

Tobacco Free Partnership of IRC Meeting Minutes
Substance Abuse Council
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
10:30 AM to Noon

In Attendance: people total including:

Nancy McClain	Sam Freas	Patty Oliver
Kris Giordano (youth)	Marilyn Leeds	Darin Jones
Mary Burkins	Tina Zayas	Beth Weatherstone

1. Call to Order

- A. Meeting was called to order by Nancy McClain at 10:30 a.m., and introductions were made.
- B. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed, corrections were made and the minutes were approved.

2. Update on Tobacco Grant 2010-2011

- Outcome 1.2 states that we need to work on a policy to restrict the sale of candy flavored tobacco products not covered by FDA. It also requires us to work on a policy prohibiting/limiting tobacco industry advertising in retail outlets. The state will be giving us more guidance on how to proceed with this area since the state laws always precede local laws.
- Outcome 1.3 states that we need to work on a policy to implement comprehensive tobacco control model policies in K-12 schools, including tobacco-free campuses for both students and teachers. One goal of this Outcome is to have the school district eliminate the use of free material (books, posters, etc) given by the tobacco companies.
- Beth Weatherstone, Gifford Middle School teacher and IRC Teachers' Union Representative, said that the SDIRC (School District of Indian River County) already has a smoke-free policy in all school buildings and vehicles.
- Outcome 2.1 states that we need to work on a policy to create tobacco-free multi-unit dwellings (i.e.: condominiums and apartments). One goal is to get at least two of the apartment buildings in the specific apartment complexes to go completely smoke-free. Sam Freas commented on the work he is doing in this area. He met with some apartment managers and they seem very interested in going smoke-free in some of their buildings. According to the census, there are 34, 425 people living in multi-unit dwellings in Indian River County.
- In some apartment buildings, smokers are being charged more rent due to the fact that clean-up costs after a smoker moves out are significantly higher than when a non-smoker moves out. It not against the law to refuse rent to a non-smoker or pet owner. It was suggested that we get a builder to join our partnership to help with the legislative change needed in this area.
- Outcome 3.1 states there should be increased use of cessation services. Marilyn Leeds updated us on this work. Marilyn said Indian River County has a large number of successful Quit Smoking Classes and people who are completing them. As the year progresses, the Partnership will be offering cessation classes to teachers and people living in multi-unit dwellings.
- AHEC is working on a "Quit to Win" smoking cessation program for teens. It is not being implemented yet.

- Outcome 4.1 states that we need to create and/or maintain local stand-alone tobacco-free partnerships, and Outcome 4.2 states that we create and/or maintain local Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Chapters.
3. **SWAT Update:** Mary Burkins reported the following about the SWAT chapters here in Indian River County:
 - We hope to add another SWAT chapter this year at the fourth public middle school – Storm Grove. Also, the Partnership will pay a stipend to one teacher at each middle school to be the SWAT advisor this year. This will help with the coordination of the chapters and the smooth running of their activities.
 - SWAT training was held at the end of June. It was called, “Advocating for Change”. The focus of the training was getting the teens speak effectively and confidently in public forums on tobacco policies, and prevention education.
 - Some of the SWAT students participated in an underage drinking PSA that warns adults of the consequences they face if they serve alcohol to minors.
 - Also, some SWAT students participated in two drug-prevention performances for camps this month. The first was at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The second performance was at the IRC Main Library Teen Program.
 4. **Review and Revision of Tobacco Free Partnership (TFP) By-Laws –**
 - Nancy McClain asked if anyone had any revisions or suggestions about the current By-Laws. No one gave any suggestions.
 - She asked people to look over them and bring their suggestions to the next meeting since there was not a quorum of members at this meeting. A copy of the By-Laws will be mailed to all the members for their review.
 5. **Update from the Health Department – Tina Zayas**
 - Tina met with The City of Sebastian and they are interested in cessation classes. They have employee wellness classes and a program.
 - Sebastian River Medical Center (SRMC) is going smoke-free, and they are interested in offering cessation classes. Nancy said they can notify the community through a press release.
 - Chris from the Dept of Parks and Recreation is interested in getting smoke-free signs up at the parks.
 6. **Update on the Tobacco Citation Process – Darin Jones, IRC Sheriff’s Office**
 - Outcome 1.1 states that we need to increase the number of compliance checks by enforcement agencies.
 - Nancy met with the Sheriff’s Department and other law enforcement agencies and they revised and revitalized the Tobacco Citation process. Compliance Checks (known as Tobacco Sting Checks) are being carried out in the local retail stores.
 - Darin Jones will meet with his head SRO and review the updated process so that the School Resource Officers will be encouraged to write citations once school is in session again. Darin did say that if the Sheriff’s Office catches a kid with tobacco 3 or 4 times, they can arrest him.
 7. **Formation of Subcommittees –** Nancy asked people to think about what particular policy/outcome areas they would like to help out in because we will be forming subcommittees soon.

8. **Open Discussion** – Discussion continued about the Tobacco Citation process and the particular challenges faced when dealing with adolescent smokers.
9. **Proposed Schedule for Future Meetings**
- A suggestion was made to move the meetings to each of the SWAT chapters at each school so more youth can attend.
 - Beth Weatherstone mentioned that Gerry Koziel, in Human Resources at the School District, won't be able to attend these meetings since the School Board currently meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.
- The next regularly scheduled Tobacco Free Partnership meeting is ***Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 3:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Substance Awareness Council, 1507 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL . Please note the change in time from the last meeting.***