

Frederick County - Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

January 4, 2024

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

AGENDA

Members present: Brian Griffin (FCPS), Marc Miller (AACF), Danielle Lane (WIC), Danielle Haskin (Health Equity), Patrick Koogle (Frederick Keys), Hillary Gross (FCHD), Larry Anderson (Frederick County Liquor Board), Katherine Carpio, Todd Crum (BHS), Diane McIntyre (FCHD, School Health), Tamir Shahid (AACF), Jeremy Gray (AACF)

1. Welcome and Introductions/Approval of Minutes

- Todd opened the meeting at 3:00pm with welcoming remarks and asked attendees to sign in via the “Chat”.
- Danielle Haskin offered one edit to the November 2023 TAC minutes. With that edit made, the November 2023 TAC minutes were approved.

2. Legislative Update from the Legal Resource Center

- 2024 Maryland Legislative session will begin on January 10, 2024. Stay tuned for more updates!

3. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- **Tamir Shahid** with AACF will be coordinating and executing the efforts of the Tobacco Merchant Education program, which is expected to begin this week. Tamir and his team will be working on creating an online format to collect merchant education and will share the product with others to assist them in their data collecting efforts. **Marc Miller** stated that they are seeing greater compliance with local tobacco regulations because of these educational visits.
- **Patrick Koogle** with the Frederick Keys announced the start of the 2024 baseball season and stated that “Knock Tobacco Out of the Park” will be held on June 11, 2024. Patrick also stated that the Spire City Ghosthounds will not play in 2024 but will return in 2025.
- **Brain Griffith** with FCPS stated the Health 2 is being implemented in all high schools. This mandated course is being offered to 11th and 12th graders. Frederick students will have a dual enrollment and virtual option next school year. The dual enrollment option will be offered in partnership with Frederick Community College.

4. FCHD Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation

i. Prevention Mini-grant Opportunities

- a. The FCHD has awarded a Youth Prevention Mini-Grant. Congratulations to the awardee. We want to thank everyone who applied. We cannot do this alone and we greatly appreciate all the support that your organizations provide to the community!

ii. Cessation Program Update

- a. Provided cessation services to 60 individuals in the first half of FY24. This is almost 3/4 of the total number of individuals served in FY23.

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- Tobacco Merchant Education and Enforcement

- i. **Merchant Education Update**

- a. Our Merchant Education mini-grants have been awarded. Congratulations to the awardees. We appreciate all the help and support for this program. The mini-grantees will be providing education to approximately 85 businesses each.

- ii. **Merchant Enforcement Update**

- a. Our mandated “re-visit of violations” has been completed. We had 20 violations from FY23 that needed to be revisited before the end of December 2023.
 - b. Additionally, the Enforcement Program has conducted 53 other compliance checks in the first 6 months of FY24.

- Substance Abuse Block Grant

- i. **Alcohol Compliance Check Update**

- a. MSP completed one round of alcohol merchant compliance checks in December.
 - b. 12 businesses were visited. 8 passed; 4 failed and will be referred to the FCLB.
 - c. FCLB conducted 19 RBS trainings between October and December training 320 employees from 96 Frederick County businesses.
 - d. On January 30, the FCLB and FCHD will be speaking with the FCSO Cadet Unit about of compliance check programs. Thank you Dawn Shugars for making this connection!

- ii. **Kids Like Us (KLU) Update**

- a. KLU staff of the FCHD continue to provide KLU services to children in FCPS in grades 4 through 12. Data will be provided at the March 2024 TAC meeting.

- iii. **COVID-19 Prevention Update**

- a. There have been 1400 deaths per week due to Covid since Thanksgiving but it is less than last year.
 - b. The new variant JN1 has taken over, and the symptoms are headache, sore throat, cough, runny nose, and congestion, weakness and tiredness, and new symptoms appear to be trouble sleeping along with worry or anxiety.
 - c. There are about 29,000 hospitalizations due to Covid, which is about 10,000 less than last year.
 - d. Covid cases will be on the rise in the next several weeks.
 - e. The CDC still recommends that people isolate for five days after testing positive but many people have stopped doing so and the free tests are becoming more difficult to get which makes it easier for the virus to keep spreading if people don't know they're cold is actually Covid.

- **FY24 Tobacco, Diabetes and Chronic Disease (TDCD) Prevention and Management Grant – Danielle Haskin**

- i. Danielle stated that the recipients of the FY24 TDCD mini-grants has been made and will be announced shortly. Danielle shared that the AACF, Women Solve and Centro Hispano de Frederick.

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- ii. Other strategies of the TDCD includes sponsorships of various public health events and the promotion of tobacco quit lines to include the [Maryland Tobacco Quitline](#) (1-800-QUIT- NOW), the [Spanish-language Quitline](#) (1-855-DEJELO-YA), and/or the [Asian Smokers' Quitline](#).
- iii. The FCHD TDCD team is ready to submit an abstract to NACCHO with the intention of presenting at the next NACCHO360 conference in July, 2024. If selected, the presentation will focus on the how the TDCD grant afforded the FCHD the opportunity to deliver services more collaboratively. Our often-siloed programs for tobacco cessation and heart health connected with our Equity Office to involve unique partners and reach our community in a more effective way.

5. Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **34THAnnual CADCA National Leadership Forum**
 - i. January 29 - February 1, 2024 at the Gaylord National at National Harbor, MD. It is an event for prevention professionals, community leaders, advocates, and experts to convene, share insights, and collaborate on innovative strategies to drive lasting and impactful community change.
 - ii. Registration: <https://www.cadca.org/events/34th-annual-national-leadership-forum/>

6. Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 3:00 pm (Meeting through Microsoft Teams)