

**Princeton Regional Health Commission  
Minutes  
November 20, 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:** Dr. George DiFerdinando, Catherine Hegedus, RN  
JoAnn Hill, RN Lindsey Kayman, Dr. Charles Rojer, Bruce Topolosky, Rick Weiss

**Alternate:** Leon Rosenson,

**Liaisons:** Bernard Miller

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

**Members absent:** Dr. Laura Kahn, Robert Ciotta, PhD,

**Liaisons:** Heather Howard

**Minutes – October 16, 2012**

A motion to approve the October 16, 2012 minutes was made by Dr. Rojer and seconded by Ms. Hill.

**Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (October)**

Mr. Henry indicated that approximately 500 people were vaccinated and he is awaiting reimbursement from Medicare.

Mr. Henry attended the Princeton Human Services Award Breakfast on October 25, 2012.

Mr. Henry also attended the Planning Board meeting to hand deliver the Commission's concerns regarding the Avalon Bay development.

Collaboration with Princeton University on the digital food inspection forms, which will be distributed to the 96 local health departments. Work is also being done with Rutgers University to provide more digital based forms for local health departments.

Assistant Administrator Kathy Monzo will be appointed Director of Health and Social Services.

Dr. Charles Rojer thanked Mr. Henry for taking the comments of the Commission to the Planning Board.

Mr. Miller questioned the number of flu vaccines and thought that it was a low number.

Mr. Henry said he thought that it was about 10 more than last year.

Mr. Miller indicated that the Township Committee approved the hiring of an independent Environmental Consultant to review the data from both parties involved.

Mr. Rosenson inquired about the results of the appeal that was sent to the State.

Mr. Henry noted that the appeal was sent to NJDEP, but to date no reply had been received.

Mr. Rosenson noted that since the drugstores give the same service this might be the reason for the low turn out.

#### **Visitor:**

Mary Clurman suggested in the event of a disaster and the loss of power a place should be available that individuals could take the food and prepare it.

Mr. Henry indicated that he spoke to the State Health Department about this subject after Cynthia Mendez spoke to him about food deserts (lack of affordable food options). The concern was if some of the food establishments donate food, would the donations be acceptable to the State; and the State said yes it would be acceptable as long as State laws are adhered to.

After more discussion Mary indicated that she is willing to help in any way possible.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Consolidation Update:**

Mr. Henry gave a brief update as to the various departments have moved to and from the Borough Hall.

Mr. Miller also gave a brief update.

##### **House of Worship Liability:**

Mr. Henry spoke to the attorney about liability protection for houses of worship, and the advice was if the Municipality decided to sponsor a shelter or reception center they would have to check with their insurance carrier.

#### **New Business / Members Comments**

Ordinance 2012-02 Sanitary Code Amendments – Public Hearing/Final Passage

Mr. Henry indicated that this was an attempt to consolidate the various ordinances.

This was discussed at length and on a motion made by Dr. Rojer that the ordinance be approved and seconded by Mr. Rosenson this was carried on a voice call vote: Ayes (7) Nays (0)

##### **Hurricane Sandy:**

Mr. Henry thanked everyone for there help during the disaster, he explained the problem of communications since he experience difficulty with his phone calls.

Dr. DiFerdinando explained the way emergencies are handled in Texas.

Dr. DiFerdinando also explained the various levels of care that is expected in a shelter or reception center since these are two different services.

Mr. Topolosky noted that the emergency readiness has been discussed for a number of years and indicated that it is time for some real plans to be implemented.

**Mayors Wellness Campaign:**

Mr. Henry indicated that this is a work in progress with other groups and it would take approximately one year to qualify for the designation of a healthy municipality.

**2013 Proposed budget:**

Mr. Henry explained that the budget remained the same as 2012.

**Greater Mercer County Community Health Improvement Plan:**

Mr. Henry gave a brief explanation on the progress on the plan.

**New Member:**

Mr. Topolosky welcomed Mr. Weiss and invited him to give the members a brief resume of himself.

Rick Weiss said he was glad to be a member of the Commission and gave a bio of his company and his education.

**Reports from Committees:**

- Budget and Finance
- Personnel
- Planning
- Environmental Commission

The above mentioned committees had no report at this time.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

The above mentioned committee meeting was cancelled.

**Adjournment**

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