

Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

January 5, 2023

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Todd Crum (FCHD- BHS), Clifton Jackson (LWYW), Danielle Lane (FCHD-WIC), PJ Miller (FCHD- BHS), Brandon Rhodes (FCHD-BHS), Brooke Torton (LRC), Kelly Huggins (FCHD-BHS), Patrick Koogle (Frederick Keys), Danielle Haskin (FCHD, Health Equity Office), Marc David Miller (AACF), Adam Tuznik (Boys and Girls Club), TJ Sydykov (AACF), Julie Kwedar (MDOT)

1. Welcome and Introductions/Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from September 1, 2022 meeting were approved.

2. Maryland Tobacco and Alcohol Legislation 2023 Session Update (Legal Resource Center)

- Brooke Torton provided an overview of the upcoming 2023 Maryland Legislative Session. The session begins on January 11, 2023 and will end on April 8, 2023. Members were invited to attend the LRC free webinars on updates to the legislative sessions.
- Brooke reviewed legislation most specific to tobacco and alcohol. Legislation to keep an eye on include smoke-free housing, tobacco product flavor restriction, and beer and wine in grocery stores legislation in the 2023 session.
- There are two in-person events coming up on April 25 and June 1. Stay tuned for more details.

3. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- Adam Tuznik (BGC) introduced himself and is looking forward to learning more about the services to prevent tobacco and alcohol use.
- Julie Kwedar (MDOT) shared information about MDOT's social media campaign resources and an upcoming community grant opportunity to provide community-based child passenger safety programs to reduce the risk of motor vehicle-related injury and death. Julie also stated they are currently recruiting for a team member for the western portion of the state.

4. Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation (CRF) – Brandon Rhodes, PJ Miller
 - i. Prevention Mini-grant Opportunities – Brandon announced that the AACF has been awarded a tobacco use prevention mini-grant to deliver tobacco/vaping education to youth.

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- ii. Cessation Program Update – PJ shared there has been an increase in calls for cessation services around the new year. Services are steady and PJ continues to provide cessation services virtually and in-person. NRT drop-offs and pick-up continue.
- Tobacco Merchant Education and Enforcement – Brandon Rhodes
 - i. Merchant Education Update – Chris Gregory has completed most, if not all, of the merchant education visits assigned to the FCHD. The AACF and Living Well Youth Works organizations have received mini-grant awards from the FCHD to conduct 45 merchant education visits each within the City of Frederick. These visits, along with those conducted by the FCHD, will complete the task of providing merchant education to all tobacco merchants in Frederick County.
 - ii. Merchant Enforcement Update – Chris Gregory has completed 54 compliance checks in the first half of FY23. This number includes 37 “re-visits” of merchants who did not pass a compliance check in FY22. To date, 13 citations have been issued for violations of tobacco sales laws.
- Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) – Todd Crum
 - i. Alcohol Compliance Check Update
 - ii. Kids Like Us (KLU) Update
 - iii. COVID-19 Prevention Update – Kelly Huggins
 - a. Kelly reported that COVID-19, flu-like infections and RSV have been trending upward. It appears as if Flu-B may take over in terms of number of cases reported. COVID-19 positivity rate for Maryland is approximately 15% with 2 deaths in the 24 hours. COVID-19 transmission rate in Frederick County is high. Visit the FCHD website for information about COVID-19 vaccination schedules.
- FY23 Tobacco, Diabetes and Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Grant – Danielle Haskin
 - i. Danielle reported that the Health Equity Office has released a min-grant opportunity for organizations to provide tobacco/vaping education to youth they serve. Funding is being offered to deliver services to at-risk and disparate populations in Frederick County. Mini-grants up to \$10,000 are available. Visit the Health Equity page on the FCHD website for more information and application details.

5. Upcoming Events/Announcements

- Stanford Medicine -Fourth Annual Teaching Cannabis Awareness & Prevention Conference: A Focus on the Triangulum of Cannabis, Tobacco, and Vaping
 - i. April 26 & 27, 2023 from 11am – 4pm.

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- ii. <https://med.stanford.edu/adolescent/research/Research/2023-cannabis-conference.html>
- iii. <https://med.stanford.edu/tobaccoprevention toolkit.html>

- Maryland Tobacco Control Resource Center's - 17th Annual Best Practices Conference – Wednesday, January 25, 2023
 - i. In-person at Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD
- ii. <https://marylandcrc.org/>

- National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week® (NDAFW) – March 20 – 26, 2023
 - i. <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/parents-educators/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 3:00 pm (Meeting through Microsoft Teams)