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**Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2014; 4:00 pm; Capital City Bank, Chiefland**

**Agencies and Members in Attendance**

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| 1. Levy Tobacco Prevention Specialist / Partnership Facilitator | Kristina Zachry    |
| 2. Levy SWAT Representative/ TFP Co-Chair                       | Emily Manis        |
| 3. Community Member / Business Owner / TFP Chair                | Art Konstantino    |
| 4. Suwannee River Area Health Education Center                  | Jodian Blake       |
| 5. SWAT Member  | Anthony Strong     |
| 6. SWAT Member  | Jommielle Quiambao |
| 7. SWAT Member  | Maria DePaz        |

**Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order at 4:06 PM. Emily Manis made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2013 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with no changes and the motion was seconded by Maria DePaz. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The Partnership welcomed Jodian Blake, who is representing Suwannee River Area Health Education Center. Jodian updated the group about the upcoming smoking cessation classes that her organization has available. There will be a 6-week Quit Smoking Now course starting at the Levy County Health Department on Thursdays from March 27<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30PM-7:00PM. She shared flyers announcing the class with the group.

**Tobacco Program Updates**

**Region 2 SWAT YAB Meeting:** Levy SWAT Representative, Emily Manis, attended a meeting for the Region 2 Youth Advocacy Board members, where they planned outreach activities to enhance SWAT member communication in their 21-county region.

**Florida Youth Survey:** Seven schools in Levy County were selected to participate this year for the county level Florida Youth Tobacco Survey and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. Quit Doc will be administering the surveys during a joint administration, in partnership with the School Board of Levy County.

**Partnership Self-Assessment:** The Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida is currently reviewing the Partnership Self-Assessment process and they will make a determination on the need to complete a survey for this year during their review process. We will share more information on this topic as it becomes available and will notify partnership members if they are required to complete a survey for this fiscal year.

**Important Dates:** Important upcoming dates, as referenced on the meeting agenda:

**Through With Chew Week:** February 16-22, 2014  
**Kick Butts Day:** March 19, 2014

**Partnership Sponsorship and Advocacy Discussion**

This spring, there are several opportunities for the partnership to sponsor community events and activities. The partnership members discussed and decided to sponsor the Levy County Fair, the Cedar Key Arts Festival, the BACK Fighting Cancer Golf Tournament, and the Williston Girls Softball team through the purchase of a banner for their softball field.

Additionally, there are several opportunities for partnership members to engage in tobacco control advocacy. Discussion items included thanking CVS Pharmacy for their decision to stop selling tobacco products, encouraging Walgreen's and other pharmacies to go tobacco-free, and contacting state representatives about various bills that are in the current legislative session, such as those impacting smoke free cars, smoke free playgrounds, and electronic cigarettes.

**Strategy Plan Discussion**

Partnership members engaged in a brief discussion about the policy strategy plans for the Tobacco Free K-12 Schools policy area, the Flavored Tobacco policy area, and the Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing policy area.

**Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details**

Kristina Zachry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Art Konstantino. The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

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

Date: **Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

Time: **4:00 p.m.**

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