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**Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018; 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. Levy County Prevention Coalition / Youth Development Coordinator | Cheryl Davis |
| 3. College of Central Florida Levy Center / Staff Assistant | Martha Chadburn |
| 4. Levy County Prevention Coalition | Rose Wilder |
| 5. FL. Dept. of Health Levy County / Healthy Families Program | Jasmine Jordan |
| 6. FL. Dept. of Health Levy County / TFP Co-Chair | Kyle Roberts |
| 7. Youth Community Member | Kelli Nerau |
| 8. Chiefland Citizen Newspaper | Gina MacKenzie |
| 9. Youth Community Member | Gigi Townsend |
| 10. Chiefland SWAT Member / FL Youth Advocacy Board / Co-Chair | Emma Ronchetti |
| 11. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. / Prevention Specialist | Robert Wells |
| 12. SWAT Parent / Community Member | Jennifer Ronchetti |
| 13. Community Member | Nathaniel Davis |

Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Agency Announcements

The meeting was brought to order. The first item of business was to review and approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting. There were two minor typos to change. Gina MacKenzie made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 10, 2017 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with the two minor corrections that were discussed. The motion was seconded by Jasmine Jordan. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote from members in attendance.

Jodian Blake from Suwannee River AHEC was unable to attend the meeting, so she emailed Kristina Zachry the upcoming Quit Your Way tri-county class schedule to share with the group. Levy County has two upcoming Tools to Quit cessation classes at the Regional General Hospital in Williston (Feb. 24th & March 24th) and one class at the Capital City Bank in Chiefland on March 10th. Suwannee River AHEC also has an upcoming rural health summit on May 31st in White Springs. More information about registration will be coming soon.

Jasmine Jordan from the Florida Department of Health – Healthy Families Program updated the group about the Women’s Health Days that are taking place in the tri-county area. Women ages 35-64 can get free exams, pap smears, and blood pressure checks. The Dixie County Health Department’s event is today (Feb. 13th), Gilchrist County is on Thursday (Feb. 15th) and Levy County is tomorrow, (Feb. 14th).

Tobacco Prevention Program Updates

The Tobacco Prevention Program is currently recruiting new Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) advisors for Yankeetown School and Williston Middle High School.

Emma Ronchetti, a Students Working Against Tobacco member from Chiefland and a statewide SWAT Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) member, updated the group about a recent trip to Tallahassee, where she and her fellow YAB member, Laycee Hallman, presented to the Tobacco Advisory Council (TAC). The presentation focused on the success Levy County has had with passing a tobacco free Levy County Fair policy.

Today (Feb. 13th), the School Board of Levy County is administering the Florida Youth Survey to students in Chiefland, Bronson, and Williston. The QuitDoc Foundation partners with the school district annually to administer the survey to middle and high school students in Levy.

There are a number of tobacco control observances coming up: Through With Chew Week is February 18-24th, Kick Butts Day is March 21, 2018, and Tobacco Free Florida Week is April 2-8th.

Two tobacco free events are coming up that are sponsored by the Tobacco Free Partnership: The Cedar Key Old Florida Celebration of the Arts on March 24th and 25th and the Levy County Fair on April 5th-8th. We are still looking for partnership and SWAT volunteers for the booths for both events.

Constitution Revision Commission Proposal 94 Discussion

The partnership members held a discussion about Proposal 94, which is being considered by Florida's Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) and would shift 20 percent of the tobacco settlement dollars that fund the Tobacco Free Florida program to cancer research. Partnership members are encouraged to reach out to the CRC members to educate them on the impact Tobacco Free Florida has had on youth and adult tobacco use in the state, the value of prevention, and the importance of maintaining a program that follows CDC Best Practices. There are several ways to reach out to the commissioners – via phone, email, social media, or by attendance at one of several public hearings being held around the state. If Proposal 94 is approved by the CRC then it will go to the ballot in November 2018 for Florida's voters to decide.

Community Recognition Discussion

The partnership members held a discussion about recognizing community organizations that have recently passed tobacco free policies, to thank them for putting community health first. It was decided that the TFP will recognize the selected partners at the April 10th meeting with plaques and a special celebration. Invitations will need to be sent out to the College of Central Florida, the Tri County Community Resource Center, the Cedar Key Arts Festival, the Levy County Fair, and Manatee Springs Apartments.

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Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details

Kristina Zachry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Martha Chadburn. The next meeting will feature a special celebration and recognition of community organizations that have passed tobacco free policies.

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

Date: **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

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

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