

Meeting Minutes
Levy County Coalition Against Tobacco
January 10, 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. Levy County Health Department	Barbara Locke
4. Levy County Health Department	Janet Hart
5. Suwannee River AHEC Cessation Specialist	Manette Cheshareck
6. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Advisor / LCAT Chair	Mary Phillips
7. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member	Katy Belnap
8. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member	Emma Belnap
9. Community Member / SWAT Parent	Cheryl Belnap
10. Chiefland High School SWAT Member	Christian Aracena
11. Chiefland High School SWAT Member	David Hallman
12. Community Member	George Sresovich
13. Community Member	Ed Allen

Welcome, Introductions, and Updates

Kristina welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the guests introduce themselves. Mr. Allen from Cedar Key stated that he had a friend who owned a convenience store where he used to live in Nebraska and Phillip Morris paid the owner to put up a display that would block his view of the cigarettes for sale with the purpose being so middle school students from a school down the road would find it easy to steal cigarettes and get hooked on them.

Mary Phillips, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Handouts included the meeting minutes from the November 15th, 2011 meeting. Mary made a mention of a correction to the previous five-minute Motivator. Emma Belnap motioned to accept minutes and Swain seconded the motion.

Two- Minute Motivator

Kristina stated that Major League baseball players, coaches, and fans cannot use tobacco at the game and players cannot use tobacco during interviews or autograph signings or within the view of any fans.

Kristina stated that a big cigar company lost their sponsorship for the next three years at the Orange Bowl game.

Guest Presentation

Manette Cheshareck gave a presentation on “Tobacco Trend Busting”.

Five New Types of Tobacco Products:

- 1.) Hookah – A 45 minute session is equal to 5 packs of cigarettes. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons are found in Hookah smoke.
- 2.) Snus - Sweden originated tobacco in a pouch. The Swedish process for curing tobacco is different than America's – they use a steam process that pasteurizes the tobacco and lowers the amounts of tobacco specific nitrosamines.
- 3.) Electronic Cigarettes – Developed in China and has an ingredient in it, Diethylene Glycol, which is found in antifreeze.
- 4.) Candy Flavored Cigars -17 year olds are the largest population using these products.
- 5.) Tobacco Strips, Sticks and Orbs –not a safe alternative and they target youth.

Manette stated that marijuana contains more carcinogens than tobacco and that herbal incense also called spice, k-2, mojo, and fire has been banned in 15 states. It attacks body temperature and can cause seizures, coma, and death.

Wrap-Up and Next Meeting

Kristina stated how proud she was of the SWAT students that have worked so hard to present a resolution to the Levy County Commissioners that was turned down in January. Kristina said it was a good opportunity for the students to see how politics work and that they will revise the resolution and present it to the BOCC again in March.

In closing, Kristina stated the Coalition needs to move forward with tobacco-free multi-unit housing and that LCAT membership forms need to be turned in.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:45pm

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

Date: **Tuesday March 13th, 2012**

Time: **3:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.**

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