

Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition

MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2013 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

LANSDOWNE HIGH SCHOOL

DRAFT

MEETING CALLED BY	Pat Pickett, Coalition Co-Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition
FACILITATOR	Pat Pickett
NOTE TAKER	Mike Dark
ATTENDEES	Pat Pickett (Independent), Mike Pierce (Independent), Jennifer Mayer (Priority Partners MCO), Mark Metzger (BCoPD), Janine Bennett (Stevenson University), Cassandra Umoh (SSOMT) Denise Albright (DHMH), Aqsa Ali (10 th), Rodney Jones (12 th), Chelsea Sawyer (12 th), Katie Parish (12 th), Brandon Murphy (12 th), Francheska Greber (9 th), Destiny O'Brien (12 th), Marisa Kekich (12 th), Mae Smith (10 th), Shannon Johnson (10 th), Cheyenne Bernard (10 th), Kerstin Windom (9 th), Chontel Bevans (11 th), Julie Cooper (Lansdowne HS Nurse) Lee Curtis (Lansdowne Health Suite) BCDH staff: Mike Dark, Dave Goldman, Jessica Gibson, Vicki Pfannenstein.

12:15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** PAT PICKETT

DISCUSSION	Pat opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. Each student provided his or her name, grade, and ideal future profession. Coalition members then introduced themselves by providing their name, job title, and organization they work for.
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12:20 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS** PAT PICKETT

DISCUSSION	Students worked on various projects to provide tobacco prevention messages. They also told stories related to how tobacco use has affected their lives. Projects included poems, posters, essays, dancing, and a video. Each student took the time to present his or her project to the Coalition. During this time students also enjoyed a pizza lunch provided to them by the Bureau of Behavioral Health.
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1:10 **STUDENT PROJECT CONTINUATION** PAT PICKETT

DISCUSSION	<p>Pat asked the students for ideas of how to continue spreading the message of tobacco prevention and cessation amongst their peers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use fear tactics to develop social change among the students. • Educate students on the consequences of tobacco use. • Reach the students on a personal level and show them how their loved ones would be affected by their tobacco use. • Talk to smokers and instill in them why it is important for them to quit. • Change the social norms around the idea that smoking makes you look cool. 		
1:20	<i>KICK BUTTS DAY</i>	DAVE GOLDMAN	
DISCUSSION	<p>The students were thanked for the presentations they gave and the stories they told. Dave mentioned that this was an excellent way to celebrate Kick Butts Day by having the students involved in tobacco prevention. It was also noted that Lansdowne HS is receiving a tobacco grant. They will create a peer group as well as provide tobacco education for the school overall. The grant will allow the students and administration to change the atmosphere around tobacco use. It was proposed that in the future the students at the high school could go and educate their younger counterparts at the middle school on tobacco prevention.</p>		
1:43	<i>COMMUNITY/SCHOOL GRANT UPDATES</i>	MIKE DARK/JESSICA GIBSON	
DISCUSSION	<p>The students were released from the meeting at this point and a brief discussion occurred regarding grant updates. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.</p> <p>School grants have been submitted to the County Council for final approval and, if no issues are brought up, the grants will be considered approved on March 21. One proposal, which was submitted late, should receive approval on March 28.</p> <p>Five community grants have been approved at this time. This includes two organizations and three churches. Additional outreach is being conducted to increase the number of applicants.</p> <p>The meeting was then called and ended at 2:00 P.M.</p>		
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, May 15, 2013	TIME: 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	LOCATION: Drumcastle Government Center