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Monthly Meeting

September 15th, 2015

Monument Hall - East Meeting Room

One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540

Present:

Board Members

Lauren Babcock Dunning, MPH

George DiFerdinando, M.D

Laura Kahn, MD

JoAnn Hill, RN

Steven Miller, PhD

Charles Rojer, M.D., Chairman

Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH

Rick Weiss, MS

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO

Michael Soto

Nate Barson (Animal Control Officer)

Guests:

Elizabeth Bates, HSC

Absent:

Linda Schwimmer, Esq

Heather Howard, Council

I. Call to Order

At 7:28PM, 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

All members of the board were noted present during the formal roll call.

III. Public Comment and Guests

Rita Yelda, Senior Organizer from Food & Water Watch presented on the fracking waste ban and reported on ordinances from several NJ municipalities banning fracking waste. While there is no fracking inside NJ, chemical waste is crossing state boundaries from adjacent states.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 21st, 2015

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

V. Monthly Reports

Health Officer's Report

a. Animal Control

Nate presented a report of 68 complaints responded to this month, mostly wildlife related. Fourteen animals were submitted for rabies testing, but none were found positive.

b. Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership

The kickoff Meeting was held September 15th at the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Wellness Center. In 2010 & 2011, four priorities were determined including healthy living nutrition, mental health and substance abuse, walkable transportation and chronic disease. It is a great opportunity for people to get more involved. The board and hospitals contribute a yearly sum to support the Partnership. Mr. Grosser informed Board members if they were interested in participating in the priority building, to let him know and he will pass along their information to the Partnership.

c. Hospital Contamination

There are concerns due to elevated levels of PCBs and PAHs at the old hospital site. Chemicals were found in crushed concrete and other building materials that were due to be hauled away, full results of a second round of testing are still pending.

d. Accreditation

The municipality's accreditation process is going well. Interns supporting the accreditation process has been very effective in acquiring the necessary documentation. There will be a meeting with the Accreditation board on November 17th & 18th in Alexandria, VA. Following the meeting, Princeton will be able to begin submitting documentation for the accreditation process.

e. Community Night Out

Community Night Out at the pool served as an opportunity to provide health education. The Health Department focused on sun safety and distributed over 100 UV detecting bracelets and necklaces.

f. Flu Shot Clinic

A Flu Shot Clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th, 1pm-7pm, at the Princeton Senior Resource Center for individuals 12 and over. A makeup clinic will be held in Monument Hall on Wednesday, October 28th, 4 p.m. -7 p.m. Additional dates in November and December will be posted in the near future.

g. Food Safety Course

Thursday, October 29th at main court room in Witherspoon hall. All retail food establishments have been invited and being urged to send at least one representative.

h. Health Department Video

The overview department video is in the final stage of editing and should be ready next month.

i. Tobacco 21 Compliance Checks:

Sixteen facilities were checked and all were compliant.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, JoAnn Hill motioned to adjourn, Steve Miller seconded. All present voted in favor of this action and the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Soto