

# Frederick County - Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

September 5, 2024

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## MINUTES

Members present: Todd Crum (BHS), Brandon Rhodes (BHS), Diane McIntyre (School Nurse), Avani Shah (CHS), Danielle Haskin (Health Equity), Brian Griffith (FCPS), Mathew Swinburne (LRC), Hillary Gross (BHS), Danielle Lane (CHS), Carly Schepacarter (BHS), Brooke Torton (LRC)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions/Approval of Minutes

- Todd opened the meeting at 3:00pm with welcoming remarks and asked members to sign in via the “chat”.
- The May 2024 TAC minutes were approved as submitted.

### 2. MD Dept of Health, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control Updates – No report

### 3. Legislative Updates from the Legal Resource Center

- Mathew Swinburne, Director of the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy – Cannabis, shared with the group five pieces of key cannabis legislation from the 2024 session. Additionally, Mat shared information about cannabis consumption sites which may pop up in the 2025 session. Cannabis consumption sites would require a license from the Maryland Cannabis Administration and local governments would have the authority to prohibit these businesses, further restrict smoking and vaping and set zoning restrictions.
- Mat provided the slides from his presentation. Please review for details about his presentation.
- Brooke Torton, Managing Director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, shared a couple of updates from the tobacco side of the legislative session. The Clean Indoor Air Act now prohibits vaping (also includes tobacco and cannabis). Maryland repealed the “military exemption” which had been part of the original Maryland 21 legislation. Now conforms with Federal law. Please see the slides from Brooke for more details about 2024 tobacco legislation.

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## 4. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- Brian Griffith with FCPS shared that he is now the Curriculum Specialist for Pre-K through Grade 12 Health and Physical Education. Jessica Valentine is now the Teacher Specialist Pre-K through Grade 12 Health and Physical Education.
- Carly Schepacarter with the Kids Like Us Program shared information about the 21st Annual Summer Art Show scheduled for September 5 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Delaplaine Arts Center. The art show will be on display through September.
- Danielle Haskin shared an update on the Smoke Free Holy Grounds initiative through the Tobacco, Diabetes and Chronic Disease (TDCCD) Prevention grant. Danielle shared that Apostle Larry Thomas, Founder of the Smoke Free Holy Ground initiative, will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayman AME Church in Frederick. Another presentation is tentatively scheduled for November 13. More details to follow.

## 5. Announcements

## 6. Upcoming Events

- **21st Annual Kids Like Us Art Reception**
  - i. Thursday, September 5, 2024 from 5:30pm until 8pm at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick.
- **FCC Biannual Wellness and Service Learning Fair**
  - i. Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 10am until 1pm at the FCC Student Center Cafe.
- **In The Streets**
  - i. Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 11am until 5pm on Market Street in downtown Frederick.
- **National Recovery Month – Annual Kickball Tournament**
  - i. Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 9am until 4pm at Pinecliff Park, Frederick
- **Introduction to Cannabis Science Webinar**
  - i. The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy-Cannabis and the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy are hosting a webinar on September 25th at 12pm to discuss the basics of cannabis science and the health risks and medical benefits of cannabis use. Dr. Sera, a cannabis science expert and the Co-Director of the Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, will be presenting.  
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## **Next Coalition Meeting:**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 3:00 pm (Meeting through Microsoft Teams)**