



## PRINCETON BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Zoom Meeting \* Princeton, NJ 08540

### Board Members---Present

Rick Strauss, MD

Linda Schwimmer, JD

Leticia Fraga, Council Liaison

Rick Weiss, MS

Mona Shah, PhD

Elizabeth Dyeovich, (Alt. 2)

Kathleen Stillo, MBA,

Katherine Taylor, JD, PhD (Alt. 1)

### Board Members---Absent

JoAnn Hill, RN

George DiFerdinando, Jr. MD, MPH

### Staff

Jeffrey Grosser, MHS, HO, REHS

### Guest

Irini Daskalaki

Vice Chair, Kathleen Stillo, called the Regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. She recited the announcement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: *“This is to affirm that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Princeton Board of Health has been duly advertised and is being conducted in compliance with all provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.”* Roll Call was completed.

### Public Comment /Guest Speaker

No guest speakers or public comments.

### Minutes

Board member Kathy Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Board meeting. This was seconded by Board member Liz Dyeovich. Hearing no proposed changes, Vice Chair Stillo approved the minutes as presented.

### HO Monthly Report

HO Grosser reported that the Spring season is busier for PHD, due to an increase in outdoor events. In April, these events included the launch of the Mayoral Wellness Campaign Fair, clinics, and Animal Control activities.



The Mayoral Wellness Campaign kicked off with the PHD Health Fair on May 5. Located at the Princeton Shopping Center, the event saw over 120 attendees and 20+ vendors. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with vendors, health clinics, and health providers. Attendees who visited the vendor booths received raffle tickets for refreshments from Nomad Pizza and Rita's Ice. The refreshment costs were covered by the PHD. BoH members JoAnn and Liz, and Secretary Schwimmer, participated in the Fair also. Zufall health administered booster shots and Coverall Kids set up a booth where families could register their children for coverage.

April 26 marked the start of FirstLine training events. The topics covered during this first meeting included: concepts of infection control, basic signs of virus, and virus strains. Brandywine Senior Living and Serenade at Princeton will be sites of future training.

On April 27, PHD returned to La Mexicana to provide additional booster doses to eligible groups.

Princeton ACO has been dealing with reports of foxes on properties. A fox was contained at Princeton Day School, then transported to the Mercer County Wildlife Center for treatment. Two fox kids were trapped and released also. Residents' primary concern is safety. Foxes do not tend to be aggressive, and ACO seeks to push foxes out with noise and lights; however, if foxes exhibit signs of mange, ACO is increasingly cautious in approach.

Councilwoman Leticia Fraga brought up a request raised during the 5/8 Council Meeting. A representative from the Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks seeks to close the street in front of house plaza for an event. The organization also wants permission for food trucks on 5/21, for the Jewish American Festival. Councilwoman Fraga directed the representative to HO Grosser. HO Grosser took note, and suggested that there could be an Ordinance to address the food truck approval process.

#### Old Business:

PHD will officially apply for Reaccreditation in November, and is continuing to work through the documentation for submission. HO Grosser addressed the current dialogue regarding municipal DoH reaccreditation: health departments across the state are reconsidering the need for reaccreditation. The primary obstacles cited are cost: application costs are based on population size, therefore larger counties would incur larger fees. Costs *post*-accreditation can include facility upgrade fees, personnel fees, and more. PHD reaffirms the benefits of reaccreditation.

#### New Business:

On 4/25 PHD received a request to apply for the CDC/State Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant. PHD is set to apply this upcoming week for \$274K. There is a reaccreditation component, because the state department wants to encourage reaccreditation among health departments. A \$174K grant will also be included, bringing 2024 grant funding to \$450K.

#### Reports from Committees:



Member Rick Weiss reported that Vision Zero did not have another meeting since the last scheduled. Mayor Freda has been nominated for the Pedestrian Public Safety Inaugural group, along with mayors of other major cities. This is a significant accomplishment.

Secretary Schwimmer reported that the Environmental Committee is looking for new site for the Earth Day cleanup in 2024. They are seeking location suggestions, especially for locations with parking space. Additionally, a Princeton student is working on clean water processing and looking to partner with someone within PHD or the committees.

Adjournment:

Rick Weiss moved to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Taylor. Vice-Chair Stillo closed the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Recording Secretary  
Princeton Board of Health.