

Princeton Regional Health Commission
Minutes
January 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Princeton Regional Health Commission as convened at 7:27 PM at Princeton Borough Hall-East Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. George DiFerdinando, Catherine Hegedus, RN JoAnn Hill, RN
Dr. Laura Kahn, Lindsay Kayman, Leon Rosenson, Bruce Topolosky

Liaisons: Heather Howard

Also Present: David Henry, Health Officer

Members absent: Robert Ciotta, PhD, Dr. Charles Rojer, Sandra Zordan-Friedman, CNM, MSN

Liaison: Bernard Miller.

Public Comment: No public present.

Certificate of Appreciation:

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Councilwoman Jo Butler who served as Liaison to the Commission.

Minutes – November 15, 2011

A motion to approve the November 15, 2011 minutes was approved by Dr. George DiFerdinando and was seconded by Dr. Laura Kahn.

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (November/December)

Mr. Henry reported that Masala Grill paid the fine, and after re-inspection the restaurant was restored to a satisfactory. Mr. Henry informed the restaurant owner any further violations the owners would be summoned to a meeting with the Health Commission and they could lose their license.

Mr. Henry reported he met with the new Health Officer for Ewing Township to discuss collaborative public health efforts Mr. Henry also spoke at the Climate Change conference in New Brunswick.

Mr. Henry reported that in February Trenton will not have a Health Officer and a number of Municipalities have signed an emergency compact to serve for a particular crisis. This agreement is a mutual aid agreement and is a no fee it is in this case of a health emergency, Trenton would have to make a request to the County Health Officer.

Dr. George DiFerdinando questioned what happens if the member of staff has an accident while travelling to or from the Township that has the crisis which Municipality would pay for the damages. Mr. Henry thought that it would be the responsibility of the Municipality with the crisis.

Mr. Henry attended a court case involving Animal Control and the NJDEP in Hamilton. The case was adjourned due to a lack of discovery documents from NJDEP. A new court date is to be set.

Old Business:

Wildlife Management Update the pre trial is rescheduled due to a conflict with the Prosecutor

New Business / Members Comments

Consolidation Update:

Mr. Topolosky and Mr. Henry gave an update on municipal consolidation efforts. The plan is to consolidate the current joint agencies to form a new department called the Department of Community Services. The Department would be comprised of Corner House, Health Department, Human Services, Princeton Senior Resource Center, Recreation Department and the Townships Affordable Housing. The Commission discussed the proposal and asked to be updated on the process frequently.

Transition Steps from the Health Commission to the Princeton Board of Health:

The Commission discussed the transition from a Health Commission to a Board of Health. By State statute, the Board would consist of a maximum of nine (9) members and one (1) liaison.

Zweena Health Proposal- Health Care Innovation Challenge:

Mr. Henry presented a proposal by Zweena Health which would be to partner with the Health Department for an innovation health care challenge grant. After further discussion, the Commission recommended that the Health Department not participate in the project.

Noise Ordinance Proposal:

The Commission discussed the proposal for Noise Ordinance that would cover the Health Department and both Police Departments. Commission members decided to review the ordinance further while waiting comments from the Police Departments.

2011 Health Department Accomplishments and 2012 Challenges:

Mr. Henry presented a 2011 Health Department Accomplishments and 2012 Challenges.

Mr. Topolosky recommended that consolidation be added to the top of the agenda for 2012 in the 2011 accomplishment list.

Reports from Committees

Budget and Finance:

Budget and Finance committee met and recommended approval of the 2012 budget. The recommended budget will be forwarded to Sandy Webb the CFO for the Borough.

Personnel: No report at this time

Planning: A meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2012

Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

Environmental Commission: No report at this time.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance: No report at this time.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:33p.m.