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**Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017; 3:30 pm; Capital City Bank, Chiefland**

Agencies and Members in Attendance

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| 1. Levy Tobacco Prevention Specialist / Partnership Facilitator | Kristina Zachry |
| 2. FL Dept. of Health Levy – Healthy Families Program | Islia Jovel |
| 3. Chiefland High School SWAT Member | Anthony Strong |
| 4. College of Central Florida Levy Center | Martha Chadburn |
| 5. Chiefland High School SWAT Member | Kelli Nerau |
| 6. Community Member | Andy Russi |
| 7. The Hanley Foundation | Lorrie van Voorthuijsen |
| 8. FL. Dept. of Health Citrus County | Crystal McClure |
| 9. Young Adult Former SWAT Member / TFP Secretary | Samantha Nerau |
| 10. Chiefland High School SWAT Advisor / TFP Vice-Chair | Mary Phillips |

Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Agency Announcements

The meeting was brought to order. Mary Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 13, 2016 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Martha Chadburn. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote from members in attendance. There were no member agency announcements, but Lorrie from the Hanley Foundation demonstrated a Through with Chew Week activity where she put on a “mouth” costume and recited a poem about the dangers of smokeless tobacco. She shared how she created the teeth costume with a red pool noodle (the gums), which she wrapped around her waist with a string, and white foam sheets cut into the shapes of teeth were inserted into the “gums.”

Tobacco Prevention Program Updates

Kristina Zachry updated the partnership members that the Tobacco Prevention Program is still seeking SWAT advisors for Chiefland Middle School and Yankeetown School. At this point in the year it is too late to start a SWAT club, so she is recruiting advisors for the 2017-2018 school year. She distributed a press release for Through with Chew Week and various school SWAT teams are planning activities to educate their peers about smokeless tobacco. Additionally, the Tobacco Prevention Program is looking for youth and adult volunteers to man the booths at the Levy County Fair (March 30-April 2) and the Cedar Key Arts Festival (April 8-9).

Kristina also updated the group that Levy County was chosen as a pilot county for the web-pilot of the Florida Youth Survey. Williston Middle High School was chosen as the pilot school, and Kristina has been working with the School Board of Levy County to coordinate administration of the survey at the Middle and High school level.

Finally, there is a statewide SWAT meeting taking place on June 9th to 11th and Kristina is looking for two SWAT members who are interested in attending, and one of them should also be interested in running for the statewide Youth Advocacy Board.

Smokeless Tobacco Policy Goals and Partnership Sponsorships

The group discussed the policy goals for the smokeless tobacco policy area. Currently the goal is to pass a tobacco free event policy, and Kristina Zachry updated the group that they had achieved this policy goal through their annual sponsorship of the Cedar Key Arts Festival (Old Florida Celebration of the Arts). This year

the Arts Festival Board of Directors decided to sign a tobacco free policy that includes not only smokeless tobacco and traditional tobacco products, but also Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) or e-cigarettes as well. The festival directors decided to establish two areas where tobacco use is permitted, away from festival participants. The partnership allocated \$1200 to the Arts Festival and will be recognized as the “Art in the Park Sponsor.” The sponsorship includes announcements about the tobacco free policy by the musicians in the park, signage to communicate the policy to festival attendees, and partnership recognition in the program guide and in all the festival advertisements.

The partnership also sponsored the Levy County Fair this year (March 30 – April 2) for one thousand dollars, and as a part of this gold level sponsorship the partnership is receiving recognition in the fair program and advertisements, banners at the fair, and free passes for partnership members and booth volunteers. This year, the Levy County Fair is still planning to designate the tent areas as tobacco-free, which includes the creative arts tent, the livestock tent, the VIP tent, eating areas, and the main stage tent. Kristina is looking for partnership members and youth to volunteer for both the Arts Festival and the Levy County Fair.

Point of Sale Update and Subcommittee Recruitment

Kristina Zachry updated the group that a policy subcommittee has been established for the Point of Sale goal area to help inform policy change efforts and advocacy with decision makers. Several members in attendance are already members of the subcommittee, and they will be meeting directly after the partnership meeting for a short meeting.

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Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details

Kristine Zachry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mary Phillips.

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

Date: **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

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

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