

Meeting Minutes  
**Levy County Coalition Against Tobacco**  
March 13, 2012, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
Capital City Bank, Chiefland

**Agencies and Members in Attendance**

1. Levy County Health Department	Kristina Zachry
2. Levy County Health Department	Swain Strickland
3. Suwannee River AHEC Cessation Specialist	Manette Cheshareck
4. Chiefland High School SWAT Member / Co-Chair	Ansley Pentz
5. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member	Katy Belnap
6. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member	Emma Belnap
7. Community Member / SWAT Parent	Cheryl Belnap
8. Community Member / SWAT Parent	Boyd Belnap
7. Bronson High School SWAT Member	Casey Ranalli
12. Community Member / SWAT Parent	Juanita Melchior

**Welcome, Introductions, and Updates**

Kristina Zachry updated the group on several items related to the tobacco grant, including the fact that the grant announcement of winners will be posted today. There is a chance that the Levy County Health Department will not be renewed for the grant, in which case Kristina will keep the group informed of any changes to come. Kristina also reminded the group that the partnership assessment survey needs to be completed online by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, Kristina updated everyone on the status of the Board of County Commissioners meeting – the SWAT students are on the agenda to present to the BOCC again on March 20<sup>th</sup> to ask for the passage of a Candy Flavored Tobacco resolution. Kristina also gave an update on the FDA's graphic warning labels for tobacco – litigation has delayed the unveiling of the new labels that was set for September 2012. Kristina updated that the Florida Youth Survey for 2012 was completed in Levy County in eight schools, and the data should be out by early next year for our county. Finally, Kristina updated the group on various community events that will be taking place in April, including the Cedar Key Arts Festival and the Levy County Fair.

**Two- Minute Motivator**

Boyd Belnap discussed smoking in China, as he was recently there on a business trip. Apparently tobacco use in China is quite prevalent, and it is one of the largest sources of income for the Chinese government. Also, some tobacco companies are even sponsoring grade schools in China.

**Wrap-Up and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:45pm

**\*\*\*Next Levy Coalition Against Tobacco meeting\*\*\***

Date: **Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

Time: **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Place: **Capitol City Bank, Chiefland FL**