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Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015; 3:30 pm; Capital City Bank, Chiefland

Agencies and Members in Attendance

1. Levy Tobacco Prevention Specialist / Partnership Facilitator	Kristina Zachry
2. Community Member / Business Owner / TFP Chair	Art Konstantino
3. College of Central Florida	Martha Chadburn
4. Community Member	Cindy Mulvey
5. Chiefland Middle High School SWAT Advisor	Mary Phillips
6. FL Dept. of Health Levy / Healthy Families Program	Enid Harrell
7. FL Dept. of Health Levy / Healthy Families Program	Islia Jovel
8. FL Dept. of Health Levy / Bronson & Cedar Key School Nurse	Angie Phillips
9. Palms Medical Group / Outreach and Eligibility Specialist	Jaime Hinote
10. Levy County Prevention Coalition	Jonathan Lewis

Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Agency Announcements

The meeting was brought to order. Angie Phillips noted one typo in the minutes with the name of a school. Mary Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 14, 2015 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with the one typo correction. The motion was seconded by Art Konstantino. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote from members in attendance.

The partnership welcomed a new member, Martha Chadburn, from the College of Central Florida. She was hired after Rebecca Busby retired and will be representing the college at meetings and continuing to collaborate on the tobacco free college campus policy and the annual Great American Smokeout health fair that the partnership co-sponsors with the college.

Art Konstantino updated the group on the work he has been doing on tobacco-free state parks. He has contacted the manager of the state parks for the region. The manager cautioned that it is going to take time to change the social norm and the policies. Rainbow Springs has designated areas for smoking and Homosassa Springs is smoke free, but it is because of the animals! Art reminded us that advocacy and letter writing is important, as that is what helped lead to a policy change years ago with smoking on airlines. Preemption language in the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act (FCIAA) prohibits policy changes regulating outdoor air, but there are ways to pass policies that address litter, etc.

Cindy Mulvey brought up the point there members can join the Prevention Network of Florida, which works on legislative advocacy for tobacco prevention and control issues, including tobacco free parks, smoking in cars with minors, and removing the preemption clause in the FCIAA. She brought samples of bumper sticker style magnets with catchy slogans on them about tobacco control issues. People who join the Prevention Network receive one of these bumper magnets.

Jonathan Lewis updated the group that the Levy County Prevention Coalition recently held a "Friday Night Done Right" event at Bronson Middle High School. The idea of the event is to promote a fun Friday night that doesn't include alcohol, tobacco, or drug use. The event was a "tailgate" style party before the spring jamboree football game and students were able to sign pledge cards and receive pledge kits. SWAT partnered with the Prevention Coalition on this event as well to address electronic cigarettes. Jonathan also mentioned that there has been a dangerous trend with making meth in sports drink bottles and they have been exploding, so they have

supplied the Sheriff's office with information about the issue. They would also like to purchase a mobile billboard that can display educational and safety messages about drug use prevention since marijuana and alcohol are two of the most widely abused drugs by teens in Levy County.

Angie Phillips updated the group that there was success with the "Prom Promise" in the high schools this year. Renee Napier gave a presentation, and the man who killed her daughter in a drunk driving accident is now out of prison and travels with her to contribute to the presentation. The presentations were impactful and Ms. Phillips really liked that they also address other problems like distracted driving and texting while driving.

Tobacco Prevention Program Updates

The QuitDoc Tobacco Summit is on June 26th in Ocala. There will be youth and adult sessions and "Emerging Issues in Tobacco Control" is the theme. Meeting handouts included a flyer with registration information for the summit included. Members were encouraged to share the flyers with their contacts.

Don't forget the Chiefland Farmer's Market is tobacco free and it takes place at the Trailhead Park / Chiefland Chamber of Commerce office on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

SWAT members met with Chiefland Commissioner Betty Walker to educate her about the flavored tobacco issue and see if she would be supportive of the initiative to pass a resolution. After that initial meeting, the SWAT students gave a presentation about flavored tobacco to the Chiefland City Commissioners at a regular meeting and asked them to pass the resolution. On May 11th, the commissioners voted unanimously to pass the flavored tobacco resolution with little discussion.

The 9th Annual Levy SWAT Summit was on May 22nd at Camp Anderson in Old Town. A total of 106 students attended, including 5 members from Putnam County. Each school team gave an update about their club's activities during the year, SWAT's leaders were recognized, and there were games and teambuilding along with two tobacco videos.

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Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details

Ms. Zachry will continue to send out AHEC Cessation Class Flyers to partnership members during the summer. Additionally, she will email partnership members with the SWAT Youth Advocacy Board video. Items for the next meeting agenda will include elections for the Advisory Board, a review and approval of the Bylaws and Charter documents, and a discussion and vote on meeting locations and times for the next fiscal year. Enid Harrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Art Konstantino.

*****Next Tobacco Free Partnership of Levy County Meeting*****

Date: **Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

Time: **3:30p.m.**

Place: **To Be Announced, Chiefland, FL**