

Princeton Board of Health
Monthly Meeting
May 17th, 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
Heather Howard, JD, Council
Steven Miller, PhD
Linda Schwimmer, Esq
Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH, Vice Chair

Absent:

Mona Shah, PhD
Rick Weiss, MS

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO
Michael Soto, Board Secretary
Mustafa Ramadan, Intern

Guests:

Elizabeth Bates, Human Services Liaison
Jake Caddeau, Corner House Student Rep
Philip Curran, Princeton Packet
Heidi Fichtenbaum, Princeton Environmental
Commission
Meredith J. Hodach-Avalos, Princeton Healthcare
System
David Krol, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Jackson Miller, Corner House Student Rep
Mia Sacks, Princeton Environmental Commission

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

Dr. Hodach-Avalos has been working at the hospital overseeing the residents taking care of the patients that come into the Bristol Myers Squibb Clinic. She has an interest in health policy and public health.

Dr. David Krol is a pediatrician with an MPH and works at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

III. Visit by the Commissioner

Acting-Commissioner Cathleen Bennett, Assistant Commissioner Christopher Rinn and Michael Lakat, Director of Local Public Health visited the Princeton Health Department today. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the needs of local public health and to convey their goals and objectives for the near and

distant future. The State is working intently on making sure that local public health is informed on what is happening with the Zika Virus and the recent technological inspections available.

One topic that came up was lead, amidst the background that Governor Christie is putting 10 million dollars into public health campaign on the risks of lead and surveillance. There is discussion to lower the action level of lead from 10 micrograms per deciliter to 5. Some municipalities have argued against lowering the action level without having sufficient funding to respond within the required time. At the next meeting Mr. Grosser will report back on what Princeton's caseload would be if the action level were dropped to 5.

Another topic that came up was regarding medical need shelters in the potential post super storm Sandy.

There will be several emerging infectious disease trainings for medical reserve corps. These are highly funded with national leaders present, to prepare for processes of a potential Zika response if necessary. It is considered that there is a reasonable expectation for local transmission. The first seats of the training were offered to the Medical Reserve Corps, but it appears more seats will become available to other health professionals.

Mr. Grosser shared the collaborations that the Health Department is involved in with Princeton Human Services (hospital transportation) and Corner House (Substance Abuse Outreach).

It was an honor that the Commissioner chose to visit Princeton and a reflection of how she views the Princeton Health Department

IV. Princeton Environmental Commission (PEC)

Heidi Fichtenbaum is from the Princeton Environmental Commission and discussed their interest in collaborating.

The Council and the PEC is focused on the climate. One project is a green development checklist for developers to guide them of things they can do to be better for the environment.

PEC is also involved in the Bike Master Plan since cycling is both good for the environment and for individual health. Part of their input has been for bicycle parking to be required in multi-family developments.

In partnership with Friends of Open Space (FOPOS), the PEC applied for and awarded a grant from the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions to maintain the Woodfield Reservation trails.

PEC is also looking into an electric vehicle ordinance that would require developers to leave an open spot near the electric panel where a car might park.

The PEC is collaborating with Jack West to modify the recycling ordinances as they are under consolidation. The primary focus is looking at construction waste.

There have also been stories about water quality in NJ, and concerns in Princeton. Most surface waters in Princeton are considered impaired, including Carnegie Lake. While we do not consume water directly from water from the lake, it takes significant energy to purify it. Much of this contamination comes from pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers applied to lawns.

Dr. Miller indicated that the PEC has collaborated with the Board of Health on a number of initiatives from fracking waste, to safe playing field (pesticides) and a plastic ordinance.

Ms. Mia Sachs introduced herself and echoed her interest in collaborating with the health board. She suggested a good first step could be an educational campaign on spraying. Ms. Sachs will be the routine liaison on the Health Board and to the Bike Committee.

V. Underage Drinking Survey

Jake Caddeau and Jackson Miller, Corner House Student Leaders, performed an underage drinking survey (301 responses) in preparation for tomorrow's (May 18th) Social Host Liability Meeting with members of the University Medical Center emergency doctors, Princeton Police Department, NJ Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, and Corner House.

Mr. Grosser commended them on doing a great job. He indicated that the Host Social Liability meeting was set up over 2 months ago. Ms. Steiner-Sichel added that it was in response to the heroin program that had been held.

Mr. Krol suggested uploading the slides and creating an FAQ document based on the questions asked at the event in order to reach a wider audience.

Ms. Bates suggested that the next time there should be questions added around gender, to investigate the link between sex and alcohol.

VI. Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA)

The Board of Health is looking for a new board member to be the liaison to PADA that meets once a month, Thursdays at noon.

VII. Letter to the Bike Master plan Subcommittee

The Board reviewed a letter to be sent in support of the bike master plan. All voted in favor.

VIII. Minutes – April

Ms. Schwimmer motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Ms. Steiner-Sichel. All voted in favor.

IX. Business

a. International Center for Enterprise Preparedness (InterCEP) Conference

Mr. Grosser was invited to attend the NYU International Center for Enterprise Preparedness (InterCEP). The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Michael Osterholm who spoke about the Ebola and Zika response.

b. Little Taste of Cuba

The retail location has been issued two violations, the first has been for keeping the door propped open and the second was for failure to provide supporting documentation that 51% of revenue was coming from tobacco products. The latter was corrected. Any subsequent offense will be in violation of the Health and Smoke Free Air Offense that is \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second and \$1,000 for the third offense.

c. Communiversity

There were 57 temporary food establishments reviewed and inspected for Communiversity.

d. Food Inspection

There were two food borne illness outbreaks at the university, one at the Jewish Center and another at an eating club.

e. Tranquilizer Training

Mr. Nate Barson, the Animal Control Officer, just returned from a training in North Carolina and is now certified to use tranquilizer guns in emergency situations.

f. Host Liability Meeting

The Host Liability Meeting will be held tomorrow, May 18th, from 7-8:30pm, and the Health Department is an organizing partner.

g. Water Testing in the Schools

The water has been tested in the schools and it has been found to be compliant with lead levels. There was a slightly elevated copper level in one of the faucets that has been replaced and will be retested.

Ms. Bates asked if the water is tested at the Affordable Housing units since all the conditions for lead leakage (age of building, plumbing and fixtures) are present. Mr. Grosser indicated that it would only be tested in response to child lead poisoning case, but it is something that could be looked into if the Board was interested in doing so.

Dr. Miller asked how much it cost to test for lead, and Mr. Grosser said that to test just for lead it would cost around \$50, while testing for the full gamut of contaminants could be upwards of \$700.

h. Accreditation

The Accreditation Coordinator is out for the month. The Department is fortunate to have an intern that is focusing on emergency and preparedness.

The Department is 56% complete and is on pace to finish by December 1st.

Mr. Grosser has been meeting with the State regarding the Public Health Accreditation grant and are in compliance with current progress.

i. Second Reading – Revised General Ordinance

Mr. Grosser updated the Board of Health on the General Ordinances of the Princeton Board of Health and how it was up for second reading/approval this evening. Mr. Grosser took this opportunity to review the chapters of the ordinance once more, and reviewed with the Board about potential public health impacts of said ordinance. A fact sheet on the ordinance was included with the ordinance and reviewed.

In general, the ordinance has not been updated in 5 years. It has been consolidated into a single ordinance with multiple chapters. Chapters added were a quarantine and isolation section as well as an ordinance regulating cutting of concrete and fiberglass grinding.

Ms. Schwimmer motioned to accept with revisions and Ms. Babcock seconded. All voted in favor, and the ordinance was approved.

X. Closed Session

The Board went into closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation and personal information at 8:55pm. The Board came out of closed session at 9:09pm.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Schwimmer motioned to adjourn and Dr. Miller seconded. All present voted in favor of this action and the meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Soto