

Princeton Regional Health Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

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

Members Present – Dr. George DiFerdinando, Catherine Hegedus, JoAnn Hill, Dr. Laura Kahn, Lindsey Kayman, Dr. Charles Rojer, Leon Rosenson, Bruce Topolosky.

Members absent: Robert Ciotta and Sandra Zordan-Friedman.

Liaisons: Jo Butler and Bernard Miller

Public Comment: No public present.

Visitor: Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates from the Princeton Human Services Commission

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A motion to approve the June 21, 2011 minutes was made by Dr. George DiFerdinando and was seconded by Dr. Laura Kahn, with corrections.

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (May/June)

Mr. Henry gave a brief explanation of his visit to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation about the Regional Community Health Needs Assessment proposal project.

Mr. Henry gave a summary of the Health Department drill at the Sun Arena

Mr. Henry indicated that the report of the Elevated Blood Level in relation to lead was documented an environmental intervention using the NITON XRF was performed and several violations were found and documented. A violation will be sent to the property owner also the owner of the property is a contractor of the abatement for lead and is not allowed to do the abatement on his property. Health Inspector Keith Levine, REHS collected the dust samples and sent them to a lab for analysis.

Dr. DiFerdinando suggested that the former resident of the property should be contacted and check for a child that might have lead poisoning.

Dr. Kahn questioned how the incident was found. Mr. Henry explained that it was through routine screening.

Mr. Topolosky asked what is being done about abatement, and how often these cases were reported.

Mr. Henry indicated that this is an ongoing investigation, and to his knowledge there is not a large number of cases maybe one or two in a year.

Ms. Kayman enquired if a service was available for a resident to call in and request lead paint testing, Mr. Henry indicated said that free test kits are available if requested.

Dr. Kahn mentioned that household pets also serve as an important indication for lead poisoning in children.

Dr. Rojer enquired if it was possible to have the older house tested for lead paint.

Dr. DiFerdinando noted that when a house is sold, lead testing is done.

Dr. Kahn thought that a Federal Law was in place that requires owners of property and landlords to inform prospective buyers and tenants with of the presents of lead paint.

Mr. Henry indicated that New Jersey has not adopted that Federal Law, when the inspectors get in contact with painters they inform them of the Federal Law.

Palace of India was brought in to the Health office for an administrative meeting, the establishment was not in compliance and Chapter 24 was explained also a list of violations was reviewed and suggestions on how to correct the violations were given.

Kaliente Mexican Restaurant was seized by the Division of Taxation for unpaid taxes, and, all Potentially Hazardous Food with a short shelf life was mandatorily destroyed.

Mr. Henry indicated that the Mayor came to his office to discuss a bed bug infestation, he informed Mr. Henry that Princeton Human Services Commission was contacted and Ms. Mendez is working with the resident involved, also Mr. Henry indicated that the inspectors were sent out and post the property since the property the owner removed the posting and the inspector returned to the property and replaced the signs. This property is located on John Street.

Mr. Henry informed the Commission that the County Health officer has resigned and there is a vacancy she has moved to Ewing Township.

Dr. Kahn enquired if the animal that bit someone and die while in quarantine was the animal rabid?

Mr. Johnson, the Animal Control Officer indicated that the animal was not found to be rabid.

Mr. Rosenson enquired about the shared service of the Lead nurse.

Mr. Henry indicated that the shared service Lead nurse is Ms. Sharon Winn and this is the second year of working with the shared service and conducts the follow up on cases for the City of Trenton, Mercer County and Somerset County.

Policy Review – Wildlife Management

Mr. Henry explained the new manual for the Wildlife Management and indicated that the Health Department has adopted the New York State operating policies

Dr. DiFerdinando indicated that he did research to help the Health Department compiling the new document.

Mr. Johnson indicated that he spoke to the head of the NJ Animal Control Officers Association and he did not have a written policy he promised to get back to Mr. Johnson with some information.

Dr. Kahn asked if surveillance is done on the animals in the wild.

Mr. Johnson indicated that he does surveillance and keeps in touch with the activities of the wildlife that lives in the area.

Dr. Kahn enquired if the deer culling program was still in operation.

Mr. Johnson indicated that the deer committee is being revitalized.

Mr. Henry asked that the Health Commission approve the new policies so that it can be submitted to the Township for any comments they might want to incorporate.

Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates from Human Services

Ms. Bates was impressed with the nature of the meeting proceedings and thanked the Commission for allowing her to be there.

Closed Session

To discuss personnel matters regarding Commission employees started at 8:30 p.m.

The Commission returned to regular session of the Health Commission meeting 8:45 p.m.

Old Business

Ordinance Introduction 2011-02 Salary Ordinance

Mr. Henry explained the ordinance 2001-02 to the Commission.

A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Rosenson and was seconded by Dr. Kahn.

Adjournment

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