

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

September 1, 2022

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MINUTES:

Members present: Todd Crum (FCHD- BHS), Kris Fair (Frederick Center), Hillary Gross (FCHD- BHS), Clifton Jackson (LWYW), Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC), Diane McIntyre (FCHD- School Health), PJ Miller (FCHD- BHS), Nate Smith (FCHD- BHS), Brandon Rhodes (FCHD-BHS), Julinda Massey (MDH), Brooke Torton (LRC), Kelly Huggins (FCHD-BHS), Wayne Dorsey (SOS Safe Ride).

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting were approved.
2. Federal Tobacco Legislation Update (Presented by Brooke Torton, Legal Resource Center, Center for Public Policy)
 - a. Synthetic Nicotine
 - Nicotine derived from a lab, not the tobacco plant. Created to skirt FDA regulatory authority over tobacco and tobacco derivatives.
 - Federal funding bill, which passed March 11, 2022, now explicitly provides the FDA authority over synthetic nicotine. FDA has begun to use this authority.
 - b. Pre-Market Tobacco Applications (PMTA)
 - Requires manufacturers to submit PMTA (premarket tobacco applications) to FDA if products were not marketed as of 2/15/07
 - FDA vowed not to take action against manufacturers with products on the market that did not have premarket authorization, if applications were submitted by due date (9/9/20)
 - c. FDA Rulemaking: Characterizing Flavors
 - April 28, 2022, FDA announces 2 proposed rules:
 - (1)Product standard prohibiting menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes;
 - (2)Product standard prohibiting all characterizing flavors (other than tobacco) in cigars
 - “The proposed rules would help prevent children from becoming the next generation of smokers and help adult smokers quit,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.
 - “Additionally, the proposed rules represent an important step to advance health equity by significantly reducing tobacco-related health disparities.”
3. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members
 - a. Update from FCHD
 - Todd shared that the FCHD has submitted for new funding from MDH to address tobacco, diabetes and chronic disease prevention. Application was submitted on August 31, 2022. Waiting approval from MDH.

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- The application specifically addresses the needs of disparate populations and addresses health inequities.
- The tobacco portion of the application looks to form partnerships with community organizations for the delivery of services.

4. Prevention Program Updates

Tobacco

a. Tobacco Program Update

- Todd introduced Brandon Rhodes as the new Tobacco Use Prevention Program Manager.
- Todd shared with the group the strategies for FY23.
- Announced that mini-grants will once again be available to community organizations for the delivery of tobacco prevention programming.
- FCHD Cessation Program continues to offer services by phone or virtual groups. PJ has been providing outreach to sober living / recovery homes. Provided outreach program to CORE.
- PJ continues to provide brief interventions and cessation services for those in need.
- Julinda Massey provided positive feedback on the FCHD's FY23 CRF grant application.

b. Tobacco Enforcement Update

- Tobacco Merchant Compliance Checks update – Brandon shared that 9 businesses have been checked in FY213 and 5 failed.
- Danielle Lane questioned why so many failures and what can be done to prevent failures.
- Brandon shared that Chris Gregory, in addition to doing compliance checks, has been delivering educational visits in the areas of New Market, Ijamsville, Buckeystown, and Mt. Airy.
- Mini-grants up to \$3,300 per award will be made available to community groups to assist with the delivery of tobacco merchant education.

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)

a. Alcohol Compliance Check Update

- Todd shared that Maryland State Police is on-board in FY23 to conduct alcohol merchant compliance checks in FY23.

b. COVID-19 Update

- Kelly Huggins, COVID-19 Liaison, provided a brief update that an updated bivalent booster will be rolling out next week. Clinics will be by appointment only and the bivalent booster is for those who have already received the initial vaccine and boosters.

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5. Upcoming Events/Announcements

- Recovery Month – September, 2022.
 - i. [September 16, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Baker Park Bandshell](#)
 - ii. September 17, 2022 at Pinecliff Park – Recovery Month Kickball Tournament
- National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week: October 17 – 22, 2022
- [Red Ribbon Week](#): October 23 – 31, 2022
- [Drug Take Back Day](#): Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 3:00 pm (Meeting through Microsoft Teams)