

# **Tobacco and Alcohol Coalition Meeting**

Virtual Format/Microsoft Teams

September 7, 2023

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## **AGENDA**

**Members present:** Danielle Lane (FCHD- WIC), PJ Miller (FCHD- BHS), Brandon Rhodes (FCHD- BHS), Blair Inniss (LRC), Kelly Huggins (FCHD-BHS), Danielle Haskin (FCHD, Health Equity Office), Marc David Miller (AACF), Hillary Gross (Health/BHS), Brian Griffin (FCPS), Todd Crum (FCHD- BHS), Ashley Kneessi (FCLB), Candace Sier (FCLB), Bob Lind (FCLB), Elly Sedita (AACF)

### **1. Welcome and Introductions/Approval of Minutes**

- Welcoming remarks were made and the minutes from the May 1, 2023 were approved as submitted.

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

Blair Inniss from the LRC presented updates on the following pieces of legislation that passed during the 2023 session:

- HB565 – A holder of a Class 9 Limited Distillery License may obtain a wholesaler's license and distribute it's own liquor.
- SB322 – Class 4 limited winery license to prepare food.
- SB431 – adds to HB565 that Class 4 limited winery licenses may apply for a Class 6 limited winery license; Class 5 brewery licenses may apply for a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler's license; holders of two or more Class 7 micro-brewery licenses that produces no more than 45,000 barrels of beer annually may apply for a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler's license; Class 1 distillery licenses may apply for a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license; and Class 9 limited distillery licenses may apply for a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license.
- HB321 – CRF to include separate account consisting of payments received by the State as a result of judgements against manufacturers involved in the sale and marketing of EDS's. Funds may be used to supplement General Fund appropriations for programs to reduce tobacco use by individuals under 21 years of age. Will include a separate account for payments to the State from any judgement or enforcement action related to the sale and marketing of ESD's.

Blair also stated that the following bills did not pass:

- SB258 – Flavored Tobacco ban
- SB795 – Cigar Lounge (Wicomico County)
- HB315 – Multifamily Dwelling Smoking Policies
- HB1000 – Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Updates

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## 3. Round Robin/Updates from Coalition Members

- Marc Miller – AACF: Marc shared the success of the Tobacco Prevention funding received by the AACF in FY23. They provided outreach to over 300 youth. While youth education was their focus, they also provided education to adults.

## 4. Prevention Program Updates

- Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation (CRF) – Brandon Rhodes, PJ Miller
  - i. Prevention Mini-grant Opportunities – **Brandon Rhodes** reported that youth education, cessation and merchant enforcement mini-grant opportunities would soon be announced by the FCHD. He encourages coalition members to visit the FCHD website for the announcement and documents.
  - ii. Cessation Program Update – **PJ Miller** reported that cessation services continue to be offered to those seeking to quit tobacco. Services are provided over the phone and through online outreach. NRT is offered to participants enrolled in the serve and includes patches, lozenges and gum. PJ also reported an uptick in requests for services during the first quarter of FY24.
- Tobacco Merchant Education and Enforcement – Brandon Rhodes
  - i. Merchant Education Update – See above.
  - ii. Merchant Enforcement Update – **Brandon Rhodes** reported that Phil Walksy is currently conducting compliance checks of tobacco merchants.
- Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) – Todd Crum
  - i. Alcohol Compliance Check Update – **Todd Crum** reported that he is currently working with Maryland State Police to conduct merchant compliance checks of alcohol licensees in Frederick County. The FCLB
  - ii. Kids Like Us (KLU) Update – The KLU Program just wrapped up their Summer Day Camp Program and is currently working to start implementation of services in the schools. The KLU Program is now fully staffed.
  - iii. COVID-19 Prevention Update – **Kelly Huggins** shared information about the new monovalent booster that addresses the omicron variant and sub-variants. While these vaccines are not yet available, they are expected to be available in late September. For more information about vaccines and where to get them, visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)

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- FY24 Tobacco, Diabetes and Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Grant – **Danielle Haskin** shared an update from the Tobacco Diabetes Chronic Disease Prevention Grant. The program will be relaunching the community mini grants (similar to what was offered last year) to support youth tobacco prevention. As a reminder, these grants are designed to be intentional about supporting community led programs that are engaging with underserved communities continuing with the three populations this year based on the data, Hispanic, African American / Black and LGBTQ+. This award will be for up to 10k (5k payment up front and up to 5k reimbursement based on final invoices) to support community led programs that may already exist but could benefit from additional support through these mini grants. The program will focus on promoting the three Quit lines (English/Spanish/Asian language) through outreach events and social media posts. Finally, there will be an effort to continue to coordinate the Smoke Free Holy Ground initiate that is an environmental approach to make places of worship smoke free. Aligning with the three underserved populations identified in the data (Hispanic, African American / Black, and LGBTQ+), we are continuing to work with Jackson Chapel United Methodist and still looking to connect with a place of worship that has a service in Spanish, and a place of worship that is affirming to individuals who identify as LGBTQ+.

## 5. Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **In The Street**
  - i. Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11am – 5pm on Market Street, Frederick
- **Mount St. Mary's Wellness Event**
  - i. Monday, September 25, 2023 from 11am – 2pm at Mount St. Mary's University
- **FCC's Biannual Wellness Fair**
  - i. Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 10:30am – 1:30pm at the FCC Athletic Center
- **Frederick Community Health Fair**
  - i. Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 9am – 3:30pm at Frederick High School
- **2023 Frederick Hispanic Heritage Festival**
  - i. Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 12noon – 5pm at the Carroll Creek Linear Park
- **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**
  - i. Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10am – 2pm at the FCHD and MSP – Frederick Barrack

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**Next Coalition Meeting:**

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