

Princeton Board of Health  
Monthly Meeting June 16, 2015  
Monument Hall - East Meeting Room  
One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08542

**Present: Board Members:**

Charles Rojer, MD, Chairman  
Steven Miller, PhD  
Laura Kahn, MD, MPH  
George DiFerdinando, MD, MPH  
Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH  
Lauren Babcock Dunning, MPH

**Staff:**

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO

**Liaisons and Guests:**

Elizabeth Bidwell Bates HSC  
Craig Garcia, NJ Working  
Families-Earned Paid Sick Leave

**Absent:**

Rick Weiss, MS  
JoAnn Hill, RN  
Linda Schwimmer, JD  
Heather Howard

I. Call to Order At 7:40PM, Chairman Charles 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.

Dr. Rojer welcomed Tamarah Rosenberg, the newly hired Board Secretary.

II. Roll Call The absence of JoAnn Hill, Rick Weiss, Linda Schwimmer, Lauren Babcock-Dunning and Heather Howard was noted during the formal roll call.

III. Public Comment and Guests

Craig Garcia, representative from NJ Working Families to discuss potential of the Municipality proposing and adopting an ordinance for Earned Paid Sick Leave. Mr. Garcia presented an overview of the program and provided outlines of the program to the Board. Mr. Garcia noted there are 9 referenced municipalities whom have adopted said ordinance, they are: Newark, Jersey City, Patterson, Passaic, Irvington, East Orange, Bloomfield, Trenton, and Montclair. Jersey City was first to pass and are currently updating the existing ordinance to be more in line with the other municipalities. The proposed ordinance would affect all private sector employees. Mr. Garcia stated earned paid sick leave is in fact a public health issue. He noted special provisions within the ordinance are made for food handlers and child care workers. This would allow those families to stay home and not make the choice between a week's groceries and caring for self or child when ill. Mr. Garcia mentioned a statistic of 3.5 days of missed work is equal to 1 month's groceries for low income wage earners. Mr. Garcia requested the Board of Health think about the ordinance, and support its approval. Dr. Rojer stated the ordinance could be looked at as a Municipal Ordinance, with the possible backing of the Board of Health due to it being a public health issue. Mr. Garcia states there will be minimal cost to merchants, and the social good and costs would be mitigated by higher productivity. 86% of residents in Trenton voted in favor of such an ordinance. Trenton's

Health Officer, Jim Brownlee informed Jeff Grosser that he found education and enforcement of the ordinance manageable. Enforcement of the ordinance is a complaint driven process. Mr. Garcia noted that outreach and education is key. Local business organizations are coming out for conversations of earned paid sick leave to find out more. Rutgers Center for the Women at Work has done an impact study and found there is not a negative impact of the ordinance on business. Motion proposed by Dr. Rojer to endorse the ordinance. This was seconded by Dr. Laura Kahn. Dr. Rojer thanked Mr. Garcia for presenting on the subject matter. Mr. Garcia indicated an introduction to Princeton Town Council would be forthcoming.

IV. Dr. Rojer acknowledged former Board Secretary V Bea Snowden. Open for comments on last month's minutes. Minutes approved.

V. Update from Health Officer. Five interns getting up to speed with Health Department operations. One intern is working on a video project for the Health Department. He will be doing a spotlight on the Health Department focusing on the accreditation process that can be used for the application. He is being shared with Human Services, Housing and Corner House. He will be with the Department of Health until the end of August. The other interns are assisting the Health Department with compiling documentation for the upcoming National Public Health Accreditation process. Mr. Grosser discussed how he recently presented the 2012 Community Health Assessment findings for Mercer County and Princeton, specifically. Mr. Grosser spoke before a diverse focus group organized by the Community Needs Assessment planning committee. The group was provided versions of the community health assessment to review and asked for feedback on the assessment.

VI. Jeff attended the NJ transit Plainsboro transportation meeting. Officials from Middlesex County and Plainsboro were present, in addition to Mayor Lempert and Elisa from Human Services. The meeting discussed local bus and shuttle routes that could potentially bridge the gap left by the potential removal of bus line #655. The Health Department and Human Services will be hosting a community meeting on Thursday, June 18 at the Henry Pannell Center. The purpose of the meeting is to answer general questions about the situation and to administer a transportation survey. Additionally, the survey should assess if the community will be on board with being served by an on demand shuttle service as opposed to the NJ transit service that runs only 5 days per week. Lauren Babcock-Dunning asked about and explained a Title XI assessment which would study the effects of a route change to a population in a disproportionate way. Mr. Grosser said he would forward survey done by NJ Transit. Currently, the hospital is contributing \$65,000.00 to the bus line. Dr. Rojer mentioned the NJ Academy of Family Practice states that hospitals are graded on patient rate of return for follow up care. Jeff and Elisa rode on the 655 bus line and found the current transportation less than ideal as it drops off a long walking distance from the door. Ms. Babcock-Dunning questioned what the other Townships were doing as a result of the potentially being removed? Mr. Grosser noted Middlesex County has its own bus route to connect to 655, but many use voucher and taxi service.

VII. Interviews are commencing for an Animal Control Officer, began with thirteen applicants, with three finalists selected. Second interviews will occur over the next week with the new ACO hopefully starting by the end of July.

### *OLD Business*

Regarding the nail salon ordinance, the Health Department is working on getting the total number of facilities in Princeton. Other municipalities have similar ordinances in place, which are used in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The State has the majority of oversight through the Division of Cosmetology and Licensing. Other municipalities have mentioned the State with contact the local board of Health for support in investigating any complaints. Discussion ensued regarding toxicity of chemicals used and indoor air quality. Mr. Grosser working on what other municipalities are doing will prepare and present a report to assess whether or not Princeton is in need of such an ordinance.

Mr. Grosser mentioned the Tobacco 21 campaign has been going well. Mr. Grosser was interviewed by News 12 regarding the new ordinance. "WE CARD" stickers are being given out to all tobacco and e-cigarette retailers in Princeton. Stickers were purchased by the Health Department through existing grant funding. Board members noted they were seeing the signs throughout town.

Dr. DiFerdinando presented new business to consider a Pedestrian Safety Awareness/Outreach program. Discussion regarding number of accidents and where most accidents occur in Princeton. Discussion on where and how to improve pedestrian safety. The Board agreed collaboration should occur with Police. Some ideas were discussed including having flags placed at crosswalks and additional space at crosswalks.

The group discussed a recent See Click Fix complaint, which dealt with proper harnessing of construction workers at a job site. The complaint turned into a lead based complaint when the workers were found to be dry scraping exterior paint. Mr. Grosser noted an inspector tested the exterior for lead based paint. The contractor was a New Jersey certified lead abatement contractor.

### *Committee Notes*

Steve Miller discussed environmental aspects of land use ordinances. The proposed fracking waste ban was also discussed. Mr. Grosser noted that the ordinance was continuing to be reviewed by legal.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug alliance did not have a meeting.

Mr. Grosser had one last item to share related to Tobacco 21 as he shared the last page of the meeting packet was a pictorial from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in which cigarette labels from around the world were displayed. The group discussed the key differences between the packs of cigarettes.

Dr. Rojer motioned to adjourn at 8:50. Dr. Kahn seconded.