

**Princeton Board of Health**  
Monthly Meeting  
**November 24th, 2015**  
Monument Hall - East Meeting Room  
One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Lauren Babcock Dunning, MPH  
George DiFerdinando, M.D  
JoAnn Hill, RN  
Laura Kahn, MD, Chairwoman  
Steven Miller, PhD  
Rick Weiss, MS

**Absent:**

Heather Howard, Council  
Linda Schwimmer, Esq  
Linda Steiner-Sichel. MPH

**Staff:**

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO  
Gary DeBlasio, Executive Director,  
Corner House  
Michael Soto

**Guests:**

Police Chief Nicholas Sutter  
Jake Cadeau, Corner House Student  
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**I. Call to Order**

At 7:30PM, Chairwoman Kahn 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. Moment of Silence for Charles Rojer**

There was a moment of silence for the passing of Charles Rojer, MD Chairman of the Board of Health of Princeton.

A proposal was presented to establish an award to memorialize Charles Rojer's life dedicated to service and public health. A task force will be established to determine the specifics, with the plan to make arrangements by April 2016 when the Rojer family will be organizing a memorial.

**III. Public Comment and Guests**

Police Chief Nicholas Sutter gave a presentation on gun safety to the Board, covering trends and the work the Police undertake to keep our community safe through permits and gun safety talks provided by PPD.

In promoting gun safety, the Police address two populations: youth and gun owners. The Police organize talks for youth to demystify the glamour with which some media present firearms. The Police promotes a 'Don't touch, tell' approach

encouraging youth not to touch the gun but to notify someone if they come across one at home or in a public space. Chief Sutter also explained the gun permit process for carry permits, ownership permits and hunting permits.

Chief Sutter also responded to questions regarding responses to swatting threats.

Chief Sutter stated that the Police would be eager to design custom presentations on gun safety based on request. He emphasized the importance of promoting education around gun safety as a means to respond preemptively to the issue.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 20th, 2015**

Mr. Weiss moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. DiFerdinando seconded the motion.

#### **V. Health Officer's Monthly Reports**

##### **a. Accreditation Training**

Mr. Grosser and Keith Levine, REHS attended a 2-day applicant training in Alexandria, VA for those health departments that had already met the first set of prerequisites. Princeton was the only NJ local health department at the training. The training covered how to use the system and the second day served to introduce the municipality to whom they could reach out to with further questions or issues.

##### **b. CDC Audit**

In October the CDC conducted an audit of Mercer County Division of Public Health's Emergency Preparedness Capabilities. Princeton was called in to share the municipality's Ebola response and quarantine procedures to understand how they incorporate with Mercer County capabilities. The municipality of Hamilton also participated for their response to enterovirus D68 in September 2014.

##### **c. Flu Clinics**

Flu shots were provided at the food clinics and rabies clinic. Over the course of October and November, 465 flu shots, 82 Pneumococcal vaccines, and 11 Tdap vaccine administered.

##### **d. NJ Smoke Free Air Act**

Mr. Grosser made a site visit to Little Taste of Cuba, one of the 16 establishments that sell tobacco products in Princeton, regarding their expansion and the need to be in compliance with the NJ Smoke Free Air Act. The business has an exemption as a Tobacco Retail Establishment (TRE) so long as it does not operate as a cigar bar or lounge.

The Board explored adding clarification to the sampling regulations of the NJ Smoke Free Air Act in an ordinance.

Mr. DeBlasio commended Mr. Grosser's approach in building a relationship with the owner of the establishment, working with him and guiding the owner through municipal policies and State codes.

e. Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

In the first quarter of 2016, a Heroin Task Force will hold its first meeting, co-hosted by the Board, the Police Department and Corner House.

Narcan training is being offered to the community, the Police, Corner House and other municipal staff have already been trained.

Heroin is now the third most active drug (Marijuana Alcohol and Heroin) based on Corner House's numbers. In this area the primary users are 18-35 year olds. There have been a number of deaths because of mixing heroin with fentanyl.

f. Princeton Environmental Commission (PEC) Report

The last meeting was held October 28th. One of the suggestions was to pass an ordinance limiting use of volatile organics used by developers and coding structures according to the United States Green Building Council. The PEC cannot write ordinances, only the Princeton Health Board can write ordinances.

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair have resigned and two new members will need to fill their seats.

Another issue raised was regarding pesticides used by several municipal entities, including the Department of Public Works, Recreation Department, and schools.

The PEC mandate has evolved from focusing on the parks and trees to green buildings construction standards. In addition they have promoted people raking and mulching leaves rather than put them in plastic bags and on the street. Recycling is also an important priority.

## **VI. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Kahn motioned to adjourn and Dr. DiFerdinando seconded. All present voted in favor of this action and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Soto