

Princeton Board of Health
Monthly Meeting
June 21st, 2016
Monument Hall - East Meeting Room
One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540

Present:

Board Members

Lauren Babcock Dunning, MPH
George DiFerdinando, MD, Chair
JoAnn Hill, RN
Steven Miller, PhD
Linda Schwimmer, Esq
Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH, Vice Chair
Rick Weiss, MS

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO
Michael Soto, Board Secretary

Guests:

Elizabeth Bates, Human Services Liaison
Philip Curran, Princeton Packet
Heidi Fichtenbaum, Princeton Environmental
Commission
David Krol, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Absent:

Heather Howard, JD, Council
Mona Shah, PhD

I. Call to Order

At 7:30 PM, Dr. DiFerdinando 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. Public Comment and Guests

There was no response to the request for public comment.

III. Minutes - May

Ms. Hill motioned to approve the May minutes, and Dr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

IV. Business

a. Staffing

There was an inspector out on medical leave so there has been a full time TCNJ intern filling his role. The intern will be with the department for the rest of the summer.

b. Digital Inspection

The health inspectors have been issued iPads to use the new digital inspection software. The digital inspections are expected to start next month once the customized software is complete and the local data has been uploaded. There are currently PDF scanned versions currently online. In addition to adding transparency and increased legibility, it will also provide a dashboard for easy monitoring.

c. New Animal Control Vehicle

The Department was approved for a capital budget item which will be reviewed at Council this coming Monday, June 27th. It is a slimmed down, fuel efficiency animal control vehicle.

d. Worksite Wellness Programs

A Sun Safety, Tick and Mosquito Borne Disease presentation was given to several municipal departments including, Public Works, Recreation and Engineering. The Department hopes to continue this curriculum with different topics throughout the year.

e. Rabies

There still have not been any rabies cases, for 2016 or even for the entire Animal Control Officer's career in Princeton. He has been doing a very good job, especially considering the situation he walked into.

f. Mosquito Door Hangers

Seven hundred of the thousand door hangers were distributed to individual residences in an aim to educate with a checklist on how to keep yards dry. They have also been translated to Spanish. The focus of the outreach has been on neighborhoods that had the greatest number of issues last year.

g. Accreditation

The Department is at 70% of completion with five months remaining. In the next couple months Mr. Grosser will reach out to the Board Members to assist with the site visit.

h. 2017 WIC Agreement Letter

The 2017 renewal letter for the Princeton satellite has been received. While in 2014 there were discussions of taking away the satellite, this year they highlighted a number of commendable items including the blood work pathogen trainings and that our attendance has plateaued at the maximum capacity. The next step would be to add more clinical days. A significant part of this success has been advertising this through the hospital, and it has been included in all the new mom packages (about 2,400 moms each year).

i. Data Analysis

The public health nurse has been working with a couple of the interns to undertake a primary and secondary analysis of immunization data in Princeton combined with county data. A couple items that have been reviewed include juxtaposing the deer population growth with related motor vehicle deaths and Lyme disease. The goal is to have this type of data online by the end of the year.

j. SeeClickFix

Residents can use SeeClickFix, a communications platform to report non-emergency issues, and the municipality can track, manage, and reply. http://en.seeclickfix.com/princeton_nj

k. Lead Abatement

The lead abatement in the case the department has been monitoring is still pending permits from the construction office.

l. Princeton Future

Mr. Weiss is on the Board of Princeton Future, a group of residents of the Princeton region that are all concerned about the direction that future development of critical segments of downtown Princeton may take.

He communicated an interest in doing joint outreach with the Board of Health through an event to discuss quality of life issues.

The Board selected October 22nd for the date to host the event.

m. Earned Paid Sick Leave

Due to current discussions occurring throughout the State and Princeton on the topic of earned paid sick leave, a fact sheet was distributed by Mr. Grosser to the

Board and guests for their review. The fact sheet addressed earned paid sick leave and public health related data on the matter. Mr. Grosser noted that earned paid sick leave was a policy with potential public health impacts that Town Council has been discussing for the last 10-12 months.

n. E-Cigarette Licenses

These licenses would allow the municipality to know who is selling in town. At the moment there are 7 locations selling e-cigarettes.

There are about 13 other towns in NJ that are licensing these facilities at about \$1,200 per year. This revenue could fund the tobacco education program for the year.

Karen Blumenfeld of NJ GASP (Global Advisors of Smoke Free Policy) will be invited to a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Grosser will draft an ordinance for the board to review.

V. Other Boards and Commissions

a. Princeton Environmental Commission (PEC)

Dr. DiFerdinando attended the last PEC meeting. Among other topics, there was a long discussion of the Princeton Shopping Center renovations. The PEC had presented proposals to facilitate walking and bicycling access but these had not been accepted.

b. Sustainable Jersey Summit

Ms. Fichtenbaum attended the Sustainable Jersey Summit held last week and will circulate a presentation on the impact of climate change on health to the Board Members in the spirit of exploring possibilities for the PEC to collaborate with the Board of Health.

c. NJ Climate Adaptation Alliance

Dr. DiFerdinando attended [a half-day session](#) for Health Officers at Rutgers with about 70 people, where epidemiologist Dr. George Luber, the Head of the CDC Climate and Health Program presented. Dr. DiFerdinando suggested inviting Dr. Luber considering he lives in the area.

d. Heat Plan

Dr. DiFerdinando suggested that the town's heat plan be explore at the next meeting, similar to what has been done in other events like the avian flu.

e. Conversation of a Lifetime

The grant for this program was expanded so the program will be extending to other counties.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Miller motioned to adjourn and Mr. Weiss seconded. All present voted in favor of this action and the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Soto