

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

September 2, 2021

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MINUTES:

Members present: Elizabeth Chung (AACF), Shanna Cline (FHH), Todd Crum (FCHD- BHS), Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride), Kris Fair (Frederick Center), Christina Gregory (FCHD- BHS), Brian Griffith (FCPS), Laura LaMotte (FCHD- BHS), Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC), Rokhaya Mbengue (AACF), Amy McGreevy (FCHD- BHS), Diane McIntyre (FCPS), Thurmond Maynard (Hood College), PJ Miller (FCHD- BHS), Elly Sedita (AACF), Nate Smith (FCHD- BHS) and Apichaya Stieve (AACF).

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting were approved.

2. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- a. Update from Shanna Cline (Frederick Health Hospital- FHH)
 - i. FHH- Inpatient support resumed in June.
 - ii. New smoking cessation begins Thursday, September 9th with physical distancing and masks requirement.
 - iii. They are collaborating with inpatient screenings/lung cancer screenings and partners and sharing Health Department information.
 - iv. FHH continues to fill staffing gaps with critical patient care. The Bridges Lay Health Community Educator Program will resume this month.
 - v. Shanna will be presenting alongside Thoracic Surgeon, Dr. Maurice Smith on tobacco-based products, combustible and electronic. Discussing risks, cessation strategies, and treatment options for detected lung cancer and education on chronic lung diseases such as Asthma and COPD.
- b. Update from Elizabeth Chung (Asian American Center of Frederick- AACF)
 - i. AACF working with a Health Literacy campaign including nicotine prevention/smoking cessation.
 - ii. They are working on a multi-lingual and low-literacy campaign.
 - iii. Hosting the Community Health Fair on October 30th at the Frederick Health Village, attendance will be limited to 300 people due to COVID.
- c. Update from Brian Griffith (Frederick County Public Schools- FCPS)
 - i. ASPIRE online digital toolkit for nicotine prevention is set to begin in the High Schools at the end of September.
 - ii. This will be used at the High School level for the first intervention for students who violate the tobacco policy.

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- d. Update from Kris Fair (Frederick Center)
 - i. The Frederick Center – Kings, Queens and Vaccines Event over the summer was a success.
 - ii. The new Community Center at 322 West Patrick in Downtown Frederick opened with expanded hours upcoming.
 - iii. They are hiring 3 more employees, including HIV Coordinator and Events and Outreach Coordinator.
- e. Update from Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride)
 - All of the anti-drunk driving programs are back in full swing, and as of July, the SOS Safe Ride program has officially surpassed 15,000 Total Rides home in Frederick County.
 - They partnered with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to expand the Pump Your Brakes Booth, starting in 2022. They plan to expand the program to 4 times per month, up from 2.
- f. Update from Thurmond Maynard (Hood College)
 - The campus smoke-free policy continues.
 - There are no recent issues with tobacco products since school has started.
- g. Update from Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC)
 - They are back in the office and seeing some WIC participants in-person for appointments.
 - The waivers that are in place until mid-November continue to allow the option to provide benefits over the phone for about 50% of our appointments.

3. Tobacco and Alcohol Program Update

Tobacco:

- a. Cessation Program Update
 - i. FCHD continues to offer cessation services that include virtual classes, one-on-one counseling, group counseling and NRT, as well as, direct referrals to the Maryland Tobacco Quitline.
 - ii. Drive-up options to pick up Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) are still available.
- b. FY22 Tobacco Prevention Grant Strategy Review
 - i. An overview of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) tobacco use data was reviewed in addition to priority areas selected for FY22 CRF Grant.

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- ii. The following priority areas were selected based on data and resources available for FY22:
 - Priority #1: Collaborate with schools and school systems to reduce tobacco use by raising awareness, strengthening policies and training and educating staff, parents and other supporters.
 - Priority #2: Work with schools and school systems to support students found using/possessing tobacco products by providing cessation services and/or connecting them with available cessation services.
 - Priority #3: Collaborate with youth and community organizations to reduce initiation of all tobacco products among youth including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, hookah, smokeless, and ESDs/e-cigarettes/JUULs, as appropriate. (This is a new priority for FY22)
 - Priority #4: Reduce tobacco use among disparate and priority populations, including but not limited to: residents with behavioral health conditions, i.e. mental health and substance use disorders; racial/ethnic populations; and LGBTQ populations.
 - iii. The selected strategies were reviewed.
 - iv. Coalition members agreed to these recommendations and FCHD will submit the FY22 CRF Grant for approval and make adjustments based on feedback provided from MDH.
- c. Tobacco Enforcement Update
- i. Tobacco Enforcement Position
 - Christina “Chris” Gregory was hired as the new Tobacco Enforcement Officer for FCHD.
 - Chris is currently working on tobacco merchant education and will conduct tobacco compliance checks.
 - ii. Tobacco Merchant Compliance Checks
 - In FY21, there were no tobacco compliance checks conducted due to COVID.
 - In FY22, the goal is to check each tobacco merchant once and re-check any businesses that have a violation.
 - Tobacco merchant checks will be conducted by TPD and the FCHD Tobacco Enforcement Officer.
 - iii. Tobacco Merchant Education
 - FCHD is tasked with conducting tobacco merchant education to each tobacco merchant (233 total).

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- During these visits, the current tobacco laws are reviewed and resources from the State including signs are provided.
 - Merchants are also informed that compliance checks will be occurring from various agencies including FCHD, Law Enforcement, State and Federal agencies.
 - FCHD will also be offering 2 mini-grants to community organizations to assist with conducting these visits. Further information and details are available on [FCHD Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program](#) webpage and will be shared with the Coalition.
- c. Alcohol- Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)/MSPF2 Update
- i. Alcohol Compliance Check Update
 - Maryland State Police and Thurmont Police Department will continue to conduct alcohol compliance check operations in FY22.
 - Funding for these checks is now provided by the Prevention Block Grant.
 - Results of the tobacco and alcohol merchant compliance checks are posted on the [FCHD Merchant Compliance Initiative](#) page.
 - ii. COVID Funding Update
 - FCHD received COVID funding to address substance abuse prevention and COVID health and safety measures.
 - FCHD staff member Amy McGreevy was introduced. She will be working to provide prevention messaging and discussing vaccine hesitancy with youth and community members.
4. Upcoming Events/Announcements
- [In the Streets](#) (Saturday, September 11)- FCHD BHS Division is no longer participating in this event due to rising cases of Delta variant/COVID
 - [National Recovery Month](#) events (September 17 and 18)- A flyer will be sent to Coalition Members
 - [National Substance Abuse Prevention Month](#) (October)- will consist of social media messaging
 - [National Red Ribbon Week](#) (Last week of October)- will consist of social media messaging, please reach out to FCHD if you are interested in having your organization participate or collaborate
 - [National Drug Take Back Day](#) (Saturday, October 23)- Flyer will be shared with Coalition
 - [Great American Smoke Out](#) (Thursday, November 18)- will be discussed further at the next meeting

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, November 4th at 3:00 pm (Meeting will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams)