



Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Capital City Bank, Chiefland

Agencies and Members in Attendance

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| 1. Quit Doc Levy County Tobacco Prevention Specialist | Kristina Zachry |
| 2. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Advisor / Chair | Mary Phillips |
| 3. Levy County Health Department Chronic Disease Coordinator | Swain Strickland |
| 4. Nature Coast Middle School Student | Brian Clark |
| 5. Chiefland High School SWAT Member / YAB Member / Co-Chair | Ansley Pentz |
| 6. Chiefland High School SWAT Member / Vice-Chair | Christian Aracena |
| 7. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member | Anthony Strong |
| 8. Bronson High School SWAT Member | Casey Ranalli |
| 9. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member | Dakota Woodruff |
| 10. Florida Virtual School SWAT Member | Emma Belnap |
| 11. Florida Virtual School SWAT Member | Katy Belnap |
| 12. Community Member / SWAT Parent | Cheryl Belnap |
| 13. Community Member / SWAT Parent | Boyd Belnap |
| 14. Nature Coast Business Development Council Director | Dave Pieklik |
| 15. Community Member | L. George Sresovich |
| 16. Community Member | Tom Reitz |
| 17. Community Member | Art Konstantino |
| 18. Community Member | Cindy Mulvey |
| 19. Community Member | Juanita Melchior |

Welcome, Introductions, and Updates

Several partnership members had updates to share. Swain Strickland announced and shared a brochure for the Levy County Health Department’s new Dental Health Clinic, which serves people up to age twenty.

Juanita Melchior reminded the group that she is teaching Quit Smoking Now Classes, which are closed for school district employees and their families on Fridays in Cedar Key and on Tuesdays in Bronson. She is having difficulties with advertising for the classes amongst school district employees, so she has been experiencing poor attendance. There are also Quit Smoking Now classes scheduled to start in January for the cities of Williston, Chiefland, and Inglis. Chiefland’s Quit Smoking Now classes start on January 24, 2013. Juanita also shared information with the SWAT members and advisors in attendance about a Kick Butts Day grant opportunity from the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Ansley Pentz gave the group an update on the Statewide Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Youth Advocacy Board (YAB), which she is a member of. The YAB will be having their face-to-face meeting in January and Ansley will be in attendance. She also reminded the group that the YAB hosts monthly SWAT conference calls and webinars. The next one will be on December 18, 2012 at 8:30pm and will feature the debut of the new SWAT website. Mary Phillips recognized the Chiefland Middle School SWAT officers, who get together monthly at the school to participate in the conference calls and webinar. The students have had excellent attendance on the calls and are very active in their school SWAT club.

Kristina Zachry updated the group about the Levy County Legislative Delegation Meeting, which will take place on December 12, 2012. Three Levy SWAT students, Christian Aracena, Ansley Pentz, and Casey Ranalli will be presenting to Senator Charlie Dean and Representative Charlie Stone. Two Tobacco Free Partnership Members, Art Konstantino and Juanita Melchior, will also be presenting to the delegates.

Mary Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2012 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with no changes and the motion was seconded by Swain Strickland. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Advisory Council Member Elections

The Tobacco Free Partnership members held an election for the 2013 Advisory Council members, who will take office for the first meeting in 2013. On the ballot as nominees were the following members:

Chair: Juanita Melchior
Vice-Chair: Christian Aracena, Mary Phillips, and Casey Ranalli
Secretary: Katy Belnap, Liz Powers, and Swain Strickland

The position of Co-Chair will be held by the Levy County SWAT Representative, which is currently Ansley Pentz. The votes were tallied by two partnership members who were not running for office, and the results are as follows for the Tobacco Free Partnership of Levy County's 2013 Advisory Council:

Chair: Juanita Melchior
Co-Chair: Ansley Pentz
Vice-Chair: Mary Phillips
Secretary: Liz Powers

Thank you to all of our outgoing officers, for your dedication and commitment to the partnership throughout the past year, and your work to make Levy County tobacco-free.

Presentations

The Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Kristina Zachry, presented about Secondhand Smoke Exposure, which serves as one of the primary motivations for the partnership and its work on tobacco policy changes. Kristina also presented the members with information about Levy County's youth tobacco use rates, and used both secondhand smoke exposure and youth tobacco use rates as a starting point for discussions about policy change. The issue of tobacco-free parks came up again, and is something that the partnership would like to work on in depth in the coming year.

The three SWAT members who are presenting at the Levy County Legislative Delegation Meeting gave a run-through of their presentation to the partnership members for practice.

Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details

Casey Ranalli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mary Phillips. The meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

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

Date: **Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

Time: **3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Place: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Chiefland, FL**