosky had resigned at the end of the February meeting. Dr. DiFerdinando indicated that he wished Mr. Topolosky and his family all the best in his retirement and told him he would be missed since he was on most of the sub-committee of the Commission.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Mr. Henry, Board of Health Officer.

Nomination/ Election of Board of Health Chair/Vice Chair

A motion was made to nominate Dr. George DiFerdinando as Chairman.

There being no other nominations it was agreed on a voice call vote.

All in favor: Ayes (7) Nays (0)

Dr. DiFerdinando resumed the chair and called for the nomination for the Vice Chair.

A motion was made to nominate Dr. Laura Kahn as Vice Chair.

There being no other nominations it was agreed on a voice call vote.

All in favor: Ayes (7) Nays (0)

Ms. Howard informed the Board that she told the members of the Council and a plaque was prepared for Mr. Topolosky and presented by Mr. Henry.

The Board Committees members were allocated.

Budget & Finance: Rick Weiss and Dr. DiFerdinando

Personnel: Dr. DiFerdinando, Ms. Hill, RN, and Dr. Rojer

Secretary: Ms. Hill, RN,

Planning: Dr. Kahn, Steven Miller and Dr. Rojer with Mr. Henry as Liaison

Nomination Committee: Dr. DiFerdinando and Ms. Steiner-Sichel

Informal Liaison to other Boards and Commission

Princeton Alcohol & Drug Alliance (PADA) Ms. Hill, RN, & Ms. Steiner-Sichel

Environmental Commission: Dr. Rojer & Steven Miller

Public Comment

Ms. Bidwell-Bates asked about the “Well Baby” care. Mr. Henry indicated that the health department has a contract with a pediatrician and with the hospital for services and space this is done yearly.

Ms. Bidwell-Bates indicated that Human Services department wants to make sure that this service is available and also that they receive the numbers of residents that attend the clinic from Princeton area. Mr. Henry noted that he had numbers for the year 2011 and will check on the numbers for 2012.

Ms. Howard suggested that Mr. Henry speak to the Hospital and request that the number of visits by the residents of Princeton should be sent to the Board of Health as promised by Ms. Hersh.

Ms. Bidwell-Bates noted that there is no option for Spanish speaking telephone operator when a call is made to the Hospital.

Ordinance 2013-01 Public Area Smoking Ban – Public Hearing/Final Passage

Grace Sinden introduced herself Ms. Sinden congratulated the Board for getting the ordinance to ban smoking in outdoor public places and making it difficult for the young people to acquire the habit of smoking in addition to lessening the exposure of children to second hand smoke in public places. Princeton was the first municipality to

ban smoking indoors public places and work places.

Ms. Sinden thanked the members of the Board for their continued hard work.

There being no further public comment the public hearing was closed on a motion made by Dr. Kahn and seconded by Ms. Hill.

A motion that the Ordinance 2013-01 Public Area Smoking Ban be passed was made by Dr. Rojer and was seconded by Mr. Miller.

After more discussion a number of modifications were made, on a motion made by Ms. Hill to the modifications this was seconded by Dr. Kahn.

Mr. Henry will be meeting with the Public Works Department to discuss the amount of signs needed, the signs will be provided by the Cancer Society.

A motion was made by Dr. Kahn and seconded by Ms. Hill on all the modifications this carried on a voice call vote. Ayes (7) Nays (0)

Minutes – February 19, 2013

A motion to approve the February 19, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Dr. Kahn.

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (Feb/Mar)

Mr. Henry gave a brief review overview of his report

Mr. Henry mentioned that his request for a secure office was denied this request was made on the advice of the State at the last audit the health department was told of this problem this is an offence that the municipality can be given a fine. Mr. Henry spoke to the Director of Health and Social Services and was told no space was available to accommodate the request.

Old Business

2013 Strategic Plan this was allocated to the Planning Committee at their next meeting.

New Business / Members Comments

Health in all Policies

Dr. DiFerdinando explained that there are many grants available for the Health in all policies

Dr. DiFerdinando gave a brief explanation of the Mercer County Medical Reserve Core still has vacancy for members for members to be trained for Ready NJ.

Reports from Committees

Budget and Finance

Personnel

Planning

The above committees had no reports at this time.

Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

Environmental Commission

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

A campaign will be held to have a sticker on the six pack of beer to deter under-age drinking. The police will run a safe communities unit on bikes police will patrol the communities. It has also been reported that prescription drug abuse is on the rise by adults.

The above committees had no reports at this time

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.