

Frederick County - Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

May 2, 2024

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

AGENDA

Members present: Todd Crum (BHS), Dawn Shugars (FCLB), Brandon Rhodes (BHS), Diane McIntyre (School Nurse), P.J. Miller (BHS), Karim Martin (Health Equity), Hillary Gross (FCHD), Larry Anderson (FCLB), Avani Shah (CHS), Catie LaRocca, RN (Ft. Detrick), Kelly Huggins (BHS/COVID), Patrick Koogle (Frederick Keys), Glorie Cassutto (The Frederick Center), CPT Moroney (Ft. Detrick), Clifton Jackson (Living Well Youth Works), Candace Sier (FCLB)

1. Welcome and Introductions/Approval of Minutes

- Todd opened the meeting at 3:00pm with welcoming remarks and asked members to sign in via the “chat”.
- The March 2024 TAC minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Legislative Update from the Legal Resource Center

- Todd attempted to offer a brief legislative update to include:
 - i. Maryland is attempting to repeal the military exemption that exists currently which allows active duty military personnel between the ages of 18 and 20 to purchase tobacco products with a valid military identification.
 - ii. Vaping is being added to the CIAA.
 - iii. Fines for first violation for sales to minors will increase from \$300 to \$500. Penalties from the ATCC have also changed for businesses who violated the sales to minors law.
- All legislation is awaiting signature by the Governor.

3. MD Dept of Health, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control Updates – no update provided.

4. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- Dawn Shugars (FCLB) stated that their office is conducting alcohol sales compliance checks, working with the FCHD to issue a joint merchant compliance check press release, and they are almost done with alcohol license renewals.
- Glorie (The Frederick Center) announced June is Pride Month and provided a copy of the flyer in the chat. The event will run from 11am until 6pm on June 22 at the Carroll Creek Linear Park. The event will include over 300 vendors. Other events are also scheduled in June. Glorie shared the Frederick Center web address.
- Clifton Jackson (Living Well Youth Works) announced their May tobacco prevention program using the Stanford Tobacco Toolkit. His organization also completed the education of 85 tobacco merchants with a mini-grant from the FCHD. Clifton also announced a new and exciting partnership with [FITC](#), the Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc.
- Patrick Koogle (Frederick Keys) announced the Jun 16th “Knock Tobacco Out of the Park” event. Game starts at 1pm, gates open at 12noon.

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5. FCHD Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation
 - i. Tobacco / Vaping Prevention Update (Brandon Rhodes)
 - This is the start of our busy time of year, March – Nov. Currently, the Tobacco Prevention Program has been participating in events at local high schools including Tuscarora and Brunswick, partnering up with Love for Lochlin for these events.
 - P.J. has been able to educate and raise awareness at some of the local middle and high schools, Middletown and Brunswick.
 - Our mini-grantee, LWYW, is in the middle of their Youth Prevention Mini-Grant and hosting an upcoming event to help educate local youth and their parents on the dangers of vaping.
 - ii. Cessation Program Update (P.J. Miller)
 - Cessation services just passed 100 clients for this fiscal year.
 - Wrapped up off-site group with local treatment center.
 - Continuing one-on-one counseling with clients over the phone.
 - NRT available to anyone who enrolls and participates.
- Tobacco Merchant Education and Enforcement
 - i. Merchant Education Update (Brandon Rhodes)
 - All merchant education has been completed. This is through the help of our 2 Merchant Education mini-grantees, LWYW and AACF.
 - Looking forward to next FY, 1 July, we are planning to put out our mini-grants at \$10k per grantee. This is due to an increase in funding from our MDH grant that has all counties providing 2 educational visits per FY.
 - ii. Merchant Enforcement Update (Brandon Rhodes)
 - Our Merchant Enforcement activities are currently ongoing after a brief break to finish up Merchant Education visits.
 - We are continually looking for new Youth Volunteers to participate in our program. If you know any youth 16-20 years of age that would be interested, please have them contact Brandon Rhodes.
- Substance Abuse Block Grant
 - i. Alcohol Compliance Check Update (Todd Crum)
 - 1. Todd stated that MSP is looking at their schedules to try and organize more alcohol compliance checks on behalf of the FCHD. Looking to schedule at least one more round of checks in May/June.
 - ii. Kids Like Us (KLU) Update (Todd Crum)
 - 1. The KLU Program is in full swing with the planning of their upcoming KLU Summer Day Camp Program.

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iii. COVID-19 (Kelly Huggins)

1. Kelly has stated that COVID numbers have fallen to levels that match pre-pandemic numbers. We will likely see a small summer wave of Covid, but most people have immunity because of having vaccines and Covid.
2. Individuals 65 years old and older and who have other health problems should get their Spring COVID-19 booster; others can wait until the Fall.

- FY24 Tobacco, Diabetes and Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Grant (Danielle Haskin)
 - i. Karim Martin introduced herself as the new Coordinator of Special Programs with the Health Equity Office. She looks forward to sharing more information about the office at future meetings.

6. Announcements

- FY25 Tobacco Sales Enforcement Grant – due May 15, 2024
 - Requires tobacco merchants receive 2 educational visits between 7/1/2024 and 6/30/2025
 - Each of the 248 tobacco merchants in the county will receive at least one enforcement visit
- FY25 CRF Prevention and Cessation Grant – TBD

7. Upcoming Events

- **8th Annual Maryland Tobacco Control Conference**
 - i. Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 9am until 4pm at the BWI Airport Marriott, Linthicum, MD. This free event will bring together local, state, and national experts to discuss the state of tobacco control, and this year will include a cannabis panel.
- **Knock Tobacco Out of the Park**
 - i. Sunday, June 16, 2024 at Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium. For more information, contact Brandon Rhodes at BRhodes@FrederickCountyMD.gov or 240-285-7465.
- **CADCA/MDH – “Youth Engagement in Tobacco Control Summit”**
 - i. Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus. For more information and to register, contact takebackyour10@cadca.org. Gift cards and transportation support is available for youth who attend. Breakfast & lunch will be provided!
- **Frederick Pride Festival**
 - i. Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 11am until 6pm at the Carroll Creek Linear Park, Frederick. Visit <https://thefrederickcenter.org/> for more details.
- **Asbury Church Annual Block Party**
 - i. Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 11am until 4pm at the 100 block of West All Saints Street, Frederick.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 3:00 pm (Meeting through Microsoft Teams)