

Princeton Board of Health

February 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Princeton Board of Health was convened at 7:30 p.m. at Princeton Borough Hall - East Conference Room.

Call to Order

Dr. Rojer called the meeting to order and introduced Ms. Babcock-Dunning, the newly appointed alternate 2 Board member, and asked her to give a brief introduction.

Members of the Board also introduced themselves to Ms. Babcock-Dunning and provided brief summaries of their backgrounds.

Members Present: Dr. Charles Rojer, Dr. Laura Kahn, Janet Heroux, Dr. George DiFerdinando, Steven Miller, PHD, MS

Alternates Present: Linda Steiner-Sichel, RN, MPH, Alt. 1 and Lauren Babcock-Dunning, MPH, Alt.2

Liaisons Present: Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates, Princeton Human Services Commission

Also Present: Robert Hary, Interim Health Officer

Members Absent: JoAnn Hill, RN and Rick Weiss, MS

Liaisons Absent: Heather Howard, J.D., Township Council

Public Comment

No public present.

Mr. Hary indicated that the interested Princeton University student would not be attending the meeting since she had a class to attend.

Minutes – January 28, 2014

A motion to approve the January 28, 2014 minutes, as corrected, was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steiner-Sichel.

Monthly Reports

- Mr. Hary gave a brief report of a conversation with the Ms. Nicole Mazur, the new Central West Regional Epidemiologist for the NJ State Department of Health assigned to Mercer County.

- Mr. Hary reported a small outbreak of Norovirus at one of the eating clubs at Princeton University.
- Mr. Hary reported that 23 food inspections were done this month, of which 12 were at the indoor farmers market.
- The Human Services Director, Elisa Neira, is working on a jointly sponsored event with the Health Department on assisting the Princeton community with implementation of the Affordable Care Act. An event is planned with Enroll America for March 4, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Library which will be both an educational and enrollment session.
- Dr. DiFerdinando mentioned that he will be attending a training meeting on February 20, 2014 held by Enroll America from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Mr. Hary handed out a copy of a document on e-cigarettes. After some discussion, it was explained that the currently adopted Ordinance has already included the e-cigarettes.
- Dr. Rojer mentioned that he attended one of the Princeton University clinics where the second dose of vaccine for meningitis was administered and thought it was well organized.

Old Business

Ms. Heroux commented on the snow and ice covered unclear sidewalks for pedestrian use. Dr. DiFerdinando explained there is an Ordinance in effect that is enforced by the Police Department on a complaint basis.

New Business

Ms. Bidwell-Bates brought up the issue of increase use of heroin in the state and wondered if there were statistics on overdoses in Princeton. Mr. Hary reported that Ocean County law enforcement officers were going to be trained in antidote administration. Dr. DiFerdinando explained the type of antidote that is being used.

Reports from Committees

Alcohol and Drug Committee had no report at this time.
Environmental Commission reported that Avalon Bay has agreed to take down the Hospital building without explosives.

Adjournment

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