

Meeting Minutes  
**Levy County Coalition Against Tobacco**  
June 12, 2012, 5:00 pm – 7:00 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. Levy County Health Department	Barbara Locke
4. Levy County Health Department	Janet Hart
5. Suwannee River AHEC Cessation Specialist	Manette Cheshareck
6. Chiefland High School SWAT Member / Co-Chair	Ansley Pentz
7. Chiefland High School SWAT Member / Vice-Chair	Christian Aracena
8. Chiefland High School SWAT Member	Emma Belnap
9. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Advisor / Chair	Mary Phillips
10. Chiefland High School SWAT Advisor / CMS Teacher	Sonya Schmidt
11. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member	Katy Belnap
12. Chiefland Elementary School Teacher / SWAT Parent	Celeste Aracena
13. Community Member / SWAT Parent	Cheryl Belnap
14. Community Member / SWAT Parent	Boyd Belnap
15. Community Member / Young Adult	Larry Coleman

**Political Candidate Special Guests**

16. Candidate for Levy Board of County Commissioners	Darryl Diamond
17. Candidate for Levy County School Board District 2	Kyle Quincey
18. Candidate for Levy County Judge	Cyndee Munkittrick
19. Candidate for Levy County Sheriff	Bobby McCallum
20. Candidate for Levy County School Board District 2	Avery Baker
21. Candidate for Levy County Supervisor of Elections	Brooke Ward
22. Candidate for Levy County School Board District 2	Chris Cowart
23. Candidate for Levy County Supervisor of Elections	Tammy Jones

**Welcome, Introductions, and Updates**

The meeting opened with a dinner and recognition ceremony for the Coalition officers, the SWAT Youth Advocacy Board Statewide Vice-Chair, and SWAT advisors.

Each of the Coalition members and guests introduced themselves. Ansley Pentz invited all of the candidates running for election in Levy County to join the Coalition and to attend this meeting. The candidates expressed their interest in the Coalition and shared their views on tobacco and how they would support the Coalition if elected to office this year.

Kristina Zachry updated the group on the tobacco grant. The Levy County Tobacco Prevention Program will now be transitioning to the Quit Doc Research and Education Foundation beginning on July 1, 2012. Kristina will be leaving the Levy County Health Department and transitioning with the program over to the Quit Doc team. She will continue the same job as the Tobacco Prevention Specialist and will still be coordinating the Levy County Students Working Against Tobacco clubs and the Levy Coalition Against Tobacco.

Manette Cheshareck updated the Coalition that she also will be changing jobs effective July 1, 2012. She will be leaving the Suwannee River Area Health Education Center to work for the Quit Doc team as the Tobacco Prevention Specialist for Marion County.

**Two- Minute Motivator**

Ansley Pentz discussed the recent positive trend in professional sports going tobacco-free. She discussed the Daytona Speedway, and their recent policy change to not allow smoking in the grandstands effective July 6, 2012. The Students Working Against Tobacco members from Region 2 recently held a press conference in Daytona at the speedway to publicly thank them for going tobacco-free. The students presented the speedway with a plaque recognizing them as a valuable partner in tobacco prevention. Ansley also mentioned the new policy passed by the Major League Baseball Players Association, which restricts smokeless tobacco use by players, managers, and coaches starting with the 2012 season.

**Wrap-Up and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:10pm

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

Date: **Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

Time: **3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

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