

Princeton Board of Health
Monthly Meeting
May 19, 2015
Monument Hall – East Meeting Room
One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08542

Present:

Board Members:

JoAnn Hill, RN
Steven Miller, PhD
Charles Rojer, M.D., Chairman
Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH
Rick Weiss, MS

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO
V Bea Snowdon, MS

Liaisons and Guests:

Elizabeth Bidwell Bates HSC
Heather Howard, Council

Absent:

Lauren Babcock Dunning, MPH
George DiFerdinando, M.D
Laura Kahn, MD
Linda Schwimmer, Esq

I. Call to Order

At 7:35PM, Chairman Rojer called the meeting to order by affirming: “This meeting of the Princeton Board of Health has been duly advertised and is being conducted in compliance with all provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.”

II. Roll Call

The absence of Ms. Babcock Dunning, Dr. DiFerdinando, Dr. Kahn, and Ms. Schwimmer was noted, during the formal roll call.

III. Public Comment and Guests

Chairman Rojer’s request for public comment received no response.

IV. YMCA Pool Update

Ms. Hill asked for an update on *YMCA* pool safety. After repeat testing showed a microbial heterotrophic plate count beyond acceptable limits, Health Inspectors discovered the root cause. The Health Department detailed and ordered a plan of action for *YMCA* staff to follow. The intake procedure for test results has been corrected, by this plan.

V. Bag Ban Ordinance Update

Ms. Howard reported that Princeton awaits the legal interpretation of the proposed *Bag Ban Ordinance*. Ms. Crumiller and Ms. Howard support this ordinance. Board members request a legally approved version.

VI. Minutes – April 21, 2015

Mr. Weiss motioned to approve the April minutes. Ms. Hill seconded his motion. All voted in favor of the action to accept the minutes as submitted.

VII. Monthly Reports

Health Officer's Report

Free WiFi service is now available in Monument hall, through *Princeton Hotspot*. A private version is also available, to help interns and staff access files.

Two interns working towards MPH degrees are now assisting in the Health Department.

Updated local health reports have been finalized and distributed for this month.

The *New Jersey Association of County and City Health* will coordinate all reimbursements for ebola monitoring services provided. Princeton will receive reimbursement for 4 individuals recently monitored.

Mr. Grosser is currently taking part in the interview process for Princeton University's new Medical Services Director. Mr. Grosser has interviewed a Princeton resident, a candidate from Virginia and a candidate from Kentucky who is an ER doctor.

The application period for the Animal Control Officer position is now closed. Thirteen candidates have applied. The screening and interview process will be conducted jointly by the Police Department and Health Department.

At the end of the month, a meeting with *WinWam* is scheduled. This company's product digitizes food inspections on a tablet or PC. IT may be able to provide funds for this system and hardware.

A meningococcal case was reported earlier this month, in Robbinsville. All case contacts were family members. The strain was confirmed as Type C. The patient and family members have all been treated.

On May 12th the *Tobacco 21 Ordinance* went into effect. The vendors have all materials and signage necessary for public notice. *News 12* will conduct and televise an interview with Mr. Grosser, about this new ordinance.

There was an incident of illegal dumping on Witherspoon Street this month. Those responsible for this violation were issued summonses.

The Health Department's Strategic Plan has been completed. The initial application has been sent to the Public Health Accreditation Board with this plan. A payment of \$5,088, which is 40% of the total accreditation fee, has been approved and will be sent to start the accreditation process. A site visit will be scheduled. Princeton's staff training will occur in Virginia, over the summer.

One animal was recently tested for rabies. The results were negative.

Construction of *Avalon Bay* will soon begin. Heavier construction materials will be required, for additional fire protection. Bob Kiser and his staff will be responsible for monitoring building construction.

VIII. Old Business

Ongoing Monitoring

Princeton's Health Department is still receiving air monitoring and sound reports from *Avalon Bay*. Mr. Grosser will continue to report all results monthly. He will also explain any changes in the review process going forward.

Signs will be posted, as monitoring smoking violations continues at *The Terrace Club*. Club policy does state that there is no smoking allowed in the Club.

XI. New Business

Hospital Transportation

Ms. Howard reported that *NJ Transit* plans to eliminate 655 Bus line service to Princeton, along with other cuts in service. A public hearing will be held about this on Thursday. *UMCPP* made a commitment to provide transportation to those needing transport to the hospital. There is concern that, without adequate public use or demand, this requirement of the *State Board of Health* will be dismissed.

WIC

Due to bad weather this spring, the *Women Infants and Children (WIC)* clinic attendance slowed in early 2015. Mr. Grosser plans to increase public awareness about this service. Flyers about *WIC* will soon go home in all hospital take home packages for new mothers. These will reach a population of 1,500 to 2,000 families.

Salon Safety Ordinance

Chairman Rojer opened discussion about the possibility of a local ordinance to ensure nail and beauty salon safety. The intent would be to regulate the handling of any materials that might be harmful to employees and clientele. Princeton residents have asked about salon safety, due to concerns about chemical exposures for employees. Volatile organics from salon materials may include benzene formaldehyde, toluene, and more. Close to 90% of the employees in many salons may be of childbearing age. Therefore, chemical exposures may also affect future generations. A draft *Salon Safety Ordinance* will be distributed, for Board review and consideration.

X. Reports From Committees

Mr. Miller gave a brief report from the *Princeton Environmental Commission (PEC)*. Two fracking waste bans have been passed in other New Jersey municipalities. Two municipal attorneys are working on the *Fracking Waste Ban Ordinance* submitted to Council by Princeton's Board of Health

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Weiss motioned to adjourn. Mr. Miller seconded this motion. All present voted in favor of this action and the meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted, V Bea Snowdon, MS ACN