

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting
Frederick County Health Department/ Virtual Format
July 2, 2020
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

MINUTES:

Members present: Todd Crum (FCHD), Laura LaMotte (FCHD), Esther Slack-Metellus (AACF), Marge Rosensweig (RMA, Inc.), Dawn Shugars (FCLB), Diane McIntyre (FCHD- School Health), Mandy Remmel (MHSO), Cpl. Jacki Druktenis (BPD), Nina Carr (Hood), PJ Miler (FCHD), Jessica Dayal FCHD- Safe Kids), Wayne Dorsey (SOS Saferide), Brooke Torton (LRC), and Julinda Massey (MDH).

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. The minutes from the March 5, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. Tobacco and Alcohol Merchant Update
 - a. Two community organizations (Asian American Center of Frederick and Living Well Youth Works) were awarded community mini-grants to provide education to tobacco merchants.
 - b. Tobacco and Alcohol compliance checks are currently on hold, checks will resume once guidance from the State is received regarding any additional safety protocols.
3. FY21 Tobacco and Alcohol Update
 - a. The plan is to continue the current strategies with adjustments as needed due to COVID.
 - b. Tobacco merchant education will continue, with the goal to educate all merchants during FY21.
 - c. Funding for Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework (MSPF) ends on September 30, 2020.
 - d. Laura LaMotte has a new position of the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF)/Tobacco Sales Compliance Program Manager.
 - e. There will be a continued focus on alcohol prevention using Prevention Block Grant funds as possible.
 - f. PJ Miller provided an update regarding Cessation Services, he is exploring new delivery methods of services to clients. There is a challenge of reaching clients who do not have access to phones and clients in the Detention Center.
4. Alternative Ways to Deliver Programs/Services Discussion
 - a. We had a group discussion regarding current methods used to deliver programs due to cancelled community events.
 - b. Mandy Remmel discussed Maryland Highway Safety Organization is currently providing seminars online, using the GoToMeeting platform. The attendance has varied based on the subject. Any coalition members interested in being on the distribution list can contact her directly.

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- c. Jessica Dayal stated that Safe Kids Frederick County is currently conducting virtual appointments for car seat safety checks.
 - d. Dawn Shugars with the FCLB started to conduct merchant education virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform.
5. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members
- a. Update from Dawn Shugars (FCLB)
 - i. Dawn informed the Coalition that the State Comptroller's Office approved her Responsible Beverage Service training called Safe Alcohol Services (SAS). This training incorporates more information on preventing over-service.
 - ii. The SAS training is currently being conducted virtually and in-person on location per request.
 - b. Update from Jessica Dayal (FCHD- Safe Kids Frederick County)
 - i. Currently conducting virtual car seat checkup appointments.
 - ii. A [flyer](#) was shared regarding an upcoming event in collaboration with the Maryland Highway Safety Office for car seat checks on September 25, 2020, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Frederick Motor Vehicle Administration.
 - c. Update from Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride)
 - i. Plan to open on July 15, 2020, on Friday and Saturdays.
 - ii. Pump Your Brakes Booth plan to resume in September.
 - iii. Working with a vendor to create signs to be placed in restaurants with messages for costumers on ways to stay safe.
 - d. Update from Brooke Torton (Legal Resource Center)
 - i. Hosted a series of webinar regarding Tobacco Legislation Updates.
 - ii. Link to webinars will be made available.
 - e. Update from Julinda Massey (Maryland Department of Health)
 - i. Program budgets are due first and then narratives will be due.
 - ii. The State is allowing for extensions if needed.
 - f. Update from Mandy Remmell (Maryland Highway Safety Office- MHSO)
 - i. Mid-year grants will be awarded after October 1st.
 - ii. MHSO offers grants to organizations working on traffic-related programs- could include impaired driving.

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- iii. She would like to see a program focused on increased alcohol consumption during this time period due to individuals staying home and drinking more.
- g. Update from Nina Carr (Hood College)
 - i. Nina works with Hood College's Violence Prevention Program and is on the Board of Directors for the Frederick Center.
 - ii. Hood College is planning to bring students back to campus in August.
- h. Update from Esther Slack-Metellus (Asian American Center of Frederick)
 - i. Visited 50 tobacco merchants to provide education.
 - ii. Community Health Workers were enthusiastic to work with merchants on the Tobacco Education program.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, September 3rd
(Location- TBD)