

**Princeton Regional Health Commission  
Minutes  
June 19, 2012**

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

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

**Alternate:** Leon Rosenson

**Liaisons** – Bernard Miller

**Also Present:** David Henry, MPH, Health Officer

**Members Absent:** Sandra Zordan-Friedman, Lindsey Kayman

**Liaisons:** Heather Howard

**Public Comment:** No Public present.

**Visitor:** Julia Rae, Ms. Rae is a taking a Health Care on line Course

**Rev. David Davis, Princeton Clergy Association – Emergency Preparedness**

Reverent Davis is the President of the Princeton Clergy Association, and the Pastor of Nassau Street Presbyterian Church. Rev. Davis gave a brief explanation of how the Association functions in an emergency.

Rev Davis indicated that the Clergy Association is wiliness to be of assistance to the Township and the Borough in terms of communication in times of emergency.

Some denominations were told that shelter should not be provided since they did not have liability insurance. Rev. Davis indicated that he would like to open dialog to discuss the use of property as shelters in times of emergency.

Rev. Davis also indicated his wiliness to help address the issue of shelter in the time of a disaster at the County level.

Dr. Rojer mentioned that individuals who are home alone are the ones that are not capable of responding in an emergency Rev. Davis indicated that his organization is willing to share information.

Leon Rosenson mentioned that the Commission should have the liability issue in an emergency clearly explained before an emergency.

Bruce Topolosky explained that research on the emergency liability would be done.

**Robert Gregory, Director of Emergency Services:**

Mr. Gregory was unable to attend the scheduled meeting and sent his apologies. Mr. Gregory and the Red Cross will come to discuss the memorandum of understanding. Mr. Henry mentioned that he had a conversation with the American Red Cross they explained there is a difference between a reception center and a shelter. The reception center is less of a liability.

Dr. George DiFerdinando indicated that the Red Cross is willing to assist with sheltering. The Red Cross is pressed to meet the needs of all the communities they are asked to serve.

Mr. Miller explained that in an emergency Mr. Gregory works in the Borough and, the Police Department is in charge of any emergency situation and should be contacted for any advisories.

Mr. Topolosky indicated that an inventory of all available facilities should be done.

Mr. Henry indicated that cooling centers were not identified for the expected heat wave. Mr. Rosenson thought that with various changes in the weather system the level of preparedness should be reviewed.

**Minutes – May 15, 2012**

A motion to approve the May 15, 2012 minutes was made by Leon Rosenson and was seconded by Catherine Hegedus, RN.

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

Mr. Henry indicated that Animal Control had a Bear sighting in the area and this was considered a category 1 bear, the Animal Control Officer Mr. Johnson called division of wildlife to tranquilize the animal but this was not done.

Ming Court Restaurant is still closed.

There is a bed bug complaint at 14 Whitherspoon Street the exterminator has done

treatments on the resident.

## **Old Business**

### **The Safe Playing Field Ordinance:**

Is still Under Review by NJDEP

### **Mayor's Wellness Campaign:**

Mr. Henry explained the goal is to work with the existing community programs. Mr. Henry also spoke to our Health Educator and discussed some ideas and our ultimate goal is to become a Healthy Community. A copy of the draft resolution was sent to the Township Committee for adopt.

### **Noise Ordinance:**

The Commission members will review the Ordinance and, present comments at the July meeting.

## **New Business / Members Comments**

Bernard Miller gave a brief report on the Consolidation Update.

### **Ordinance 2012 01 Fee Schedule Amendments**

Mr. Henry explained the fee as laid out.

A motion to accept the first reading of the Ordinance as written was made by Dr. George DiFerdinando and was seconded by Ms. Catherine Hegedus, RN.

## **Reports from Committees**

Budget and Finance

Personnel

Planning

No reports were available at the time.

## **Reports from Other Boards and Commissions**

Environmental Commission had no report at this time.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance the scheduled meeting was cancelled.

### **Closed Session-Personnel Matters Regarding Commission Employees**

The commission went into Closed Session at 8:30p.m

The Closed Session ended and the Health Commission meeting was reopened at 8:45p.m

### **Adjournment**

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