



**Tobacco Free Partnership of
Indian River County**

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Partnership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

3:30pm – 4:40pm

United Way Board Room, 1836 14th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960



Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Opportunities Council, Head Start, Sheila McCarthy • Healthy Families of IRC, Beth Dingee • FL Department of Health, Linda Young • Substance Awareness Center Life Skills Coordinator, Christina DeFalco • Meimei Wang, Vero Beach High School SWAT Student • Quit Doc Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Leslie Spurlock
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Topic	Discussion	Action
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Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Flavored Tobacco Resolution, City of Vero Beach b. Advisory Council Youth Representatives c. SWAT Chapter Recruitment d. Great American Smoke Out 2. New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Surveillance of RYO Shops and Hookah Bars b. SWAT Club Update, VBHS, Meimei Wang c. System Changes, Video of "Free the Patio" 	
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Welcome	Introductions	
1. Old Business	<p>Everyone introduced themselves. Meimei Wang, a Vero Beach High School student attended her first Partnership meeting as the youth representative for the Partnership.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flavored Tobacco Resolution The City of Vero Beach passed a flavored tobacco resolution on September 2, 2014 with all council members voting to pass the resolution. Resolutions have been passed in the County, Sebastian, Fellsmere and Vero Beach. Next on the list will be the town of Indian River Shores because they have a 7-11 within town limits. b) Advisory Youth Council Meimei Wang and Elisia Sanchez are the 2 youth representatives for the Partnership. Humberto Parada is an alternate. Humberto and Meimei co-chair the SWAT Club at Vero Beach High School. c) SWAT Chapter Recruitment Vero Beach High School is in its 2nd year and is recruiting new members. At Oslo Middle School, SWAT and other after school clubs are not yet authorized to ride the bus transporting students staying for after school detention until it is determined that there is enough room for all students. Although this happened in September the past two years, usually by October, after school clubs were given permission to ride and could start meeting. SWAT at Oslo has missed a 2nd meeting due to 	

	<p>this issue. The Boys & Girls clubs in Fellsmere and Sebastian have new Teen Directors being trained and are not able to take on SWAT programs. Leslie offered to conduct SWAT, but the offer was declined at this time. Lack of SWAT in the north county eliminates a large segment of our diverse student population. Sebastian Officer Penn wants to recruit students for a club in Sebastian. She invited the Partnership to the Community Night Out and will work on finding a way to have SWAT in Sebastian. It's not necessary to have it at a school, but it is easier for transportation. Beth offered to contact the Imagine School. Sebastian Junior High may be interested. Youth Guidance may be an option for an additional club in Vero.</p> <p>Great American Smoke Out – November 20, 2014. Partners are stepping forward and reporting any activity being planned at their work place for the Great American Smoke Out. Health Families, Healthy Start, and Rob Johnson are already inquiring how they can incorporate it for clients. Posters in the work place, post it on Facebook, send out email blasts, and insert into online newsletters are some ways to participate. More specific material may be available closer to November and will be distributed to Partners.</p>
<p>2. New Business</p>	<p>a) Surveillance to Identify Hookah Bars and RYO Shops Partners were asked to identify any hookah bars and Roll Your Own shops. Many RYO shops closed when the federal government began taxing them as manufacturers. Cunningham's and Cork & Tappas were identified as hookah bars.</p> <p>Partners then received training and held a discussion on hookah and other products not covered by FDA Regulations.</p> <p>The CVS store manager Christina knows is trying to gain approval for a short Saturday morning celebration at this store. If this does not work out, a walk across the bridge on a Saturday morning in November is the next step. SWAT would participate and make signs thanking CVS and all other businesses we know are tobacco free. Media would be invited.</p> <p>b) SWAT Club Update Meimei Wang talked about Vero Beach High School's SWAT Club plans. SWAT marched in the Homecoming Parade and handed out reminders of the District's comprehensive tobacco policy. The group will send thank you notes to CVS and will send a letter encouraging Walgreens to follow CVS's lead and eliminate the sale of tobacco.</p> <p>c) System Changes Tobacco Free Partnerships may choose to engage in community system changes outside the scope that Quit Doc is working to achieve for the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida. Partners viewed two short videos from "Free the Patio", an initiative in New Mexico that provides recognition and seeks to increase the number of restaurants that prohibit smoking on their patios. The videos provided justification and testimonials from patrons and owners as to the success and overwhelming support for smoke free patios.</p> <p>Brief on Activities July-Dec 2014 Oct 1 – TFP meeting @ 3:30 Oct 1 – CVS Stops Selling Tobacco Oct – Relay for Life Kick Off events Oct – Partners receive brochures/posters for Great American Smoke Out work site event</p>

	Nov – Partners meet with legislators; Nov - SWAT and Partners prep for Legislative Delegation meeting in early Dec Nov – GASO Proclamation(s) with County, Fellsmere, Sebastian, Vero Beach Dec 3 – SWAT & TFP combined meeting Dec – promote at work sites New Year’s Resolution to Conquer Tobacco Addiction in 2015	
Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tobacco Free Partnership meets the first Wednesday, every even month at 3:30pm. • The next meeting is December 3, 2014. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm 	NA