

# **Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting**

Frederick County Health Department

January 9, 2020

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

## **MINUTES:**

**Members present:** Peter Brehm (The Frederick Center), Shanna Cline (Frederick Health), Todd Crum (FCHD); Danielle Haskin (Community member), Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC), Laura LaMotte (FCHD); Bob Lind (FCLB); Marge Rosensweig (RMA, Inc.), Dawn Shugars (FCLB), Diane McIntyre (FCHD- School Health), Suzanne DeVore Blair (BGCFC), Cpl. Jeremy Tindal (MSP), DFC Brian Stocks (FCSO), Teresa Cevallos (Hood), Andrew Klein (Frederick Keys), Thurmond Maynard (Hood College), Kylie Doherty (FCHD) Nancy Boyd (AACF), and Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride).

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. The minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting were approved.

### **2. FY20 Marketing/Communication Plan**

- a. Coalition members were shown the [Stay In The Know](#) Substance Abuse Prevention website and possible new images for the Opioid prevention website.
- b. Feedback was provided on Opioid page re-design and images.
- c. A suggestion was made to make treatment information more prominent, possibly on the home page in addition to the resource page.

### **3. E-cigarette Updates**

- a. Frederick County joins class-action lawsuit against Juul. In November 2019, Frederick County signed onto the litigation against Juul. The lawsuit alleges misleading advertising practices to attract underage users.
- b. Proposed Coalition resolution to ban the sale of vaping products. It has been proposed that the coalition draft a resolution to ban the sale of vaping products in Frederick County. Peter Brehm has offered his assistance with this process.
- c. Federal Law changed to 21 to buy tobacco products. On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation to raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products to 21. It is now illegal for a retailer to sell tobacco- including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes- to anyone under 21. FDA will provide additional details on the issue as they become available.
  - i. There was no grandfathering clause.
  - ii. No military exceptions- this federal law does supersede the state law so the military exemption is no longer valid in MD.
- d. Flavored Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs)/Vape Products
  - i. FDA released guidance explaining the agency's new approach to regulating ESDs with regards to flavors effective February 2, 2020.
  - ii. The guidance prohibits the manufacturing, distribution, and sales of:
    - i. Any flavored, cartridge based ESDs other than menthol or tobacco flavor,

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- ii. All ESDs for which the manufacturer has not taken adequate measures to prevent minors' access and;
- iii. ESDs targeted to minors or likely to promote the use of ESDs by minors.
- iv. All flavors are permitted for tanks systems (unless violate youth targeting prevision).
- e. Maryland Tobacco laws for 2020 Legislative session
  - i. HB3: Business Regulation- Flavored Tobacco Products- Prohibition
    - i. Prohibits the manufacturing, shipping, importing, or selling of flavored tobacco products in MD
    - ii. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$1000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both
    - iii. Economic Matters and Health Government Operations Committees
    - iv. Emergency bill- effective upon enactment
  - ii. SB54: Electronic Smoking Devices- Added Flavoring- Prohibition on Shipping, Import or Sale
    - i. Prohibits shipping, importing or selling any ESD to which an artificial or natural flavoring, other than tobacco, is added to impart a particular aroma or taste
    - ii. Finance Committee
    - iii. Emergency Bill- effective upon enactment
- f. Coalition members who are interested in receiving updates about the Maryland Legislation can ask to be on the Legal Resource Center (LRC) distribution by contacting Blair Inniss at [binniss@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:binniss@law.umaryland.edu)
- g. A list of updated resources regarding e-cigarettes and vaping was distributed.
- h. Nancy suggested including the Maryland Poison Control Center as another resource for helpful information on e-cigarettes and vaping.

4. Tobacco and Alcohol Merchant Update

- a. Brunswick Police Department conducted an alcohol compliance check operation on November 20, 2019. There were 6 businesses checked. There were no sale to minor violations referred to the Frederick County Liquor Board.
- b. A hearing is scheduled for January 13, 2020, for the sales to minor violations from the last operation conducted by the Maryland State Police; all hearings are open to the public.
- c. There were 18 tobacco sales compliance inspections completed by the Thurmont Police Department and Brunswick Police Department. Of the 18 businesses checked, 16 passed and 2 were issued civil citations for non-compliance with state law.
- d. The results from these compliance checks will be published in the quarterly press release distributed by FCHD.

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- e. The list of the businesses checked can be found on the Frederick County Health Department's website by visiting:  
<https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/557/Merchant-Compliance-Initiative>

## 5. Coalition Revisited

- a. The coalition was asked if there is additional information/resources they would like to have provided at the meetings.
- b. Danielle Haskin asked if there were resources available for youth to make substance abuse prevention activities interactive and engaging.
- c. Coalition members provided various suggestions, including the importance of peer to peer education.
- d. Laura will send out an updated list of available resources regarding drunk/distracted driving for community and school events.
- e. Teresa Cevallos suggested having information about local substance abuse resources; Todd and Laura will explore having someone from FCHD- Behavioral Health provide a brief presentation about available resources at the next meeting.

## 6. Upcoming Events

- a. Dinner and Speaker Series Event (January 16, 2020).
- b. MD Quit Conference (January 30, 2020) - transportation will be provided from the Frederick County Health Department if anyone is interested in carpooling.
- c. Hood College Spring Safety Event (TBD- first week of March).
- d. Kick Butts Day (March 18).
- e. Kids Like Us 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference (March 23<sup>rd</sup>).
- f. National Drug Alcohol Facts Week (March 30-April 5) - this used to be held during the last week of January.

## 7. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- a. Update from Danielle Haskin
  - i. Danielle provided information about "Teen Nights" at the Elks Club in downtown Frederick. This event provides a safe place for kids to hang out.
- b. Update from Thurmond Maynard/Teresa Cevallos (Hood College)
  - i. Spring Break Safety Event will be held the first week of March before Spring Break on 3/7/20 to 3/15/20.
  - ii. Invitation to participate in this event will be sent to the coalition.
  - iii. MD Collaborative came to Hood to present data regarding the most recent alcohol survey.

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iv. Data showed a majority of students reported not drinking alcohol.

c. Update from Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride)

- i. SOS Safe Ride recently won a \$30,000 award from the Impact Club.
- ii. With this additional funding, free rides were provided on Thanksgiving Eve and New Year's Eve.
- iii. 130 rides were given on New Year's Eve.
- iv. SOS Safe Ride has provided 12,000 rides since it started in 2015.
- v. All drivers are volunteers.

d. Update from Dawn Shugars (FCLB)

- i. Dawn informed the Coalition of a meeting with the State Comptroller's Office where she presented her creation of a Responsible Beverage Service training called Safe Alcohol Services (SAS). This training incorporates more information on preventing over-service. She is waiting for approval from the State.
- ii. Dawn reported she trained 983 individuals in the TIPS classes in 2019.
- iii. The Liquor Board currently only has 2 members, they are awaiting a third member to be appointed by the Governor.

e. Update from Nancy Boyd (AACF)

- i. Asian American Center of Frederick has relocated to the shopping center off McCain Drive and W. Patrick Street.
- ii. The office is in a larger space with rooms available to accommodate community meetings.

f. Update from Suzanne DeVore-Blair (Boys and Girls Club)

- i. Boys and Girls Club of America has a new substance abuse curriculum that will be released soon.
- ii. Suzanne is involved in the Frederick County Teen Coalition and Youth Advisory Council (includes youth from 5 city schools), she will reach out to the youth to see if there is any interest in participating in the TAC Coalition.
- iii. Frederick County Teen Coalition is updating the local Youth Resource Guide through Frederick County Parks and Recreation and Frederick Police Department.

## **Next Coalition Meeting:**

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Frederick County Health Department