

**Tobacco Free Partnership of IRC Meeting Minutes
Substance Abuse Council
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
3:30 PM to 4:45 PM**

In Attendance: people total including:

Danielle Reuter	Sam Freas	Darin Jones	Bill Staar
Faith Burkins (youth)	Natalia Arizpe (youth)	Shantell Pound (youth)	Ray Shanahan
Mary Burkins	Tina Zayas	Beth Weatherstone	Jennifer Harris
Kristen Britt	Liz Riley	Marie Blanchard	Ladell Young
Charles Stanton	Lindy Kreger		

1. Call to Order

- A. Meeting was called to order by Mary Burkins at 3:30 p.m., and introductions were made.
- B. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and the minutes were approved.
- C. Mary asked for suggestions / nominations for a Chairperson for the Partnership. Sam Freas volunteered.

2. Review and Revision of Tobacco Free Partnership By Laws

- A. The bylaws were reviewed and approved.

3. Update from DOH Regional Coordinator for CPPW – Darlene Burton

Mary Burkins gave the report as Darlene Burton was unable to attend.

- Darlene met with Indian River County Parks and Recreation Superintendent and they currently have no policies on tobacco within the parks except for the Clean Indoor Act. The County does support and utilize the Quit Smoking Now program for their employees. They are in favor for implementing a tobacco policy for the parks.
- Darlene met with the City of Vero Beach Parks and Recreation Department. They do not have any current policies on tobacco nor do they have a smoking cessation program for their employees. They are currently in the mist of hiring a new City Manager and it is not a good time to implement a tobacco policy.
- Sebastian-City Manager, City Clerk and Park and Recreations. They currently prohibit smoking in the parks and have some signs up in the parks. They are working with Tina for more signs. The City is very open to a park clean up or event as well as would like information and programs for their employees to promote tobacco free environments.

4. Update from the Health Department – Tina Zayas

- Tina said they might need funding for more signs which Mary will be able to assist with.
- North County Pool and Gifford Aquatic Center just recently put up No Smoking signs.
- Tina and Sam Freas are attending City of Sebastian Employee Fair to promote quit smoking.
- Sam will talk to Moses Santos about teaching a Spanish speaking tobacco cessation class in Fellsmere.

5. **Update on the Tobacco Citation Process – Darin Jones**

- Darin said compliance checks are being conducted about once a month. There is a 10% rate of violations in this county. He would like to increase numbers but need more money to pay the Deputies/Detectives. A memorandum of understanding between SAC and the Sheriffs Office is being reviewed.
- Sergeant Young – Supervisor of School Resource Officers said the SROs are writing citations for tobacco use. If kids get a citation they must comply or they will lose their driver's license for 30 days. The policy states there is no smoking in school buildings or athletic fields. No tobacco at all if under 18 years of age. Some consequences may be needed for visitors as well.

6. **SWAT Update – Mary Burkins.**

- Marie Blanchard and student Shantell Pound from Oslo Middle reported they have 93 members currently for SWAT and 67 attended the October 7th meeting. They showed a power point presentation on candy flavored tobacco products.
- The Great American Smoke Out is November 18th and would like to include SWAT.
- Mary reported all 4 Middle Schools now have advisors (Oslo always has.)
- Regional SWAT Training was in August. The ban of candy flavored tobacco was one of the main topics.
- SWAT will be in Halloween Parade and is looking into being involved in other activities.

7. **Update on Multi unit dwelling subcommittee**

- 35,000 people live in multi unit dwellings in Indian River County. Owners are receptive to having at least 1 smoke free building. A goal is to establish a core group of owners to talk to renters. An educational piece is needed to inform renters on benefits of smoke free housing.
- The Great American Smoke Out in November may be a great opportunity to spread this message.

8. **Open Discussion** – A sample letter about banning candy flavored tobacco was handed out.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

- The next regularly scheduled Tobacco Free Partnership meeting is *Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 3:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Substance Awareness Council, 1507 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL.*