

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Frederick County Health Department

March 5, 2020

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

MINUTES:

Members present: Todd Crum (FCHD), Ofc. Brian Donovan (TPD), Blair Inniss (LRC), 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), DFC Brian Stocks (FCSO), Nancy Boyd (AACF), Katie McKeever (AACF), Dorcas Thuki (AACF), Avani Shah (FCHD), Many Remmel (MHSO), Cpl. Jacki Druktenis (BPD), and Brian Griffith (FCPS).

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. The minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Local Substance Abuse Treatment and Resources (Guest Speaker- Jessica Chausky, Frederick County Health Department)

- a. [Local Substance Abuse Treatment Resources brochure](#) were provided for individuals in need of substance abuse services.
- b. If an individual has insurance, contact the phone number listed on the back of the insurance card for a referral to services.
- c. Call the Frederick County Health Department, Behavioral Health Services at 301-600-1755, peers are available to assist individuals and provide transportation to treatment if needed.
- d. DUI education classes are not covered by insurance.
- e. There was a question about the [Kids Like Us](#) program and the schools that currently offer the program. See [link](#) for the list of current schools.

3. E-cigarette Updates

- a. At the January TAC meeting, Peter Brehm proposed that the coalition draft a resolution to ban the sale of vaping products in Frederick County.
- b. Blair Inniss with Legal Resource Center provided information about the differences between a resolution and an ordinance.
- c. A resolution:
 - i. Needs a sponsor from the County Council and would need to be presented to the County Council.
 - ii. Does not require a public hearing.
 - iii. Doesn't carry the weight of enforcement.
 - iv. Would require the support of the Health Officer.
- d. An ordinance is an enforceable legal document that would require a hearing from the County Council. It also would need support from the Health Officer and the public.
- e. A poll will be sent out to the Coalition to vote whether or not there is support to proceed with a resolution to ban the sale of vaping products in Frederick County.

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- f. Nancy suggested we use the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy as our guide.
- g. 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.

4. Tobacco and Alcohol Merchant Update

- a. Maryland State Police conducted an alcohol compliance check operation on February 7, 2020. There were 18 businesses checked, 3 sales to minor violations were referred to the Frederick County Liquor Board.
- b. Thurmont Police Department conducted an alcohol compliance check operation on February 10, 2020. There were 8 businesses checked. There were no sales to minor violations.
- c. There were 20 tobacco sales compliance inspections completed by the Frederick County Health Department in January and February. Of the 20 businesses checked, all 20 passed. No citations were issued for non-compliance.
- d. The results from these compliance checks will be published in the quarterly press release distributed by FCHD.
- 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>
- f. FCHD is working with local agencies to provide tobacco merchant education regarding new laws and tools available.

5. 2018 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Data

- a. The 2018 YRBS data is now available.
- b. The YRBS was administered in Fall 2018 to all 10 Frederick County High Schools and 10 Middle Schools.
- c. YRBS data link for Maryland results:
<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/ccdpc/Reports/Pages/YRBS2018.aspx>

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- d. YRBS data link for Frederick County results:
<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/ccdpc/Reports/Pages/YRBS2018.aspx#Frederick>
- e. Data highlights include a decrease of the reported current use of alcohol.
- f. Tobacco use is trending down, except for Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD) which has increased.
- g. FCPS is looking to add education regarding e-cigarettes in elementary schools.
- h. Discussion regarding risk behaviors and sexual identities.
- i. The next YRBS will most likely be administered in November/December of 2020.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Kick Butts Day (March 18), this is now called "[Take Down Tobacco Day](#)".
- b. National Drug Alcohol Facts Week (March 30-April 5)
 - a. This used to be held during the last week of January.
 - b. Event is hosted by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#)
 - c. Todd will send Brian information for FCPS.
- c. April is Alcohol Awareness Month.

7. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- a. Update from Dawn Shugars/Bob Lind (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 received approval from the State but is waiting on a permit.
 - ii. Bob stated that merchants that sell MD Lottery tickets have a scanner that can scan a customer's ID and show their age and date of birth.
- b. Update from Avani Shah (FCHD- Community Health)
 - i. Colorectal Cancer Screening program receives some funding from CRF.
 - ii. The program recently had a site visit.
 - iii. 76 coloscopies have been conducted since July 2019 to date.
 - iv. Avani is attending a Community Health Fair on Saturday 3/7/20 at Asbury United Methodist Church.
- c. Update from Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC)
 - i. WIC participants have an e-Wic card and app.
 - ii. The app can be used to scan food to see if eligible under the WIC Program.
 - iii. WIC staff conduct checks on stores to ensure food is being checked out at the register properly.

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- iv. New regulation restricts unused formula to be redistributed to participants, therefore WIC is donating unused formula to Community Action Agency.
- d. Update from Nancy Boyd (AACF)
 - i. Asian American Center of Frederick currently has two Frostburg (BSN) nursing students working under Nancy.
 - ii. April is Minority Health Month.
 - iii. Upcoming events for AACF include:
 - 1. 4/18- YMCA Kids Healthy Day
 - 2. 5/2- Asian Heritage Festival
 - 3. 6/21- Tai Festival
- e. Update from Suzanne DeVore-Blair (Boys and Girls Club)
 - i. Boys and Girls Club of America participated in the National Day of Advocacy.
 - 1. Maryland had 9 meetings
 - 2. BCG asked for more funding in schools for after school programs for lower grades.
- f. Update from Mandy Remmell (Maryland Highway Safety Office- MHSO)
 - i. Mandy presented at the YMCA Teen Talks on January 22 about distracted driving, 22 students attended.
 - ii. She was asked to conduct a parent talk presentation about this topic.
 - iii. Working with Urbana High School to have an education safety day.
 - iv. MHSO will be implementing a new Impaired Driving Campaign in May.
 - v. MHSO offers in-school presentations and hands-on activities for students regarding distracted driving. Ofc. Stocks and Diane stated they have passed along the information to their principals to contact.
- g. Update from Blair Innis (Legal Resource Center)
 - i. The Office of the Comptroller “Enforcement of EDS” webinar on 3/6/20.
 - ii. Annual Meeting of Local Tobacco Control Coordinators will be held on 4/28/20, Coalition members are welcome to attend.

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iii. Current MD Legislation includes HB732- this bill would apply the "tobacco tax" to electronic smoking devices. *This bill has been amended since date of TAC Meeting, see below for updated information as of 3/11/2020:*

- \$10,000,000 in the annual budget in appropriations for tobacco funding in FYs 2013-2021
- \$12,500,000 in tobacco funding for FY 2022 and each year thereafter
- Open ESD means an ESD that has a tank, reservoir, or other container for vaping liquid that can be manually filled and refilled with vaping liquid
- The sales and use tax rate for open ESD is 12%
- Revenue from the sales and use tax on open ESDs go to The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund (education)
- The tobacco tax rate for cigarettes is \$3 for each package of 20 cigarettes and 15 cents for each cigarette in a package of more than 20 cigarettes (changed from \$2.00 and 10 cents, respectively)
- The tobacco tax rate for OTP is 50% of the wholesale price of the product (changed from 30%)

Of note:

- Cigars and premium cigar tax rates are unchanged
- Open Closed ESDs (like JUUL) are not mentioned in the bill
- The bill is about to have its 3rd reading in the House before it needs to crossover to the Senate.

h. Update from Brian Griffith (FCPS)

- i. Brian is attending the MD Quit State Local Training on 4/2/20.
- ii. FCHD has been working with FCPS (Frederick High School) and Frederick Community College's Hospitality Program to incorporate TIPS training in their curriculum. MSPF funding will be used to have 3 instructors become certified TIPS trainers.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, May 7th at the Frederick County Health Department