

**Princeton Board of Health**

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

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

Present**Board Members:**

Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH,
Vice Chair

Meredith Hodach-Avalos,
MD

Heather Howard, JD,
Council Liaison

Steven Miller, PhD

Gregory Paulson, MS

Mona Shah, PhD

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser, MHS, HO,
REHS

Ben Strauss, Board Secretary

Guests:Absent**Board Members:**

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

JoAnn Hill, RN

Linda Schwimmer, JD

Rick Weiss, MS

Minutes submitted by Ben Strauss, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order (7:30 PM)

At 7:31 pm, Acting Chair Steiner-Sichel 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 provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act."

2. Roll Call

Acting Chair Steiner-Sichel calls roll.

3. Public Comment/Guest Speaker

Acting Chair Steiner-Sichel sees no members of the public.

4. Minutes – April 18, 2017

Ms. Hodach-Avalos moves approval of the April minutes with a correction. Ms. Shah seconds the motion. Members unanimously vote to approve the April minutes.

5. Monthly Reports

a. Princeton Public Schools Elevated Lead Levels

Health Officer Grosser reports that Princeton Public Schools had a few water fountains with elevated lead levels. He will speak tomorrow morning (May 16) at Riverside School with their principal, facilities director, environmental consultant and parents of the first grade classroom, which had a water fountain with elevated lead levels. Parents requested the meeting. Health Officer Grosser will recommend to parents that, if they have concerns, they should talk to their pediatrician and possibly have their children tested.

Health Officer Grosser spoke to Superintendent Cochrane and the Director of Facilities yesterday (May 15) afternoon about the school's next steps. They told him that the schools already have a drinking water plan. Health Officer Grosser suggested to them that Riverside switch from water fountains in classrooms to centralized, school-wide water fountains if similar water fountains that test high for lead are in multiple classrooms (even if the other classroom water test results were satisfactory).

Members discuss blood lead testing in infants. Most children have the test at one or two years of age. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines recommend testing at age one and two. Yet, not all doctors test blood lead levels. Policy varies a lot doctor by doctor in addition to practice by practice. Health Officer Grosser will check state law on the topic.

Council Member Howard asks Health Officer Grosser if, when the lower lead action levels take effect in 2018, the Department should send a letter to Princeton pediatricians. Health Officer Grosser thinks the state will also help the Department with outreach in 2018 on the new lead levels. He also mentions that, in 2014, the Department did a lot of lead outreach to pediatricians.

Ms. Hodach-Avalos suggests the Department tie lead testing to school immunization. The Department has no problem with school immunization. During Health Officer Grosser's tenure, the Princeton public schools' immunization percentages have gone from about 93 percent to about 98 percent. With the increasing nursing hours, the Department can now audit all schools for their immunization record. Members discuss that proposal.

b. Municipal Building Lead Testing

Mayor and Council asked Health Officer Grosser if anyone had tested the municipal buildings' water fountains for lead. No one had tested them so the Department conducted tests of all the drinking fixtures. Health Officer Grosser sent the 42 samples to New Jersey Analytical Labs in Ewing for testing. He will have those results by the end of the week.

c. Aunt Jemima Recall

Princeton Packet Staff Writer Curran called Health Officer Grosser about the Aunt Jemima recall for listeria. He wanted to know about a Princeton school that had thrown out a few boxes of it. Health Officer Grosser talked to him about it.

d. 2016 Health Department Report

The Department released their [2016 report](#). Health Officer Grosser distributed it to members.

e. Event Participation

The Department will participate in two upcoming events: the Health and Wellness Fair at the University tomorrow (May 17), and the Wheels Rodeo sponsored by Princeton Human Services and Princeton Police.

f. Food Inspection

The Department received over 100 temporary vendor applications over the past month for TruckFest and Communiversity. Health Officer Grosser reports no major issues in the area.

g. Animal Control (Foxes)

The Department received 11 calls in a two week period about foxes.

In discussing the future of a full-time animal control officer employed by the municipality or hiring a contractual service, Health Officer Grosser estimates that full coverage from Montgomery at about \$120,000 per year and from Princeton's own officer-salary, benefits, equipment, operating costs-at \$105,000 or \$100,000 per year.

h. Point of Distribution (POD) Planning

The Department will hold a first responder pre-planning meeting next Thursday (May 25) with the Chief of Police, Director of Emergency Services, and county and Princeton public health nurses. At the meeting, they will plan the summertime POD exercise.

i. Underage Tobacco Sale

Health Officer Grosser stated that in April, it was reported to his office that the Kiosk sold e-cigarettes to a child (under 18). The parents found it at the house, brought it back to the Kiosk to

return it, and, when the Kiosk only gave them store credit for it, the parents reported it through See-Click-Fix. The Department talked to the owner. The owner denied it. The parents recommended that the Department drop it. The Department told the Kiosk that, if it hears another report like this, it will penalize them.

In June, the Department sends old-looking, high school students to try to purchase tobacco and e-cigarette products. The Department typically has 100 percent compliance.

Health Officer Grosser mentions he has received an increase in the number of smoking complaints outside of Little Taste of Cuba. A member mentions complaints of some students vaping in the middle school bathroom. Health Officer Grosser will look into those issues.

6. Old Business

a. Accreditation update

The Department continues gathering documents. They will upload them by the end of July. So, Health Officer Grosser expects the site visit between August and October. He will have a more specific date probably next month.

b. Health in All Policies

Health Officer Grosser reports that the subcommittee had its first meeting. He has also been creating a Health in All Policies guide for other departments to review.

c. SeamlessDocs Software

Health Officer Grosser shares a map of the origin of Seamless Docs requests to the Department. Some came from Africa, Switzerland, and California. The Department used it during Communiversity.

Health Officer Grosser reports that, next, the Department will incorporate their retail food licenses. Currently, 46 vendors have not reapplied for retail food licenses. These vendors are being sent late notices and will have to submit for their licensure by the end of June. Seamless Docs will create an automatic license instead of the handmade one by the Department Registrar. Health Officer Grosser expects that to make the process more efficient.

7. New Business

a. Rider's Population Health Summit

Health Officer Grosser mentions that, on June 7, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, at Rider University, Council Member Howard will moderate a session as part of the New Jersey Department of Health's Population Health Summit. Mayor Lempert will also talk on how local leadership drives

population health improvements at a session moderated by Ms. Schwimmer. Health Officer Grosser will email registration information to members.

b. Moving to Hopewell

Mr. Paulson mentions that he will soon move to Hopewell after the birth of his third child. He wants to continue as a ‘friend of the broad’, even if he cannot serve as a member of it. He will continue to serve on the Princeton Rescue Squad. Council Member Howard requests members’ recommendations for candidates.

c. Ticks

A member asks if the Department could send a message about Lyme disease before the end of school. Members discuss Lyme disease in Princeton.

8. Report from Committees

The committee hears no reports from committees except Health in All Policies under Old Business.

9. Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

a. Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA)

Acting Chair Steiner-Sichel reports that PADA met last week. She heard that 24 arrests had been made related to marijuana and driving. She also heard about various racial issues at the middle school.

10. Closed Session (If Needed)

The committee does not enter closed session.

11. Adjournment

At 8:09 pm, Acting Chair Steiner-Sichel calls for adjournment. The committee adjourns to unanimous consent.