

**Princeton Board of Health Commission
Minutes**

May 21, 2013

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

Members Present: Dr. George DiFerdinando, Dr. Laura Kahn, Janet Heroux, JoAnn Hill and Rick Weiss

Alternates: Steven Miller, PhD, # 1 and Linda Steiner-Sichel, RN, MPH, # 2

Also Present: Dave Henry, Health Officer

Member Absent: Robert Ciotta, PhD, Dr. Charles Rojer and Heather Howard

Visitor: Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates, Princeton Human Service Commission.

Chairman of the Board Dr. DiFerdinando asked the Board members to introduce themselves to the new Board member Ms. Heroux.

Public Comment:

No public present

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A motion to approve the April 16, 2013 minutes was made by Dr. Kahn and seconded by Rick Weiss.

Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (Apr/May)

Mr. Henry gave an overview of his report on the free farmers market that is run by the Crisis Ministry.

Mr. Henry also mentioned the ongoing discussions with the UMDNJ intern on the development of an operational version of the Comfort/Charging Station. The goal is to develop operational and memorandum of agreement template for use among the health departments in Mercer County.

Dr. DiFerdinando asked for a report on the Lead poisoning case.

Mr. Henry indicated that the blood lead count level has lowered considerable.

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Old Business

2013 Strategic Plan – Kahn, Miller

Dr. Kahn reported that progress is being made at a meeting with Mr. Henry, Dr. Rojer and Mr. Miller.

Mr. Henry is continuing to work on the Website Update.

Meningitis Update

Dr. DiFerdinando and Mr. Henry spoke to the New Jersey Department of Health, and the Mercer County Epidemiology and members of the Princeton University Health Community we were updated about the fourth Meningitis case pending the specific type of bacteria. Dr. DiFerdinando explained the person to person contact.

Dr. DiFerdinando indicated that at the end of May the office of the County Epidemiology will be vacant the State is cutting half of the County Epidemiologists by December 31, 2013.

After much discussion Mr. Henry indicated that he will get in touch with Dr. Johnson.

Infectious Disease – Essential Public Health Services

Mr. Henry gave a brief outline of the list of the communicable diseases that the Health Department is responsible for. The Animal Control also falls in this category.

After much discussion Dr. DiFerdinando felt that the university should hire an Epidemiologist.

Mr. Henry indicated that this is not the time to be complacent. Personal hygiene is very important, since in the long run it is beneficial.

Mr. Henry spoke to his health inspectors about the pools, camps and the recreation department programs and also the schools.

New Business / Members Comments

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Resolution 2013-04

Board of Health Support for Responsible Pet Ownership Programs in the community

This is to encourage and support responsible pet ownership also the health of animals and welfare of animals. Mr. Henry noted that Mr. Johnson the Animal Control Officer has given talks at various locations on the welfare of and health of animals.

Requesting Adoption of Domestic Animal Policy/Sustainable Princeton at the June Board meeting.

Draft Annual Report for 2012

After reviewing the report this will be sent to the Committee for approval.

Shared Services – Back-up Animal Control-Montgomery Twp.

This contract is for review by the Board and to be sent to the Board for approval.

Reports from Committees

Budget and Finance

Personnel

Planning – DiFerdinando & Rojer

The above Committee has no report at this time.

Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

Environmental Commission Mr. Miller indicated that the commission attended the Pipeline meeting and a resolution was passed against the pipeline.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance Ms. Hill indicated that an underage drinking sub-committee was formed and is working on the various problem of underage drinking.

Ms. Bidwell-Bates inquired about the figures on the well baby. Mr. Henry indicated that he was in touch with the nurse employed by the Health Department

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to get the figures.

It was mentioned that people are still smoking on the playing fields.

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