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**Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 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. The Hanley Foundation   | Lorrie von Voorthuijsen |
| 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. Young Adult Community Member  | Samantha Nerau          |
| 7. Young Adult Community Member  | Kelli Nerau             |
| 8. Chiefland Citizen Newspaper   | Gina MacKenzie          |
| 9. Cedar Key SWAT Member   | Rebecca King            |
| 10. Williston SWAT Member / FL Youth Advocacy Board / Co-Chair               | Laycee Hallman          |
| 11. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. / Prevention Specialist             | Robert Wells            |
| 12. Community Member / Parent  | Sherri Brice            |
| 13. Youth Community Member   | Madison Brice           |
| 14. Miss Levy County Fair / Youth Community Member                           | Misti Brice             |
| 15. Chiefland SWAT Advisor / Vice-Chair                                      | Mary Russi              |
| 16. Community Member   | Andy Russi              |
| 17. Suwannee River Area Health Education Center                              | Lauren Pierson          |
| 18. Levy County Fair Board of Directors                                      | Sam Cuomo               |
| 19. Tri County Comm. Resource Center Manager/Partnership for Strong Families | Beverly Goodman         |
| 20. Manatee Springs Apartments Property Manager                              | Kimberly Zrowka         |
| 21. Cedar Key Old Florida Celebration of the Arts Board of Directors         | Beverly Ringenberg      |

**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 February 13, 2018 meeting. Jasmine Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2018 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Gina MacKenzie. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote from members in attendance.

Lauren Pierson from Suwannee River Area Health Education Center (AHEC) shared fliers and information with the group about the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Tobacco Summit on May 31, 2018 in White Springs. The fliers contained registration information for the free event and lunch and continuing education credits are also free for attendees.

**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.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Levy SWAT Summit will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> in High Springs. All members will be invited to this free event and transportation will be provided.

Statewide SWAT Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) members Emma Ronchetti (Chiefland High) and Laycee Hallman (Williston High), will be planning and facilitating the upcoming Region 2 SWAT meeting on June 8-9, 2018. Two other Levy SWAT members will also be attending this overnight meeting with Kristina Zachry.

SWAT and Partnership members participated in several tobacco control observances and sponsored community events since the last partnership meeting. The tobacco control observances were Through with Chew Week (February 8-24<sup>th</sup>), Kick Butts Day (March 21), and Tobacco Free Florida Week (April 2-8<sup>th</sup>).

Two tobacco free events were sponsored by the Tobacco Free Partnership: The Cedar Key Old Florida Celebration of the Arts (March 24-25<sup>th</sup>) and the Levy County Fair (April 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

The Tobacco Free Partnership will have a booth at the upcoming Tri County Community Resource Center's Spring Event on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This event will be tobacco free!

### **Tobacco Free Community Partners Recognition**

The community partners honored at the meeting included the Levy County Fair, the Cedar Key Old Florida Celebration of the Arts, the Tri County Community Resource Center, Manatee Springs Apartments, and the College of Central Florida.

Accepting the award for the Levy County Fair were Sam Cuomo from the Levy County Fair Board of Directors and the 2018 Miss Levy County Fair, Misti Brice. The Tobacco Free Partnership has been a participant and sponsor of the fair for several years, and the process to policy change was slow, but very well received by the community. This was the first year that the fair was designated as tobacco free with designated tobacco use areas, and it was a successful event, effectively reducing secondhand smoke exposure for the families and animals in attendance.

Beverly Ringenberg represented the Cedar Key Old Florida Celebration of the Arts and accepted an award for establishing a tobacco free community event last year. The partnership's sponsorship helped fund the children's Art in the Park project, and the tobacco free policy ensured that the children had clean air to breathe as they created art. In addition to decreasing youth exposure, the health benefits of reducing secondhand smoke at the well-attended arts festival had an immediate and positive impact on the residents and visitors of Levy County.

The Tri County Community Resource Center Director, Beverly Goodman was in attendance to accept a tobacco free community event award. The Tri County Community Resource Center holds an annual spring event that is well attended by local families, and they serve several people from the tri-county area who are looking for resources to help with low-income, employment, and health and social services. Establishing a tobacco free event and grounds policy has helped reinforce a tobacco free community norm and it has protected a significant amount of people with disparities from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Manatee Springs Apartments was represented by the Apartment Manager, Kimberly Zrowka. Manatee Springs Apartments recently passed a tobacco free community policy, and they are enthusiastic partners in promoting cessation and a tobacco free lifestyle. There are several families and disparate populations who are residents of Manatee Springs Apartments and they benefit significantly from living in a tobacco free community. The partnership provided signs to Manatee Springs to help communicate their new policy.

Finally, the College of Central Florida Levy Center was represented by Martha Chadburn, a long time Tobacco Free Partnership of Levy County member. The College of Central Florida was one of the first tobacco free policies passed and their new campus was designated tobacco free from the ground up. They have been dedicated partners in communicating tobacco cessation resources to their students and staff, and they have partnered with the Tobacco Free Partnership in the past to host health fairs for the Great American Smoke Out.



**Partnership Summary Review and Future Plans**

The partnership members reviewed the partnership summary document that was created late in 2017 and determined there were no changes needed. Additionally, this sparked a discussion about future goals for the partnership, and high on the list is passing a tobacco free playground policy for City Park in Cedar Key and increasing outreach and community education about Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), including JUUL devices, which have become very popular with teenagers.

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**Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details**

The group unanimously decided to cancel the next meeting scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and to reconvene at the regularly scheduled meeting on August 14, 2018. Kristina Zachry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Laycee Hallman.

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

Date: **Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

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

Place: **To Be Announced; Chiefland, FL**