

Frederick County - Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

January 2, 2025

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Todd Crum (BHS), Brandon Rhodes (BHS), Danielle Haskin (Health Equity), Hillary Gross (BHS), Danielle Lane (CHS), Carly Schepacarter (BHS), Desiree Tucker (Women Solve), Catie LaRocca (Ft. Detrick), George Townsend (LRC), Avani Shah (CHS), Michelle Jenkins (MDH), Clifton Jackson (LWYW), Brian Griffith (FCPS), Karim Martin (HEO), Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride), Diane McIntyre (School Health), Martin Scarborough (The Frederick Center)

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 November 2024 TAC minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Legislative Updates from the Legal Resource Center

- George Townsend, Staff Attorney with the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy – Cannabis, is the point of contact for Frederick County as it relates to cannabis information from the LRC.
 - i. George shared that currently there are 6 “pre-filed” bills related to cannabis for the 2025 legislative session. Some of the bills are administrative. One main bill to watch in 2025 is the proposed on-site cannabis consumption sites bill. Currently, no on-site cannabis consumption sites exist in Maryland.
 - ii. The LRC will provide a tracking spreadsheet for any public health bills proposed in Maryland. The Tobacco and Cannabis side of the LRC will host virtual meetings to provide updates about proposed legislation.

3. Updates from MDH

- Michelle Jenkins from MDH provided an update related to documentation specific to the Tobacco Modernization Act. Local health department meetings are being conducted, and jurisdictions are being informed how to respond to new modernization act legislation.

4. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- Clifton Jackson, LWYW: Received a mini-grant through FCHD to provide tobacco merchant education. Working on completing the 200 merchant education visits.
- Martin Scarborough with the Frederick Center: Brought onboard a Peer Support Specialist. Is present in the youth programs and have offered support on substance use (2 anonymous youth) on how to quit and other guidance.
- Carly Schepacarter, KLU: KLU goes into schools and partners with counselors to provide support to youth that have family members with substance abuse concerns. KLU was just published for their recruitment procedures. Link was shared in the chat. 308 students in grades 4TH-12TH are enrolled in KLU.

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- Danielle, HEO: Jefferey from Flown In Cutz barber shop is providing tobacco education through a grant from the HEO. Flyer coming soon. Planning on doing 4 events. Second Tuesday of month for events, having quiz for free haircut. Incorporated salon to provide discount. All 6 barbers will be there. This will be hosted 4pm-6pm and will be using KAHOOT game from Stanford Toolkit.

5. FCHD Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation
 - i. The program will be participating in the upcoming Turkey Distribution event later in the month. Cessation numbers seem higher this year than last at this point in the fiscal year.
- Tobacco Merchant Education and Enforcement
 - i. The Tobacco Sales Enforcement Officer has been hired. Former police officer and currently works within the DC Metropolitan area doing red light camera enforcement. New staff member will be onboarded and operational soon.
- Substance Abuse Block Grant
 - i. Todd stated that the FCLB continues to deliver RBS trainings to alcohol licensees in the county. RBS trainings assist licensees verify age of customers and ways to spot and prevent over-service.
 - ii. The FCLB is also conducting compliance inspections of the alcohol licensees in the county.
- Tobacco, Diabetes and Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Grant
 - i. Danielle shared some information about upcoming social media campaigns.
 - ii. The HEO continues to build capacity and increase support for local NGO's.
 - iii. Any presentation requests or guest speaker opportunities, please reach out.

6. Announcements

7. Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

- [Preparing for 2025 - Tobacco Policy Updates webinar.](#)
 - i. A free webinar on the Maryland legislative process and what is anticipated in 2025.
 - ii. Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 - iii. To register, click on the hyperlink above.

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- [SAMHSA's 21st Prevention Day!](#)

This free event is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at the National Harbor, MD. This event brings together prevention professionals, advocates, leaders and consumers to share innovative strategies, policies, programs, practices, and research.

- [Stanford Medicine – 6th Annual Teaching Cannabis Awareness and Prevention Virtual Conference](#)

April 9 – 10, 2025. This conference is anyone working with youth to learn about the latest research on youth and their use of cannabis, e-cigarettes, and other drugs, including reasons for use, health effects, and the latest available lessons for teaching cannabis (and other drug) education and prevention to elementary-, middle-, and high school-aged youth.

8. Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 3:00 pm (Meeting through Microsoft Teams)

9. Meeting Adjourned: 3:41pm.