

Princeton Regional Health Commission
Minutes
March 15, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Princeton Regional Health Commission was convened at 7:30 pm at the Princeton Borough Hall- East Conference Room

Members Present – Catherine Hegedus, JoAnn Hill, Laura Kahn, Lindsey Kayman, Charles Rojer, Leon Rosenson, Bruce Topolosky and Sandra Zordan-Friedman

Liaisons – Jo Butler and Bernard Miller

Staff: Randy Carter, Sr. REHS and Keith Levine, REHS

Intern - Ms. Gilmore

Mr. Henry informed Ms. Gilmore that she would have to sign a non-disclosure form.

Public Comment: No public present.

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A motion to approve the February 15 2011 minutes was made by Mr. Rojer and was seconded by JoAnn Hill.

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer’s Report (February):

Mr. Henry reported that he met with the Hopewell Township Health Officer who is also the head of the Governmental Public Health Partnership; they discussed a Grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of \$250,000. This is part of the Health care initiative for a community health needs assessment. The Hospitals have to work with public health departments for a community health needs assessment, all of the hospitals in the area have signed on to be partners. United Way is the main group going forward with the grant.

Mr. Topolosky enquired of the members if there was any reason not to participate in the Grant program. It was the opinion of the members that to participate would be a good thing.

Mr. Henry indicated that he met with the IT personnel and discussed improvements to the food and license database. A draft was promised by April 1, also a program for taking the flu clinic immunization appointments. The New Jersey Health Officers Association has an additional grant to pilot test the flu clinic program, and a request of interest in doing this program has been submitted.

The Spanish translation program is now fully operational. It was suggested that additional languages be considered since a cross section of the community is of various nationalities. Another aspect to consider is providing for the hearing impaired.

Mr. Henry has been reelected as the President of the Mercer County Health Officers Association for another one year term and has also been appointed to coordinate the blood borne pathogens compliance for the Borough.

Ms. Hill indicated that she would be available to help if required.

Mr. Rojer enquired as to the situation at the pool at the YMCA.

Mr. Carter, Sr. REHS explained that the pool was closed and the situation was being addressed.

Mr. Rojer questioned the Sadat Associates project.

Mr. Carter indicated that it was A Treatment Works Approval; it has a high water table and high mottling. This project will be for 16 homes.

Old Business:

School Smoking Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2011-01

The police department approved the language of the School Smoking ordinance and will be the delegated enforcing agency. The Vice Principal of the Princeton High School is very enthusiastic about the ordinance.

Addition of a List Serve to our mini-website:

The Borough is reviewing the options to have a combined List Serve in regards to the Health Department and some of the other agencies. Ms. Kayman gave a brief outline of how the List Serve would be set up.

New Business / Members Comments:

Board of Health Orientation

Mr. Henry gave an overview on how the Borough and the Township in the year 1976 were joined as one, also the various things that fall under the Health Commission's jurisdiction.

Reports from Committees:

Budget and Finance
Personnel
Planning

No report was available on the above at this time.

Reports from Other Boards and Commissions:

Environmental Commission

Mr. Rojer reported that work is being done on the Impervious Coverage Ordinance and the Stream Buffer Ordinance

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance- Request from B/C David Goldfarb

Ms. Hegedus explained that Hopewell Township has an Ordinance and if the Police gets a report of underage drinking at a private resident the police can take names, if the adult is present and is aware of the situation the adult can be arrested.

Mr. Henry informed the Commission that Senate Bill 2765 from Senators Beck and Bono is requiring all local Authorities and Commissions to establish an internet website to post all information and all financial information. The Regional Health Commission was included. Mr. Henry indicated that he requested a template of how the financial information should be presented.

Mr. Miller informed the Commission that notice has been received from the Princeton Regional Schools to vacate the agencies in the Valley Road building by October 1, 2011. Since the Corner House is in that building, the Township and the Borough are actively trying to acquire new space. To date a new space has not been identified. This program is very valuable asset to the community therefore if anyone has any ideas of a new home for the Corner House Mr. Miller should be contacted or any other member of the Governing Body.

Mr. Rosenson enquired as to how often the well water was tested for contamination.

Mr. Carter, Sr. REHS informed the Commission that wells were tested when a property was being sold. When a new well is being drilled an inspector has to witness the cementing of the well to make sure that contaminants cannot enter the water. Additionally when a well is decommissioned an inspector has to be present.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.