

Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition

MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2013

12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

DRUMCASTLE GOVERNMENT
CENTER

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MEETING CALLED BY	Pat Pickett, Coalition Co-Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition
FACILITATOR	Pat Pickett
NOTE TAKER	Mike Dark
ATTENDEES	Christine Schutzman (Private Consultant), Pat Pickett (Independent), Sister Marie Seton Walsh (Northwest Hospital Center), Greta Brand (Greta Brand, Inc), Mike Pierce (Independent), Judy Rosenberg (Bais Yaakov), Karen Polite-Lamma (Franklin Square Medical Center), April Meise (Johns Hopkins Bayview) Denise Albright (DHMH), Kanika Campbell (DHMH) BCDH staff: Mike Dark, Dave Goldman, Jessica Gibson, Vicki Pfannenstein.

12:03

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PAT PICKETT

DISCUSSION	Pat opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.
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12:05

COMMERCIAL TOBACCO SIGNAGE FOLLOW-UP

DAVE GOLDMAN

DISCUSSION	<p>The letter that was drafted after the November meeting to be sent to the head of Code Enforcement was reviewed by BBH. The letter can be submitted to Code Enforcement by the Coalition as its own entity. The Health Department's role was clarified that we are not the Coalition and will abstain from having an opinion as part of the letter. If the letter is approved for submission, Dr. Branch will be notified so that he is up-to-date.</p> <p>A suggestion was provided by Dave to remove a line about the Coalition receiving local/state support. Instead, the line will read that the Coalition is encouraged by local/state government. Pat suggested attaching the newspaper article that is referenced in the letter.</p>
CONCLUSION	<u>There were no objections to the letter and it was approved. Greta motioned for the change of "support" to "encouraged." Christine seconded the motion and will mail the letter out with co-chair signatures after the edits are made.</u>

12:20

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL GRANTS UPDATE

MIKE DARK/JESSICA GIBSON

DISCUSSION	<p>Community Grants During the Request for Proposals we received four proposals. They have been evaluated and will be notified by the Purchasing Office of their status. We are required to have a total of five community organizations and five churches to be funded under this grant program. We are sending out grant application packets to various groups to apply for funding between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The application deadline is February 11.</p> <p>School Grants Grants were offered to all Baltimore County Public Schools and we received applications from 17 schools. 16 of the schools were preliminarily approved for funding and final decision rests with the County Council. The 17 schools applied for a total of \$25,161.05. Four Peer Groups also applied for funding for a total of \$8,201.35 leaving a remainder of \$1,637.60 in school grant funds.</p>
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12:30	<i>SMOKE FREE COLLEGES MEETING</i>	MIKE DARK
DISCUSSION	<p>A meeting was held on December 5 and hosted by Stevenson University to bring colleges and universities together along with other supporters to discuss smoke free college policies. During the meeting, groups shared their successes and barriers to developing or having a smoke free college policy on campus. 24 individuals were in attendance and represented 10 organizations or colleges.</p> <p>Will Tilburg of the Legal Resource Center at the University of Maryland School of Law gave a policy presentation. After this, individuals were asked to share their concerns, successes, and thoughts for developing smoke free college policies.</p>	
12:32	<i>YOUTH RECRUITMENT/SCHOOL MEETING SITES</i>	CHRISTINE SCHUTZMAN
DISCUSSION	<p>Applications were sent to three different schools to see if the Coalition could have meetings at their location and none of the schools were able to accommodate us for the days and times of our meetings. It was suggested by Christine that we use a different day to have meetings then. Some members stated that it might be difficult to attend on different dates as they have these reoccurring dates already in their calendar. Vicki suggested using dates when the schools are closed and inviting students to come to meetings at Drumcastle. Pat then suggested that a questionnaire be sent to schools to see when they are able to accommodate us.</p> <p>Dave suggested that we use the Peer Groups that applied for funding under the school grants. Christine suggested that we use a Peer Group for the March meeting and either they can host or can come to Drumcastle. It was then asked if Peer Groups are required to join the Coalition as part of their Conditions of Award and it was stated that they are not.</p>	
CONCLUSION	<p><u>Vicki will check into whether one of the Peer Groups will be able to host the Coalition for a meeting at their school on the scheduled dates.</u></p>	
12:40	<i>BBH STAFF CHANGE</i>	DAVE GOLDMAN
DISCUSSION	<p>Joy Weddington retired at the end of 2012. Her position has not been filled yet but may be filled within the next month. Recruitment for her position will be done internally.</p>	
12:42	<i>FY 13 MID-YEAR REPORT</i>	MIKE DARK
DISCUSSION	<p>The first half of the fiscal year ended on December 31. The CRF mid-year report is due to DHMH on January 30. The performance measures for the first half of the fiscal year are as follow:</p> <p>Community Number of secondhand smoke education programs: Required 1; Completed 1 Number of community leaders trained: Required 15; Completed 0 Number of People Educated: Required 5,000; Completed 3,746 Number of awareness campaigns: Required 1; Completed 0 Number of organizations funded: Required 5; Completed 0 Number of churches funded: Required 5; Completed 0</p> <p>School Number of K-12 parents educated: Required 500; Completed 1,261 Number of K-12 students educated: Required 10,000; Completed 824 Students reached in peer programs: Required 10; Completed 0 Peer programs organized: Required 2; Completed 0</p> <p>Enforcement</p>	

	<p>Number of merchants educated on youth access law: Required 15; Completed 149 Number of merchants educated on product placement: Required 15, Completed 149 Number of product placement compliance checks: Required 300; Completed 162</p> <p>Cessation Number of participants in smoking cessation – total: Required 500; Completed 213 African American: Required 143; Completed 79 Asian American: Required 3; Completed 14 Caucasian: Required 336; Completed 105 Hispanic/Latino: Required 18; Completed 20 Women: Required 275; Completed 122 Men: Required 225; Completed 91 Nicotine Patches: Required 300; Completed 137 Chantix: Required 75; Completed 18 WIC Cessation: Required 5; Completed 0 Behavioral Health Cessation: Required 5; Completed 33 Number of organizations funded to provide cessation services: Required 2; Completed 2</p>
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12:45	<i>TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS</i>	MIKE DARK
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DISCUSSION	<p>Another tobacco citation hearing took place on December 18. At this hearing, three out of six merchants appeared before Judge Stahl. Two of the citations were reduced while one of them was rescinded. The three merchants who did not show were ordered to pay their fine in full with no option for appeal. Another hearing is scheduled to take place on January 28.</p> <p>Christine asked if community members could conduct tobacco enforcement. This is not an option because only the Department of Health has enforcement powers at this time. Another individual suggested that we publicize the stores who failed their inspections. It was then asked if we could use youth to conduct underage ID checks. Dave mentioned that the County would not allow the use of underage youth. Pat noted that some individuals might not want their children to engage in such practices.</p>
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12:50	<i>COALITION MEMBER UPDATES</i>	
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DISCUSSION	<p>Greta Brand – Currently conducting a cessation class at Northwest Hospital and many more scheduled in other locations.</p> <p>Franklin Square – A large group attended the first session of their current cessation class. Karen would like to give special thanks to Marlene Spruiel (BCHD) for assisting with medication orders for her clients.</p> <p>BCHD – We are seeking a budget modification in order to purchase more medications, as our supply is low at this time.</p> <p>Pat Pickett – Met an individual who can provide an update to the Coalition on the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Dave will discuss the ACA and its implications on tobacco control.</p> <p>UMBC – A new cessation class is beginning in February. The university started a task force to address the upcoming smoking ban on campus and how to implement enforcement of this new policy.</p>
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1:15	<i>OPEN DISCUSSION/RECAP</i>	
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DISCUSSION	<p>Karen mentioned that the Drumcastle Center should be smoke-free at the entrances. There is a constant plume of smoke as visitors and clients enter the front of the building. Dave reported that new signage is in development that will say "No Smoking." The Executive Leadership Team will discuss the specifics of the signage. Vicki also reported that signage with information on cessation resources will also accompany the "No Smoking" signs.</p> <p>Christine clarified that the letter to Code Enforcement should be changed to say that the Coalition would contact them to set up a meeting to discuss the illegal tobacco signage.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.</p>		
CONCLUSION	<p><u>Christine will make the edit to the letter so that it can be sent to Code Enforcement.</u></p>		
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2012	TIME: 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	LOCATION: Lansdowne High School