

Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition

MINUTES

MAY 15, 2013

12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

DRUMCASTLE GOVERNMENT
CENTER

MEETING CALLED BY	Dave Goldman, BBH Director
TYPE OF MEETING	Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition
FACILITATOR	Dave Goldman
NOTE TAKER	Mike Dark
ATTENDEES	Sister Marie Seton Walsh (Northwest Hospital Center), Mike Pierce (Independent), Karen Polite-Lamma (Franklin Square Medical Center), April Meise (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Ralph Williams (Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute), Cassandra Umoh (St. Stephens OMT), Nicole Barber (The Renaissance Center) BCDH staff: Mike Dark, Dave Goldman, Jessica Gibson, Vicki Pfannenstein.

12:17 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** DAVE GOLDMAN

DISCUSSION	Dave opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. The minutes from the last meeting at Lansdowne High School were reviewed and accepted.
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12:21 **BBH STAFF CHANGE** DAVE GOLDMAN

DISCUSSION	Vicki Pfannenstein has filled the position of Prevention Services Manager. She will oversee the tobacco program as well as other initiatives.
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12:24 **PERFORMANCE MEASURE UPDATE/GRANT UPDATE** MIKE DARK/JESSICA GIBSON

DISCUSSION	<p>A form was passed out to coalition members that provided an approximate total of current performance measure data. The form is attached to these minutes for viewing.</p> <p>Community Grants BBH has awarded a tobacco education grant to five community-based organizations and four faith based organizations. BBH is actively seeking a 5th faith based organization to receive a grant.</p> <p>School Grants A map is attached to these minutes that shows the locations of all school based grants in the county except for two that were omitted in error. The bulk of the schools are middle and elementary with the largest proportion being on the east side of the county.</p>
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12:29 **TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT** MIKE DARK

DISCUSSION	<p>We are working with Baltimore County Police Cadets throughout May and June to enforce the county code related to verification of identification. As of the date of this meeting, we have completed one detail that resulted in 10 citations or a 61% pass rate. We will attempt to reach all areas of the county during these details.</p> <p>It is also the goal of the program to continue conducting tobacco enforcement in FY 14.</p>
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12:35 **FY 14 GRANT APPLICATION** VICKI PFANNENSTEIN

DISCUSSION	<p>As of this meeting, no application instructions or budget mark has been received by the MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. When the instructions do arrive, we expect a quick turn around time in the application process. The coalition will be solicited for comments and we request that comments be submitted in a timely manner.</p> <p>As part of the FY 14 plan, we will include advertisements to encourage individuals throughout the county to partake in our cessation services.</p>	
12:41	COMMERCIAL TOBACCO SIGNAGE	DAVE GOLDMAN
DISCUSSION	<p>A letter was drafted by the coalition earlier in the fiscal year that was addressed to code enforcement and requesting a meeting to discuss tobacco signage and how the coalition can assist in addressing this issue. The co-chairs of the coalition were to make the final edits to the letter, sign it, and send it to the intended recipient. As of this meeting, there has been no word from code enforcement of the coalition co-chairs on the status of the letter. It is assumed that the letter was not sent on behalf of the coalition.</p> <p>Mike Pierce expressed that he would like to see the Dept of Health address the signage issue with Code Enforcement.</p>	
CONCLUSION	<p><u>Dave will email the coalition co-chairs in the name of the coalition asking about the letter being sent and seek a quick response.</u></p>	
12:54	WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY	VICKI PFANNENSTEIN
DISCUSSION	<p>World No Tobacco Day is May 31. On this day, smokers are encouraged to try quitting for 24 hours. The BCDH will have a table and tent in front of the Drumcastle Center to provide information to the public. BBH will also attempt to organize outreach at another public location such as by a Target or Kmart. A banner will be placed out front of the Drumcastle Center as well as in the lobbies of the Eastern Family Resource Center and the Liberty Family Resource Center.</p> <p>We will begin to offer regular cessation programming at the Woodlawn and Essex libraries. This will occur consistently throughout the year.</p> <p>Mike Pierce brought to the attention of the coalition that potential legislation is being drafted in the county to ban smoking in parks.</p>	
1:08	COALITION MEMBER UPDATES/OPEN DISCUSSION	
DISCUSSION	<p>Franklin Square Hospital Center: Have held numerous cessation classes all year round and have one class left to begin.</p> <p>Northwest Hospital Center: Sister Seton will no longer be attending coalition meetings. With staff changes in the hospital, her duties have changed. Her manager will attend meetings and send Sister in her place if needed.</p> <p>St. Stephens OMT: Received a grant from BCDH. Has one event left to attend on May 16. Has also received a grant from Healthcare Access Maryland for Affordable Care Act outreach.</p> <p>The Renaissance Center: Received a grant from BCDH. Will be working on a community health fair and an event at a young parents support center.</p> <p>Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute: Will be attending 3 events at</p>	

various local churches in the community.

It was posed to the coalition whether or not electronic cigarettes are recommended for use. At this point, data does not point to the devices being good or bad. They are not FDA approved or regulated and thus no decisions can be made at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

**NEXT MEETING
DATE:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 18,
2012**

**TIME: 12:00 P.M. – 2:00
P.M.**

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