



Princeton Board of Health

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Monument Hall-East Meeting Room

One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540

Present

Board Members:

Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH,
Vice Chair

Lauren Babcock-Dunning,
MPH

JoAnn Hill, RN

Meredith Hodach-Avalos,
MD

Heather Howard, JD, Council
Liaison

Linda Schwimmer, JD

Steven Miller, PhD

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser, MHS, HO,
REHS

Ben Strauss, Board Secretary

Guests:

Elizabeth Bates, Human
Services Liaison

Aaron DiGregorio, Student
Board Leader, Corner
House

Taylor Smith, Student Board
Leader, Corner House

Jake Caddeau, Princeton
University Student
(Student Board Alum)

Absent

Board Members:

George DiFerdinando, MD,
Chair

Mona Shah, PhD

Rick Weiss, MS

1. Call to Order 7:30 PM

At 7:30 PM, Vice Chair Steiner-Sichel called the meeting to order: "This meeting of the Princeton Board of Health has been duly advertised and is being conducted in compliance with all provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act."

2. Roll Call

Vice Chair Steiner-Sichel called roll.

3. Public Comment

The guests introduced themselves at the end of the meeting.

4. Minutes – September 20, 2016

The Board suggested changes to the minutes. Ms. Hill motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Hodach-Avalos seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes with changes.

5. Monthly Reports

Accreditation

The Princeton Health Department has been working hard to finish the documentation for accreditation. They expect to submit all documentation by next week. Mr. Grosser went to Salt Lake City for the National Network of Public Health Improvement, fall forum for public health officers. Mr. Grosser networked with other local health officers and learned a lot more about quality improvement processes and shared his knowledge of accreditation for small health departments while there.

Job Position

The Health Department advertised the Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) position. Mr. Grosser and Princeton's Human Resources department interviewed nine applicants and narrowed them down to three finalists. Mr. Grosser hopes the potential candidate will start working for Princeton by mid/late November.

Flu Clinics

The Health Department collaborated with the Princeton Senior Resource Center to conduct their annual Flu Clinic/Health Fair. Nearly 300 individuals were vaccinated against the flu. The health department staff also had a health education table.

6. Old Business

Princeton Future Event

Mr. Grosser explained that due to personal reasons, he would be unable to attend the event. Dr. DiFerdinando and Council Member Howard will cover Mr. Grosser's part in their presentation. Mr. Grosser wished the members presenting at the event the best of luck

Meeting of the Chairs of Boards and Commissions

Last week, Board of Health, Human Services, Affordable Housing, Board of Education, Corner House, Mayor Lempert, Council members and Princeton municipal administration met for a breakfast meeting to initiate more cross collaborations. At that meeting, Council Member

Howard mentioned the importance of inter-board communication, giving the example of the active collaborations occurring between the Board of Health and the Human Services Commission.

7. New Business

Board of Health Member Certification

Mr. Grosser heard from about half of the Board's members that they took the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association (NJLBHA) certification course. Mr. Grosser added them to the workforce development plan. Mr. Grosser will resend the email for the rest of the Board members.

Health Department Goals

Vice Chair Steiner-Sichel mentioned the Board should consider developing goals and priorities. She also mentioned the restructuring in January and encouraged members to consider becoming one of the title roles of the Board. Mr. Grosser mentioned the need for succession planning and training.

8. Report from Committees

Environmental Working Group: Chromium 6 in Water

Mr. Miller suggested that the Environmental Working Group find out the level of Chromium 6 in the water. Princeton's water provider publishes data on all the Chromium varieties together.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

Ms. Hill attended the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance meeting a few weeks ago. Police wants students to have the opportunity to ask questions anonymously about legal issues. Ms. Hill noted that Corner House will create the anonymous survey.

Police have been proactive in educating individuals about crossing busy intersections safely. At all the major intersections. Members can let the Police know about any intersections the Police should patrol.

9. Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

The Board heard no such reports.

10. Closed Session (If Needed)

The Board did not enter closed session.

11. Adjournment

At 7:52 pm, Ms. Schwimmer motioned to adjourn and Ms. Hill seconded. The Board adjourned.