

Princeton Regional Health Commission

Minutes

April 17, 2012

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

Members Present: Robert Ciotta, PhD, Dr. George DiFerdinando, Catherine Hegedus, RN JoAnn Hill, RN Dr. Laura Kahn, Lindsey Kayman, Dr. Charles Rojer, Bruce Topolosky

Alternate: Leon Rosenson,

Also Present: David Henry, Health Officer

Members absent: Sandra Zordan-Friedman, CNM, MSN

Liaisons: Bernard Miller and Heather Howard

Visitor: Ms. Bidwell-Bates from Human Services

Public Comment: No public present.

Pamela Hersh, Princeton Healthcare System.

Ms. Hersh gave an overview of the new bus line she also extended an invitation to the members of the Commission to tour the new Hospital.

Ms. Hersh also explained that one of the requirements in the Certificate of Need was that Harrison Street be fixed and this was accomplished. The traffic light at Harrison and Route 27 the emergency vehicles are equipped to operate the light. Ms. Hersh indicated that the ambulance on Route 1 will have a separate lane to enter the Hospital. They will be a public private bus service starting May 14, 2012. This is to service the patents attending the clinics. Ms. Hersh indicated that 99% of the patents do not want to take the bus. When the bus is not running a taxi service is on call also a multilingual answering service this person would not be a medical person and all emergency calls should be to 911.

May 22, 2012 is the date set for the move to the new Hospital this is expected to take about 5 hours both emergency rooms would be open, patents would be transferred one patent one nurse to an ambulance.

Mr. Topolosky indicated that the community felt that the Hospital has left them and they are not sure how it will all work out.

Dr. Kahn is concern about the situation in the event of another natural disaster such as the event of Hurricane Irene when the Princeton area was under water.

Mr. Rosenson inquired about the expiration date of the bus service Ms. Hersh indicated that this service will be available as long as it is used by the patents in the event that it is not used the service will be discontinued.

Dr. DiFerdinando inquired will the hospital know that they are successfully treating the population when the move takes place. Mr. Hersh indicated that detailed records will be kept. He further asked what metrics will be used.

Dr. Kahn asked if the Hospital had base line data for the past 5 years for the Princeton area residents and their hospital usage.

Ms. Hersh indicated that this information is keep by zip code.

Ms. Hersh indicated that if there is any other information the Commission required she would be happy to share it with the members of the Commission.

Mr. Topolosky thanked Ms. Hersh for her presentation

Dr. DiFerdinando stated that the National Counsel Defense Resource looked at States' preparedness for a flooding and New Jersey got a good score for preparedness.

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The Meeting Minutes were deferred for corrections.

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (April)

Dr. Charles Rojer inquired where the waste product was taken.

Mr. Henry promised to get the details of the destination of the waste product.

The property at 205 Nassau Street is the only Boarding House in Princeton and DCA has jurisdiction on that property and therefore Mr. Henry has given all information to the DCA. Mr. Henry and Randy Carter, Sr. REHS met with NJDCA and Fire Official Bill Drake and discuss the State Code violation at 205 Nassau Street. NJDCA Code is that is more stringent than the Borough code. Mr. Carter requested a copy of the NJDCA'S code for the Borough Counsel to consider.

Mr. Henry met with Cynthia Mendez and the Princeton Township IT director and discussed how Human Resources calls would be handled if Ms. Mendez is away, calls would be forwarded to the Health Department a list of frequently asked questions will be sent to the Health Department in late May/June.

Mr. Henry indicated that three (3) I PAD 3's were purchased with the remaining Grant funds so that the inspectors will be using the I PAD when doing inspections in the field with access to information and emails. The I PADS are only WiFi enabled.

Mr. Henry reminded members of the Commission that the Hepatitis Support Group to be led by JoAnn Hill, RN she is an Infection Preventionist/Hepatitis Educator the first meeting will be on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building in the Court Room.

Old Business

Wildlife Management – Update

Mr. Henry reported that he had nothing new to report. Dr. Kahn indicated the written report from the Animal Control Offices was very good and requested that at the end of the

year a summary should be prepared.

New Business / Members Comments

Resolution 2012-03 – Safe Playing Fields

Mr. Henry explained the Health Commission wanted an Ordinance and not a resolution he contacted Senator Shirley Turner and asked if the Health Commission had passed the ordinance and she indicated that it was passed but it had to be reviewed by DEP. Judy Wilson the School Superintendent and Ben Stentz the Director of Recreation was informed of the situation. Dr. Kahn asked that the Environmental Commission be informed of the situation.

Consolidation Update

Mr. Topolosky gave a brief update on the progress of the Committee.

Reports from Committees

Budget and Finance: No report was available at this time

Personnel: No report was available at this time

Planning: Dr. Rojer enquired if it was a good idea to continue planning for the coming years since this Commission is unsure of the future. Mr. Topolosky asked the members to continue with planning as usual so that if the members are not appointed next year the information would be passed on to the new Board.

Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

Environmental Commission:

Dr. Rojer indicated that the Commission is concerned about the situation when the old Hospital property. They are also paying close attention to how Avalon Bay is proposing to build more apartments than previously estimated.

The Environmental Commission is also monitoring the building of the University new housing on the Lake to make sure that most of the materials would be reused.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

C. Hegedus explained that a car crash simulated exercise would be taking place at the High School this would take place on Walnut Street.

Closed Session – Personnel Matters Regarding Commission Employees

The Commission went into the Closed Session at 9.00p.m.

The Closed Session ended and the Health Commission meeting was reopened at 9.09p.m

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 9.15p.m.