

**Princeton Board of Health**

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

Monument Hall-East Meeting Room
One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540

Present**Board Members:**

George T. DiFerdinando, Jr.,
MD, MPH, Chair

Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH,
Vice Chair

Meredith Hodach-Avalos,
MD

Heather Howard, JD,
Council Liaison

Steven Miller, PhD

Gregory Paulson, MS

Linda Schwimmer, JD

Mona Shah, PhD

Rick Weiss, MS

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser, MHS, HO,
REHS

Ben Strauss, Board Secretary

Guests:

Aaron DiGregorio, Student
Board Leader, Corner

House

Philip Curran, Princeton
Packet

Absent**Board Members:**

JoAnn Hill, RN

Minutes submitted by Ben Strauss, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order 7:30 PM

At 7:32 pm, Dr. DiFerdinando calls the meeting to order: "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."

2. Roll Call

Dr. DiFerdinando calls roll. Members introduce themselves.

3. Public Comment/Guest Speaker

Dr. DiFerdinando recognizes the members of the public. They do not wish to comment.

4. Minutes – February 21, 2017

Ms. Steiner-Sichel moves to approve the February minutes. Ms. Schwimmer seconds. The committee unanimously approves the minutes.

5. Monthly Reports

New Role

Administrator Dashield suggested that Health Officer Grosser stay in his dual role as an Assistant Administrator and a Health Officer, until the end of the year. Council still must approve a final budget that incorporates this suggestion. If approved, it will help the Department with completing the accreditation process and provide funding for additional public health nursing and deputy registrar hours. Administrator Dashield and Health Officer Grosser will reevaluate the dual role at the end of year.

SeamlessDocs Software

Health Officer Grosser shows members on the room's TV screen: a Temporary Event Request form in SeamlessDocs, a system that allows users to fill out forms and pay online. Access Princeton has chosen the Department to pilot the software for the town. Inspectors can now use it to see vendor's inspection information and payment status on their iPads. For instance, at Communiversity, the software will facilitate inspectors inspecting 70 vendors.

The Department also will have vital statistics forms in SeamlessDocs. So, the software will expedite residents receiving those forms as well as the Department keeping records of them.

Inspect2Go Software

Health Officer Grosser shows members' the new inspection software Inspect2Go. It quantifies violations. Eventually, he wants to place the violation data online when the town updates its website.

Nursing Hours

Health Officer Grosser discussed the additional nursing hours with Princeton's two public health nurses, Ms. Korwin and Ms. Nicholas. Both seem interested in taking additional hours.

Lead Inspector Training

Both nurses, Mr. Levine and Health Officer Grosser have lead inspector certification. Ms. Tsintsifas has been training to receive lead inspector certification this summer. Lead inspections last from weeks to months.

Communicable Diseases

Dr. DiFerdinando asks Health Officer Grosser if the state plans to delegate its Sexually Transmitted Infection (STD) investigations to local health departments. Mr. Grosser noted that there have been discussions with local health departments about this and it is likely it will occur prior to 2020.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Mini-Grant

The Department has been pursuing the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Official's (NJACCHO's) grant for \$1,500 to assist the Department with creating risk communication plans, continuity of operations plans, community containment for isolation and quarantine plans and Zika response plans.

6. Old Business

a. Accreditation update

Health Officer Grosser sent letters to all members, with details about the accreditation site visit in less than three months. He and Council Member Howard will invite Mayor Lempert and all members of the Board of Health and governing body.

Bloomfield remains the only accredited municipality in New Jersey.

b. Health in All Policies

Last month, Council met and discussed their goals and priorities for the year. They charged the Health Department with creating Health in All Policies. Health Officer Grosser will convene the subcommittee in April. He plans for them to bring a plan before Council by December 2017.

“Choking Game”

Council Member Howard mentions Mr. Curran's [article](#) about the “choking game” after Ms. Steiner-Sichel raised the issue at the last meeting. Dr. DiFerdinando talked with a nurse at John Witherspoon Middle School. He offered the support of the board. The school has been investigating the issue and has also communicated with parents about it.

Animal Control Services

Health Officer Grosser met with Montgomery's Health Officer last week to discuss their Animal Control services. Montgomery currently handles only health and safety threat services. The Department needs some additional coverage. For instance, bears sometime walk through town. So, Montgomery will provide an estimate of time and cost for that additional coverage.

Council (and the Animal Control Advisory Board) will assess plans for future Animal Control services. The Board can request to have input into that assessment.

Health Survey

Mr. Weiss still looks for comments on his survey. Health Officer Grosser suggests the Public Health Nurses could help with it. Mr. Weiss plans to release the survey this fall.

Conversation of Your Life

Ms. Schwimmer mentions that Dr. Volandes will give talks in three counties. She discusses the initiative's work surrounding that talk.

7. New Business

The board does not discuss new business.

8. Report from Committees

Health in All Policies

See Old Business.

9. Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

Environmental Committee

Dr. DiFerdinando and the Environmental Committee's members have not yet identified areas for collaboration.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

Ms. Steiner-Sichel reports that Princeton University feels their bystander program of students helping students has been working and reducing the number of blood alcohol incidents.

10. Closed Session (If Needed)

The committee does not enter closed session.

11. Adjournment

At 8:25, Mr. Weiss motions to adjourn. Ms. Schwimmer seconds. Committee members unanimously vote to adjourn.