

**Princeton Board of Health**

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

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

Present**Board Members:**

George T. DiFerdinando, Jr.,
MD, MPH, Chair
Steven Miller, PhD
Linda Schwimmer, JD
Mona Shah, PhD
Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH,
Vice Chair
Meredith Hodach-Avalos,
MD
Heather Howard, JD,
Council Liaison

Staff:

Jeffrey Grosser, MHS, HO,
REHS
Ben Strauss, Board Secretary

Guests:

Yannai Kranzler, Health in
All Policies presenter
Moustafa Ramadan, Health
Department intern

Absent**Board Members:**

JoAnn Hill, RN
Rick Weiss, MS

Minutes submitted by Ben Strauss, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order (7:30 PM)

At 7:33 pm, Vice 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

Vice Chair Steiner-Sichel calls roll.

3. Public Comment/Guest Speaker, Yannai Kranzler, Health in all Policies in Israel

Health Officer Grosser introduces Mr. Kranzler. He worked in Israeli public health services and, while working there, researched public servants' implementation of health in all policies.

Mr. Kranzler describes his research. He wanted to understand why governments have difficulty and only limited success in implementing health in all policies. So, he used ethnographic methods like observation and conversations to study public servants at the Israeli Ministry of Health implementing the World Health Organization's Healthy Cities model (for instance, building outdoor gyms and community gardens, and legislating healthier school lunches). He described communities of motivated public servant activists who use their knowledge of the bureaucracy to overcome difficulties and start new initiatives.

Health Officer Grosser and members thank Mr. Kranzler for his presentation. Members discuss his research.

4. Minutes – June 20, 2017

Dr. DiFerdinando moves approval of the June minutes. Ms. Shah seconds the motion. Members unanimously vote to approve the June minutes.

5. Monthly Reports

a. Point of Distribution (POD) Planning Session

Health Officer Grosser reports that he, Dr. DiFerdinando, nurses, county, Emergency Safety Department, Police Department and other staff attended a meeting last month (June). Tomorrow, Health Officer Grosser, Police Chief Sutter and Office of Emergency Management Director Gregory will meet for POD site planning.

b. Animal Control

Montgomery Animal Control Services handled about 100 calls in a busy June. Their contract ends at the end of September. Then, given the number of calls, the Department wants someone in house. He expects to post the position in August and hire someone in September/October.

c. Food Inspections

The Department sent out 237 letters to retail food establishments, informing them that they can apply online for inspection licenses for the first-time. They asked for the electronic form back by mid-January.

d. Seamless Docs

The Department finished its application. It will send out letters to businesses about it.

e. Seamless Gov

Seamless Gov, another name for Seamless Docs, has become a finalist for redesigning the Princeton website. Today (July 18), they gave their second presentation to the municipality.

6. Old Business

a. Accreditation update

Health Officer Grosser reports the Department will submit its final documents next Wednesday. He expects to send an email to members next week with tentative dates for the site visit, a lunch session, probably November. He will also send a presentation with information about the visit, which members will discuss next meeting (September).

He mentions that the accreditation board provided a New Jersey only training for local health departments (for examples, Clifton, Camden and Montgomery), because of the uniqueness of New Jersey local health departments. They wanted to ask about certain documents to ensure consistency.

7. New Business

a. New Jersey Climate Adaption Alliance

Dr. DiFerdinando reports that the committee has set up a statewide meeting at Duke Farms on September 22nd, to plan for the new administration after the November election. Members discuss.

8. Report from Committees

a. Conversations of your Life

Ms. Schwimmer reports that Lawrence Public Health Officer Chamberlain has agreed to chair the Mercer County Conversations of your Life. On July 20th, they will hold a screening and facilitated conversation of *The Bucket List* at the Lawrence library.

Ms. Schwimmer mentions that an interdenominational clergy group in Mercer County will hold a coordinated day of sermons on Conversations of your Life in the fall in various locations. She will send date and locations to members.

She also says that the Quality Institute has expanded its social service search engine, Aunt Bertha, from Trenton to all of Mercer County. They might have trainings for school and Health Department nurses. Those nurses can share social service information and the Institute can track those searches. She will share training information with members.

9. Reports from Other Boards and Commissions

a. Princeton Environmental Commission

Ms. Hodach-Avalos reports that they did not have quorum so did not have an official meeting. Even so, Mr. Ramadan gave a condensed presentation on health in all policies. Council Member Quinn, Council liaison to the committee, said that he did not fully understand it before the presentation and that Mr. Ramadan should talk to other Council members one-on-one about it.

Ms. Hodach-Avalos also summarizes the rest of the meeting (see the minutes [here](#)).

10. Closed Session (if needed)

The committee does not enter closed session.

11. Adjournment

At 8:33 pm, Dr. DiFerdinando calls for adjournment. Ms. Hodach-Avalos moves adjournment. Dr. DiFerdinando seconds. The committee adjourns to unanimous consent.