

Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition Minutes

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

DRUMCASTLE GOVERNMENT CENTER

Meeting Called By :	Pat Pickett, Co-Chair & Christine Schutzman, Co-Chair	
Type of Meeting :	Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition	
Facilitator:	Pat Pickett, Christine Schutzman	
Note Taker :	Jessica Gibson	
Attendees:	Gisele Tah (Seeds Healthcare Training Institute), Joe Leake (BCPS Health Education), Linda Bryan (Dundalk Youth Service Center), Pat Pickett (Independent), Greta Brand (Greta S. Brand & Associates, Inc.), Christine Schutzman (Morgan State University), Mark Metzger (BCPD), Mike Pierce (Independent), April Meise (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Karen Polite-Lamma (MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center), Brett Baulsir (Legal Resource Center), Judith Rosenberg (Bais Yaakov), Roxanne Stumpt (BCRP), Shannon Weaver (BCPS) DHMH Staff: Lawrence Carter BCDH staff: Jessica Gibson, Vicki Pfannenstien, Dave Goldman	
Time: 12:18	Welcome and Introductions	PAT PICKETT
Discussion	Pat opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions and everyone was asked to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.	
Time: 12:22	BBH STAFF CHANGE	VICKI PFANNENSTEIN
Discussion	Michael Dark is no longer with the Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH). His position as a Tobacco Specialist will be filled as a part time non-merit County position with benefits.	
Time: 12:23	COMMUNITY/ SCHOOL GRANT UPDATE	JESSICA GIBSON/ VICKI PFANNENSTEIN
Discussion	Performance measures state that CRF funds must support 6 faith based organizations and 6 community groups in their efforts to provide tobacco awareness. As of the meeting BBH has received 3 community-group grant applications and 3 faith-based community applications. BHH will continue to accept applications for both community and faith based organizations. BBH has received 33 school applications for Tobacco Prevention Grant funding. These are from 20 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, and 6 high schools. Funding requests by schools could not exceed \$2,200.	
Time: 12:30	YOUTH INVOLVEMENT	VICKI PFANNENSTEIN
Discussion	The State has requested that youth become official members of the Coalition. This is a requirement of our grant funding. Eastern Technical High School has offered BBH space to hold the remaining FY14 tobacco coalition meetings. The January, March, and May coalition meetings will be held on the regularly scheduled third Wednesday of the month, but the time and location will change. Meetings will be at Eastern Tech, 1100 Mace Ave, Essex, from 3pm-5pm to accommodate student's schedules. Youth will receive service learning hours or a small stipend for their participation. The coalition discussed other ways to open the meeting up to youth around the county who are unable to attend meetings. A member suggested Skype, a service that allows users to communicate with peers by voice using a microphone, video, or using a webcam, over the Internet. Another member mentioned contacting the local Education Channel to see if they could be of any help with broadcasting the meeting to a larger audience. The	

	coalition discussed what age students should be allowed to join the coalition.	
	Conclusion: Greta motioned for the coalition to only allow high school aged youth to attend coalition meetings. Judy seconded the motion.	
Time: 12:41	DHMH PERFORMANCE MEASURES	DAVE GOLDMAN/ LAWRENCE CARTER
Discussion	CRF Performance Measures Adjustments were passed out to the coalition. The sheet-highlighted changes made by DHMH from the original numbers submitted by BBH. Mr. Carter was asked to explain to the coalition the reason behind the increased performance measure numbers. Mr. Carter explained that Baltimore County received the largest amount of funding from the CRF in Maryland, and has one of the largest populations. Due to the large number of residents, DHMH expects BBH to educate a large amount of the public. He stated that the performance measure goals sent in by BBH did not reflect the amount of funding being received and BBH was then given the opportunity to change the performance measure numbers based on feedback from DHMH. He did not feel that the changes submitted reflected, or supported the amount of funding BBH was to receive and therefore, made the final decision on the performance measures. Mr. Carter gave examples of ways BBH could interact with the public and schools in an effort to educate the public about tobacco, and expressed an interest in seeing more youth on the coalition. Mr. Goldman explained to the coalition that with the increased performance measure number, BBH would be looking to the coalition for more help to reach the performance measure goals.	
Time: 12:55	Letter to Dr. Branch	PAT PICKETT
Discussion	Co-chairs and members of the coalition expressed confusion about whether or not the letter to Dr. Branch about Recreation & Parks would be discussed at the meeting.	
	Conclusion: Conversation concerning letter was tabled until later in the meeting.	
Time: 1:03	Conference Call with Eastern Tech Nurse	VICKI PFANNENSYEIN/ SHANNON WEAVER
Discussion	Ms. Pfannenstein introduced Shannon Weaver, the nurse from Eastern Technical High School to the meeting. Ms. Pfannenstein explained to the coalition that in order to engage more youth the remaining coalition meeting would take place at Eastern Technical High School with students in the Allied Health program. The coalition was then informed that students would either receive student service learning hours for their attendance or monetary compensation. Mrs. Weaver then mentioned the student's interest and anticipated comments to the tobacco coalition. The students who will be attending the meeting are in the Allied Health program. The Allied Health program helps students gain knowledge and exposure for career decisions in the multi dimensional field of Allied Health, including medical terminology, introduction to health care/medical careers, and legal and ethical concerns. Mrs. Weaver explained to the coalition that its concerns pertaining to tobacco are in-line with the concerns of the students. Coalition members discussed what the student's role would be and recommended that the students be asked what they want to do about the issues surrounding tobacco. Mr. Carter suggested mobilizing students to handle the letter to Dr. Branch.	
	Conclusion: Ms. Gibson will put together a packet that will introduce the coalition to the students.	
Time:1:16	Letter to Dr. Branch	PAT PICKETT
Discussion	After receiving the edited letter to Dr. Branch about signage, originally viewed at the September meeting, concerns listed in the letter did not reflect that of the coalition. Edits needed to be made before it could be sent to Dr. Branch. The coalition moved on to the letter concerning Recreation & Parks. Members of the coalition voiced concern about the tone of the letter and to who it should be addressed. Roxanne Stumpt suggested writing a letter to Dr. Branch asking if he would be willing to speak with Arnold Jablon, Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Recreation & Parks as maybe he would be of some	

	help addressing smoking around those public locations. Mike Pierce motioned to have the letter sent to Dr. Branch with the suggestion that he bring this issue to the County Council, which was not seconded. Greta Brand motioned to have the letter sent to Dr. Branch asking that he speak with Mr. Jablon about the issue, which was not seconded. Coalition members voiced concern about the vocabulary being used in the letter. They felt it needed to be more general and some of the dates needed correction.		
	Conclusion: Christine motioned to have the letter to Dr. Branch concerning signage approved with edits, Mike Pierce seconded the motion. Christine motioned to send the edited letter to Mr. Quirk concerning Recreation & Parks upon edits. Greta Brand seconded the motion.		
Time: 1:36	E-Cigarettes	BRETT BAULSIR	
Discussion	Mr. Baulsir explained that there wasn't much happening state wise concerning the regulation of e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are still not regulated, but the sale and distribution of the product should only be sold to those who are 18 years of age or older.		
	Conclusion: Mr. Baulsir will deliver an e-cigarettes presentation at the next meeting and provide further information about retailer's position on e-cigarettes.		
Time: 1:52	September Minutes	CHRISTINE SCHUTZMAN	
Discussion	A corrections need to be made to the September minutes before they can be approved. On page 3 of the minutes, under Code Enforcement Conclusion, the statement "...the letter to Dr. Branch regarding Recreation/Parks..." should be changed to read "...the letter to Dr. Branch regarding the County Executive..."		
Conclusion	Minutes will be accepted upon changes.		
Time:	Co- Chair Nominations	PAT PICKETT/ CHRISTINE SCHUTZMAN	
Discussion	The coalition was given voting ballots with the names of three coalition members who were nominated for co-chair. The coalition was asked to vote for two of the nominees.		
	Conclusion: Upon calculating the ballots, Christine Schutzman and Cassandra Umoh were elected the new co- chairs.		
NEXT MEETING DATE:	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014	TIME: 3:00 P.M -5:00 P.M	LOCATION: EASTERN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 1100 Mace Ave Essex, MD 21221