

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Frederick County Health Department/ Virtual Format

September 3, 2020

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

MINUTES:

Members present: Julinda Massey (MDH), Suzanne DeVore-Blair (BGCF), Shanna Cline (FHH), Laura LaMotte (FCHD), Esther Slack-Metellus (AACF), Marge Rosensweig (RMA, Inc.), Dawn Shugars (FCLB), Mandy Rimmel (MHSO), Teresa Cevallos (Hood), PJ Miller (FCHD), Blair Innis, and Julinda Massey (MDH).

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. The minutes from the July 2, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Tobacco and Alcohol Merchant Education/Enforcement Update
 - a. Tobacco and Alcohol compliance checks are currently on hold; checks will resume once guidance from the State is received regarding any additional safety protocols.
 - b. Enforcement Officer Update:
 - i. Lauren Sinay who worked part-time as the Enforcement Officer for the Tobacco Sales Compliance Program has resigned.
 - ii. The Enforcement Officer position is now open and posted on the FCHD website- for details and to apply, go [here](#).
 - iii. This position is responsible for conducting tobacco merchant compliance checks and education visits.
 - c. Merchant Education Update:
 - i. FCHD is offering two community mini-grants to fund two community organizations to provide education to tobacco merchants regarding the laws related to tobacco sales, including e-cigarettes.
 - ii. The mini-grant announcement is posted on the FCHD website, see link: <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/553/Prevention-Programs>
 - iii. The deadline for application for this mini-grant is Monday, September 28, 2020.

3. FY21 Tobacco and Alcohol Program Update
 - a. Alcohol
 - i. Collaborating with the Frederick County Liquor Board (FCLB) to provide educational materials for merchants, including a calendar with the legal date of sale for alcohol and tobacco.
 - ii. Partnering with SOS Safe Ride to collect data from their *Pump Your Break* Booths regarding breathalyzer results.
 - b. Tobacco
 - i. Educational presentations are now offered in a virtual format, please feel free to contact us if you have the need for a presentation for your organization.

4. Tobacco Cessation Update
 - a. Cessation classes are now offered virtually or support is available by phone. Registration for these classes is now available online (see link below).

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- b. Nicotine Replace Therapy (NRT) is available and NRT pick-up is being offered to clients with a drive-through style option.
 - c. This link has information about our tobacco program, resources and online registration were clients can sign-up for services. PJ Miller's contact information is also on this page. <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/558/Tobacco-Prevention-and-Cessation-Program>
5. Upcoming Events
- a. Recovery's GOT Talent (Virtual)- September 10, 2020
 - i. September is National Recovery month- CORE (Adult Recovery Services) is hosting a virtual talent show. Please pass this information along to anyone who is in recovery and interested in participating.
 - b. Overdose Response Training (Virtual)
 - i. Jenna Harrison (FCHD) who conducts the Overdose Response Training/Narcan training is now conducting this training virtually.
 - ii. Further information regarding this training can be found [here](#).
6. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members
- a. Update from Dawn Shugars (Frederick County Liquor Board)
 - i. Merchant education training is being offered virtually –Safe Alcohol Services (TIPS)/ ID Training.
 - ii. Met with FCHD and representatives from SureScan regarding ID Scanners to detect fake IDs for use by the Liquor Inspectors; currently waiting for approval from the State regarding funding for the purchase of these devices.
 - iii. There was a question regarding Hookah lounges and the Clean Indoor Air Act, Blair will research this issue and provide information to the FCLB.
 - b. Update from Blair Innis (Legal Resource Center)
 - i. Upcoming webinar on October 6, 2020- topics will include the 2020-2021 legislative session, FDA update on vapes, quitting because of COVID (the links between smoking and COVID) and updates from the Maryland Department of Health.
 - c. Update from Julinda Massey (Maryland Department of Health)
 - i. Completed FY20 Annual Reports/Data and reviewing FY21 Grants.
 - d. Update from Danielle Lane (WIC)
 - i. Working with clients virtually and making referrals.
 - ii. Inquired about the incentives (such as gift card) for pregnant women who sign up for the Quitline Fax to Assist program.
 - iii. Julinda will reach out to her contact at MDH to provide any updates regarding that program.

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- e. Update from Suzanne DeVore-Blair (Boys and Girls Club)
 - i. Burke Street location open (7:30 am – 6:00 pm) assisting students with virtual learning.
 - ii. Currently operating at reduced capacity- went from 90 participants to 22.
 - iii. Hiring both full-time and part-time positions.

- f. Update from Ester Slack-Metellus (Asian American Center)
 - i. Working with the Community Action Agency and the Rescue Mission to distribute food to the Westside of town.
 - ii. Conducting programs virtually and collaborating with Kaiser on virtual presentations.
 - iii. As the MOTA vendor, they continue to work on conducting virtual presentations about youth prevention.

- g. Update from Teresa Cevallos (Hood College)
 - i. Inquired about Recovery Month banners or flyers to promote on campus.
 - ii. Students back on campus with a strong focus on COVID safety.

- h. Update from Shanna Cline (Frederick Health Hospital)
 - i. Conducting patient education virtually.
 - ii. The focus has been on the inpatient population.
 - iii. Working on setting up virtual cessation classes using the Webex platform.
 - iv. 6-week cessation program will start on September 22nd, classes will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. There will be a drive-thru style pick-up for NRT.

- i. Update from Marge Rosensweig (RMA, Inc.- Program Evaluator)
 - i. The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy will be releasing the 2020 Maryland Young Adults Survey (MYSA) in September.
 - ii. This online survey obtains data regarding drinking frequency and other behaviors for young adults ages 18-25.

- j. Update from Mandy Rimmell (Maryland Department of Transportation)
 - i. MDOT just launched its new campaign “Be The Driver”. The first run of the campaign is Impaired Driving focused.
 - ii. They just launched radio ads (Spotify, Pandora, etc.) and Snapchat and then will expand to social media.
 - iii. The goal is to bring awareness to plan ahead to “Be the Sober Driver”. Using rideshare, designated drivers, etc. The social media toolkit will be shared with their partners once it’s available.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, November 5th at 3:00 pm (Meeting will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams)