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**Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2016; 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                             | Rose Wilder      |
| 3. Suwannee River AHEC Tobacco & Health Program Coordinator     | Jodian Blake     |
| 4. College of Central Florida Levy Center                       | Martha Chadburn  |
| 5. Chiefland High School SWAT Member                            | Kelli Nerau      |
| 6. Chiefland High School SWAT Member                            | Elena Richardson |
| 7. FL Dept. of Health Levy, Dixie, Gilchrist / TFP Chair        | Kyle Roberts     |
| 8. Palms Medical Group  | Jaime Hinote     |
| 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. Kyle Roberts made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 18, 2016 Tobacco Free Partnership meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Jaime Hinote. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote from members in attendance.

Kyle Roberts from the Florida Department of Health Levy, Dixie, Gilchrist Counties updated the group that Levy received a Heart Health Initiative mini-grant because our county was in the bottom ten of Florida's counties when it comes to heart health and rates of diabetes, obesity, heart disease, smoking, etc. The grant is from the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida and starts in January. There is a Community Health Improvement Program committee meeting tomorrow, where the priorities and interventions for the Heart Health grant will be discussed, but the options include partnering with health care providers to provide patient education and intervention as well as engaging the faith community in educating their congregations.

Jaime Hinote from Palms Medical Group updated the partnership that Palms Medical Group chose families in need from the communities around their thirteen centers and they have provided those families with a ham, canned good, etc – enough to make a meal for Christmas. They were able to provide dinner for ten to fifteen families. Additionally, through their partnership with the Guardian Ad Litem program they have sponsored one hundred children with the Angel Trees to provide Christmas gifts for them.

**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. Additionally, the Region 2 SWAT meeting took place on November 5<sup>th</sup> and Kristina chaperoned two youth. The third youth Kristina intended to take to the meeting unexpectedly had to move out of state with her family right before the meeting, and thus was not able to attend and/or run for the Statewide Youth Advocacy Board. This will be the first time in eight years that Levy County has not has a youth representing us on the statewide SWAT board. Kristina also updated the group about the Great American Smokeout activity that occurred at the College of Central Florida and reminded everyone that the next partnership meeting falls during Through With Chew week in February. She suggested members provide ideas for ways to incorporate the tobacco free partnership meeting with an activity to raise awareness about smokeless tobacco for the Through With Chew Week Observance. She also suggested that the

partnership consider sponsoring an activity next holiday season to reach the less fortunate folks in Levy County with something they need for the holidays as well as information about how quitting tobacco can help.

**Florida Youth Tobacco Survey Presentation**

Kristina Zachry shared a presentation with the partnership members of the preliminary data that has been released from the Florida Youth Survey for Levy County. The presentation included slides that show the usage rates trends from 2012 to 2016. Overall, Levy County youth ages 11-17 are using less cigarettes and cigars, our smokeless tobacco rates are maintaining a steady high reported usage, and usage of hookah and electronic cigarettes is increasing dramatically. Our rates of youth reporting second hand smoke exposure are going down slowly, but remain high overall. One encouraging trend is the fact that three out of four Levy County youth are committed to never smoking. Kristina also shared a presentation with data comparisons for the differences in tobacco usage rates between rural and urban youth. Rural youth consistently have significantly higher rates of tobacco usage than urban youth. The presentation also included slides with suggestions for going forward with new strategies for engaging the community and raising awareness of the dangers of using smokeless tobacco and other forms of tobacco.

**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 indicated their interest in participating and the second subcommittee meeting will take today immediately following the partnership 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, February 14, 2016**

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

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