

Meeting Minutes
Levy Coalition Against Tobacco
November 15, 2011, 3:30PM – 5:30PM
Capital City Bank, Chiefland

Agencies and Members in Attendance:

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| 1. Levy County Health Department | Kristina Zachry |
| 2. Levy County Health Department | Swain Strickland |
| 3. Bronson High School SWAT Member | Casey Ranalli |
| 4. Community Citizen / SWAT Parent | Juanita Melchoir |
| 5. Nature Coast Middle School Student | Brian Clark |
| 6. Community Citizen | Tom Reitz |
| 7. Chiefland High School SWAT Member | Christian Aracena |
| 8. Chiefland High School SWAT / Youth Advocacy Board Member | Ansley Pentz |
| 9. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Advisor | Mary Phillips |
| 10. Chiefland High School SWAT Advisor | Sonia Schmidt |
| 11. Community Member / SWAT Parent | Cheryl Belnap |
| 12. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member | Emma Belnap |
| 13. Chiefland Middle School SWAT Member | Katy Belnap |
| 14. UNF Student in Public Health / Levy Substitute Teacher | Laura Graber |
| 15. Suwannee River AHEC Cessation Specialist | Manette Cheshareck |
| 16. Chiefland High School Student | Meghan Schmidt |
| 17. Rose Consultation Services / Training Director | Steven Rose |
| 18. Rose Consultation Services / Youth Empowerment Consultant | Janelle Coyle |
| 19. Rose Consultation Services | Jamie Hogewood |
| 20. Chiefland High School SWAT Member | Justin Schmitz |
| 21. Guest Presenter | Rick Bender |

Welcome, Introductions, and Updates:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Ms. Mary Phillips. Handouts included the current meeting agenda and the meeting minutes from September 13th, 2011. Ansley Pentz motioned to accept the minutes and Sonia Schmidt then seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written with no changes. Ms. Janet had a death in her family, and was unable to attend the meeting, so it was asked that the members keep her and her family in their thoughts and prayers. Kristina updated the members about the recent Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) New Member Training that was held on November 4, 2011 at Otter Springs. There were a total of 64 students and 9 adults that attended the training and all of the evaluations showed that the students learned a lot and they viewed the training favorably. Manette announced that the next Quit Smoking Now class will be at Trenton Palms Medical starting on January 10th (until Feb. 14th), from 5:30pm-7:00pm. There may also be a Quit Smoking Now class starting in January at the Cedar Key Library.

Five-Minute Motivator:

Manette Cheshareck presented a five-minute motivator focused on roll-your-own (RYO) cigarettes and e-cigarettes. Manette shared handouts with the group that includes a Frequently Asked Question document, tax rates, and a news article. Local and state laws take precedence for tax issues related to RYO shops. The 2007 adult smoking rate in Florida was 27.9% and the 2010 adult smoking rate was 18.9% – this rate reduction is due to the efforts of LCAT, SWAT, and AHEC locally as well as due to the efforts of these organizations in each county in Florida. E-cigarettes were patented in Hong Kong in 2003 and they are manufactured everywhere, however they are not regulated by anyone. They are not considered a cessation device and the dose of nicotine varies from batch to batch. There were 30 chemicals mentioned by Rick

Bender that can be found in e-cigarettes, however, Manette was not sure of that number – she is only aware of a few chemicals, including Propylene Glycol, which is also used in fog machines. Manette feels that the e-cigarette doesn't help people break their behavioral addiction because the e-cigarette mimics the actual product. This discussion also included an update from Kristina on the status of Florida Preemption and also about the FDA tobacco warning labels that were set to debut Sept. 2012. A bill has been filed to remove preemption and the tobacco industries have decided to sue the FDA over the graphic warning labels.

Bylaw Vote:

The bylaws were presented with the incorporated changes suggested from the last LCAT meeting. Tom Reitz made a motion to accept the bylaws as written and without any changes. Kristina seconded the motion and Chairperson Phillips called for a vote. All members voted “yes” to approve the bylaw changes.

Wrap-Up:

Chairperson Mary Phillips discussed items for the next meeting agenda, including membership packets and a presentation from Manette on Tobacco Trend Busting.

The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2012 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Capital City Bank in Chiefland.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm