

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

November 4, 2021

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MINUTES:

Members present: Shanna Cline (FHH), Todd Crum (FCHD- BHS), Jessica Dayal (FCHD- Safe Kids), Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride), Kris Fair (Frederick Center), Chris Gregory (FCHD- BHS), Brian Griffith (FCPS), Hillary Gross (FCHD- BHS), Morgan Jones-Axtell (LRC), Laura LaMotte (FCHD- BHS), Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC), Bob Lind (FCLB), Julinda Massey (MDH), Amy McGreevy (FCHD- BHS), PJ Miller (FCHD- BHS), Brianne Schell (LRC), Nate Smith (FCHD- BHS) and Jeanni Winston-Muir (FCC).

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the September 2, 2021 meeting were approved.
2. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members
 - a. Update from Shanna Cline (Frederick Health Hospital- FHH)
 - No smoking cessation classes were held in November.
 - Currently working on the 2022 calendar with chronic lung disease and smoking cessation.
 - b. Update from Kris Fair (Frederick Center)
 - Sunday, November 7th from 2 pm to 6 pm is the grand opening of the community located at 322 West Patrick Street.
 - They will offer new programs in Addition and Recovery, Healing Pride- Sexual Victims and Survivors of Crime.
 - Currently in the planning phase and awaiting funding for the first emergency shelter of LGBTQ clients in the area.
 - c. Update from Jessica Dayal (Safe Kids)
 - Recruiting schools to participate in the bike to school initiative.
 - The car seat program is still up and running.
 - d. Update from Bob Lind (Frederick County Liquor Board)
 - The Liquor Board offices moved from Winchester Hall to Tilco Drive.
 - Liquor Inspectors will be monitoring businesses in downtown Frederick on Thanksgiving Eve.
 - Currently participating in the Nighttime Entertainment Taskforce (NET), this is a collaborative effort of various agencies to address community concerns regarding businesses downtown.

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- e. Update from Brian Griffith (Frederick County Public Schools)
 - ASPIRE tobacco education program for tobacco policy violations started in September.
 - A complete report will be shared at the next meeting.
- f. Update from Jeannie Winston- Muir (Frederick Community College)
 - Hosted Alcohol Awareness Week with various community programs represented.
 - Hired Juliana White with AmeriCorps Vista to create a community program to address student needs on campus.
- g. Update from Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride)
 - Currently promoting a large volunteer campaign.
 - For more information, please visit www.DriveforSOS.com
- h. Update from Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC)
 - WIC updated two screening questions for pregnant women.
 - This update allows for a more thorough breakdown of tobacco products and referrals.
- i. Update from Brienne Schell and Morgan Jones- Axtell (Legal Resource Center)
 - LRC will be monitoring the upcoming legislative session.
 - To receive more information about a specific bill or to request to be placed on the distribution list to receive the public health legislative tracking sheet, please contact Morgan Jones-Axtell at mjones-axtell@law.umaryland.edu

3. Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco
 - a. Tobacco Education
 - MDH reviewed the FY22 CRF grant application.
 - A meeting is scheduled with MDH for tomorrow to review and make changes as recommended.
 - b. Cessation Program Update
 - FCHD submitted a request to the medical director for a standing order for Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT).
 - The standing order would allow FCHD staff to provide NRT to clients unless the completed health questionnaire indicated physician approval is needed.
 - FCHD Cessation Program continues to offer services on an individual basis, by phone and virtual groups.

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- c. Tobacco Enforcement Update
 - i. Tobacco Merchant Compliance Checks
 - Merchant compliance checks will resume in the upcoming weeks.
 - The goal is for each merchant to get checked once a year and re-check any businesses with a violation.
 - ii. Tobacco Merchant Education
 - Two community mini-grants were awarded to the Asian American Center of Frederick and Living Well Youth Works.
 - Both of these organizations partnered with FCHD in FY21.
 - Each organization was provided a list of 50 tobacco merchants to educate by December 31, 2021.
 - iii. The Frederick County Government implemented a new option for citizens to submit complaints/concerns on the county website or APP called [FCG FixIt](#).
 - Health Service Division- Behavioral Health Issues categories include concern about an alcohol/tobacco merchant, underage drinking and indoor smoking.
 - The complaints get directed to FCHD-BHS Division for follow-up.
- Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)
 - a. Alcohol Compliance Check Update
 - Maryland State Police and Thurmont Police Department will start to conduct alcohol compliance checks.
 - b. Kids Like Us (KLU) Update
 - Kids Like Us Program for 4th - 12th grades in the schools will resume in-person groups this week.
 - Groups were previously held virtually during COVID.
 - c. Covid-19 Prevention Update
 - Amy McGreevy provides prevention support around Covid/treatment/Flu shots and addresses vaccine hesitancy.
- 4. Upcoming Events/Announcements
 - a. Frederick High School Mental Wellness Fair (Wednesday, November 17)
 - FCHD will staff a table at Frederick High School to provide materials on mental health topics and substance abuse prevention.

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- b. Great American Smoke Out (Thursday, November 18)
 - Press release issued on November 1st to encourage smokers to use this day to quit smoking.
 - Social media posts will be shared leading up to this day with resources to assist with quit attempts and a paid promotion to promote FCHD Cessation services.
 - FCHD staff will host a table at FCC during lunchtime with resources for individuals interested in smoking cessation.
 - FCHD staff is available if any organizations are interested in hosting an event for this day.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, January 6th at 3:00 pm (Virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams).