

**Princeton Regional Health Commission
Minutes
December 20, 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: Dr. George DiFerdinando, JoAnn Hill, RN Dr. Laura Kahn
Dr. Charles Rojer, Bruce Topolosky, Rick Weiss

Also Present: Dave Henry, Health Officer

Member absent: Robert Ciotta, Catherine Hegedus, Lindsey Kayman and Leon Rosenson, Heather Howard and Bernard Miller

Public Comment:

No public present.

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A motion to approve the November 20, 2012 minutes was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Dr. Rojer

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (November)

Mr. Henry gave a review of his report.

Mr. Henry mentioned that the food inspectors checked all the food establishments in the area as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Carter, Sr. REHS reported that the food establishments destroy all refrigerated food after the loss of power and used this time to do a general clean of their establishments.

Mr. Carter indicated that he was never called in until Thursday after the hurricane. He thought he should have been called earlier.

Dr. DiFerdinando mentioned he represented the Health Commission at a meeting for Mercer County Sandy “hot wash” to discuss the aftermath of Sandy and he also

attended another meeting that was run by the State Health Department with their health/communication center and learned that the health department has no sheltering responsible, sheltering is the responsibility of the State Department of Human Service.

Dr. DiFerdinando gave a comprehensive report on meeting he attended at Mercer County. The meeting was on the operations of all emergency service.

Dr. DiFerdinando circulated a copy of the meeting documents to members. After more discussion it was agreed that plans should be made ahead of time for any impending disaster.

Old Business:

Consolidation Update:

Mr. Henry gave a report on the offices that have been moved and the ones that stayed in the Borough building.

Greater Mercer County Community Health Improvement Plan

Mr. Henry gave brief report on the meetings he attended.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Study - Comments

Mr. Henry asked for the comments from on the report that was distributed to the members of the Health Commission.

NJDEP Response to Safe Playing Field Ordinance.

Mr. Topolosky inquired about the response to the ordinance from NJDEP.

Mr. Henry reported that the APPLICATION was denied. After more discussing it was agreed that a letter be sent to the legislator requesting the Safe Playing Field Ordinance is addressed. Mr. Henry indicated that the letter be sent to Ms. Shirley Turner. Dr. Rojer asked that a copy of the letter be sent to the Environmental Commission.

New Business / Members Comments

Prepare Better for Impact on Health

Dr. DiFerdinando gave a brief review on the preparedness for Impact on Health.

Princeton Environmental Commission Resolution on Trees (Avalon Bay)

Dr. Kahn inquired about the removal of trees.

Mr. Henry asked Dr. Rojer to give a report on behalf of the Environmental Commission, Avalon Bay had indicated that most of the trees would be removed. These trees would be replaced with smaller trees, at this point the Environmental Commission passed an Ordinance and the Health Commission has offered to endorse the ordinance.

A motion made by Dr. Kahn and seconded by Ms. Hill.

On a voice call vote: Ayes (6) Nays (0)

Reports from Committees

Budget and Finance

Personnel

Planning – Flu Clinic for the Vulnerable.

Environmental Commission

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

The above committees had no reports at this time.

Mr. Henry thanked everyone for their service on the Commission and hoped to see them in the New Year,

Mr. Henry presented all present with a certificate.

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