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**Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2015; 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 SWAT Representative/ TFP Co-Chair | Jordan Marlett |
| 3. Community Member / Business Owner / TFP Chair | Art Konstantino |
| 4. Community Member | Cindy Mulvey |
| 5. Young Adult SWAT Representative | Mikala Marlett |
| 6. College of Central Florida | Rebecca Busby |
| 7. Bronson Middle High School SWAT Advisor | Cindy Austin |
| 8. Chiefland Middle High School SWAT Advisor | Mary Phillips |
| 9. FL Dept. of Health / Chiefland and Yankeetown School Health Nurse | Kathleen Gross |
| 10. Chiefland Middle High School SWAT Chair | Kimberly Rudin |
| 11. Chiefland Middle High School SWAT Co-Chair | Elena Richardson |
| 12. Chiefland Middle High School SWAT Member | Natalia Prince |
| 13. Chiefland Middle High School SWAT Member | Kenneth Brown |
| 14. Suwannee River AHEC / Tobacco Cessation & Treatment Specialist | Ciara Anderson |
| 15. Suwannee River AHEC / Intern | Lauren Pierson |
| 16. Suwannee River AHEC / Intern | Samantha Kowalczyk |

Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Agency Announcements

The meeting was brought to order. Mary Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with no changes and the motion was seconded by Art Konstantino. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Membership forms were completed by Tobacco Free Partnership members who did not already have a completed membership form on file.

Central Florida College has projected the date of August 2016 as their grand opening for the new Chiefland campus. They have already had their groundbreaking at the new site. This will be Rebecca Busby's last partnership meeting as she is retiring from the College of Central Florida. A new person will be designated to represent the college on the partnership.

Tobacco Prevention Program Updates

- SWAT participated in the Chiefland Winter Festival with a booth to provide education and they also walked in the parade.

- SWAT participated in the Chiefland Chamber of Commerce's Annual Scarecrow Contest and won first place in the Clubs category for their tobacco-industry themed display.
- Kimberly Rudin and Elena Richardson from Chiefland High School attended the Levy County Legislative Delegation Meeting and presented information about the Tobacco Prevention Program's successes this year. They also educated Senator Charlie Dean and Representative Charlie Stone about flavored tobacco blunt wraps, which are used primarily to smoke marijuana. Levy SWAT Representative, Jordan Marlett, was unable to attend because she was touring the University of Central Florida college campus, which she was proud to announce is a tobacco-free campus.
- Smoking rates among Florida high school students is the lowest in the United States now, however, electronic cigarette usage has doubled. Next fiscal year, we will focus more on smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes during our partnership and SWAT community outreach.
- There are now two electronic cigarette stores in Levy County – one in Chiefland and one in Williston.
- Two schools in Levy County were selected to participate in the Florida Youth Survey this year. The administration was just completed, and will contribute data to the statewide rate calculations for 2015.
- The Chiefland Farmer's Market takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. It started on August 23rd and is returning after a short winter hiatus. The Farmer's Market is designated as a 100% tobacco free event as a result of our partnership with the Chiefland Chamber.
- Through With Chew Week takes place February 15-21, 2015 and the Great American Spit Out is February 18, 2015. These national tobacco control observances are intended to educate people about the dangers of smokeless tobacco and to encourage smokeless tobacco users to quit. SWAT clubs will be planning activities to celebrate these observances and raise awareness at their schools.
- Kick Butts day is March 18, 2015, and SWAT will be planning awareness events at the schools.
- The Cedar Key Old Florida Celebration of the Arts will be on March 28-29, 2015 and will be designated as a tobacco-free event as a result of our partnership with them and our Sustainability Sponsorship for the festival. SWAT will have a booth in the park to educate people about the 3 Ways to Quit.
- The Levy County Fair will be April 9-12, 2015 and will have designated tobacco-free and vaping-free areas as a result of our partnership with them and our Sponsorship for the fair. SWAT will have a booth at the fair to educate people about the 3 Ways to Quit.
- In Quarter 4, SWAT and the partnership will be asking the City of Chiefland to pass a resolution concerning flavored tobacco.

Partnership Advocacy

The Tobacco Prevention Specialist showed a short video about the history of tobacco control.

There are several opportunities for partnership members to engage in tobacco control advocacy:

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and "Like" and share our status updates often.

www.facebook.com/TFPLevy

SWAT is hosting a different social media challenge for each month. January's is the Commit to Quit Challenge. To participate, share an inspirational message to your personal social media accounts with the hashtags #CommitToQuitChallenge and #LevyCountySWAT.

There is a new SWAT media campaign called The Facts Now. Please visit the campaign website, www.thefactsnow.com and share the memes to your personal social media accounts. The campaign is hoping the memes will go viral.

There is a new "Blog" site set up where partnership members can read, share, and contribute tobacco prevention and cessation blog posts. The website is <http://alternatetobaccoawareness.blogspot.com/>

Wrap Up and Next Meeting Details

Art Konstantino made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Cindy Austin.

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

Date: **Tuesday, April 14th, 2015**

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

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