

# Frederick County - Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

March 6, 2025

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## MINUTES

Members present: Todd Crum (BHS), Brandon Rhodes (BHS), Danielle Haskin (Health Equity), Hillary Gross (BHS), P.J. Miller (BHS), Brooke Torton (LRC), Jacquelyn Ellis (LRC), Patrick Koogle (Frederick Keys), Danielle Lane (CHS), Desiree Tucker (Women Solve), George Townsend (LRC), Avani Shah (CHS), Michelle Jenkins (MDH), Karim Martin (HEO), Jeffrey Bowie (Flown in Cutz)

### 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 January 2025 TAC minutes were approved as submitted.

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

- Brooke Torton and Jacquelyn Ellis (LRC) shared tobacco and alcohol legislative updates with the coalition to include:
  - i. SB108 and HB804 (Multifamily Dwellings – Smoking Policies). SB108 applies to condos and co-ops of 4 units or more that are owned or rented. Includes restrictions on all smoking and vaping and requires a policy at least as stringent as the CIAA plus local restrictions.
  - ii. HB1318 (SB934): Alcoholic Beverages – Premium Cigar Lounge License. Establishes a Class C-PCL (premium cigar lounge) alcoholic beverages license for use in conjunction with other tobacco product retailer license. Would authorize a local licensing board to issue the license and exempt a holder of the license from the Clean Indoor Air Act. The licensee must sell premium cigars and pipe tobacco, which must be 60% of the licensee’s daily receipts.
  - iii. HB1379: Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Retail Establishments. Would allow an establishment that functions as a food retailer, pharmacy, or retail service station selling gasoline, diesel fuel, or offering electric vehicle charging to purchase a Class A license—allowing licensees to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption.
  - iv. SB824: Alcoholic Beverages - Prohibition on Class A Licenses for Chain Stores, Supermarkets, and Discount Houses – Repeal. This would repeal a prohibition on board of license commissioners from issuing Class A alcoholic beverages license, allowing licensees to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption, to chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses.
- George Townsend, Staff Attorney with the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy – Cannabis, shared the following cannabis bill information:
  - i. HB132 - Onsite consumption and cannabis events. Limits applicants for on-site consumption establishments to social equity applicants; authorizes local governments to limit hours of on-site consumption establishments; authorizes on-site consumption businesses to repackage and process cannabis and cannabis products in compliance with existing packaging and processing laws. Establishes a category of cannabis products

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called "cannabinoid beverages" which are limited to 5 mg THC servings; establishes a cannabis event registration, which can be granted by the MCA to allow holders to hold cannabis events or operate a restricted area for cannabis consumption within a larger event; establishes vendor permits allowing a holder to sell or distribute cannabis products at cannabis events; allows local governments to prohibit or restrict cannabis events.

- ii. HB1377 - Repeals the prohibition on outdoor cannabis advertising and instead prohibits advertising within 500 feet of substance use treatment facilities, schools, childcare facilities, and other sensitive locations. Authorizes cannabis licensees to submit a proposed advertisement to the MCA for prereview before the advertisement is published.
- iii. HB12/SB214 – Expands ATCC to regulate unlawful hemp products. Authorizes the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of rules prohibiting the sale of Delta-8 or Delta-10 tetrahydrocannabinol to individuals under 21 years old. Authorizes the Executive Director to seize, destroy, or confiscate THC product that is offered or displayed for sale in a location not appropriately licensed and that does not comply with packaging, labelling, potency, and advertising requirements; prohibits the sale or distribution of products that contain THC or are advertised as containing THC that violate potency, packing, labeling, or advertising requirements.
- iv. See the [LRC Bill tracker](#) for updates on bills.

## 3. Updates from MDH

- Michelle Jenkins from MDH stated that their review of mid-year reports is complete. MDH CRF office is conducting site visits and the FY26 CRF application guidance is currently under review.
  - i. MDH is requiring at least one community coalition meeting be in person. The May 2025 TAC meeting will be a hybrid (in-person and virtual) meeting.

## 4. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- Danielle Haskin (HEO) - Continuing to fund 3 mini-grants. Site visit are being conducted. Connected Karina with "Live In Color" LGBTQ+ project.
- Desiree Tucker (Women Solve) - Preparing to shoot campaign w/ YET students. Participating in poster campaign. Kicking off w/ previews on the 12th of March till May 31 (World No Tobacco Day). Putting up posters and doing social media postings. 2 new YET enrollees.
  - i. Tobacco Merchant education visits also being conducted.
- Jeffrey (Flown in Cutz Barbershop) - Free haircuts w/ tobacco quiz. Every 2nd Tuesday. Continuing to use the Standford Toolkit. If quiz is passed, the youth gets a free haircut.

## 5. FCHD Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation
  - i. Boys and Girls Club of Frederick County to receive a tobacco use prevention mini-grant to be used within their middle school program.

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- ii. Sponsorships of the “Zeta’s Have a Heart” event, Girls on the Run 5K and the Frederick Pride event are underway.
- iii. Cessation services presentation to Catoctin View and Catoctin Manor in late March.
- iv. Cessation services continue to engage new participants at a steady rate.
- Tobacco Merchant Education and Enforcement
  - i. Women Solve and Living Well Youth Works continue their tobacco merchant education visits. Each partner has 200 merchants to educate before June 30.
- 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.
  - iii. KLU Program continues to offer educational support programs to students in grades 4-12. Families w/ SUD. Helping youth to learn and cope w/ situations and build resilience.

## 6. Announcements

- Avani Shah (BCCP) - March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Wear Blue Day tomorrow and doing a walk. CRC provides free cancer screenings for those who meet criteria.

## 7. Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

- [\*\*Spring Webinar: Cannabis Advertising in Maryland\*\*](#)
  - i. March 20, 2025
  - ii. 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
  - iii. Discussion of Maryland’s cannabis advertising laws and the important public health interests they protect.
- [\*\*19th Annual Maryland Tobacco Control and Resource Center’s “Best Practices Conference”\*\*](#)
  - i. March 27, 2025
  - ii. 8:45 am - 3:00 pm (8:00am registration/breakfast)
  - iii. Sheraton Baltimore Washington Airport Hotel, 1100 Old Elkridge Landing Rd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
- [\*\*Stanford Medicine – 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

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*Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm . This meeting will be held in-person and virtually through Microsoft Teams*

9. Meeting Adjourned: 3:53pm.