

Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition

MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2014

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

EASTERN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

MEETING CALLED BY	Co-Chair Christine Schutzman
TYPE OF MEETING	Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition
FACILITATOR	Christine Schutzman
NOTE TAKER	Vicki Pfannenstein
ATTENDEES	Gisele Tah (Seeds Healthcare Training Institute), Greta Brand (Greta S. Brand & Associates, Inc.), Christine Schutzman (Morgan State University), April Meise (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Brett Baulsir (Legal Resource Center), Shannon Weaver, ET Nurse, ET students: Kayla Alvey, Mopenioru Jesu Oluyinka, Victoria Oji, Matthew Miklosovich, Alexandra Bernal, Kristy Aquino BCDH staff: Dave Goldman, Vicki Pfannenstein

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

CHRISTINE

DISCUSSION	Christine opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions and everyone was asked to introduce themselves and who they represent. Christine gave the six Eastern Tech students an overview of the Tobacco Coalition meeting. The students received a folder of information which included: Summary of the role of tobacco coalitions, summary of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, Tobacco-Free Baltimore County By Laws, Quit Smoking Class schedule, Tobacco regulation facts sheets, miscellaneous information, and tobacco brochures. Prior to the meeting, students viewed tobacco displays, which included a Tar Jar, hookah, display boards, diseased lungs.
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PRESENTATION

BRETT BAULSIER

DISCUSSION	Brett Baulsier gave power point presentation about e-cigarettes
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LETTER FROM DR. BRANCH UPDATE

CHRISTINE & DAVE

DISCUSSION	Christine explained to the students the reason the Coalition is requesting that Dr. Branch, Baltimore County Health Officer, send the Director of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections, a letter about illegal tobacco signs throughout the County. Dave gave an update on the Coalition's letter to Dr. Branch. He said that he gave Dr. Branch the letter, but had not discussed it with him.
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CO-CHAIR ELECTION ISSUE

CHRISTINE

DISCUSSION	Vicki sent out a memo with the Coalition Co-chair vote issue. At the November 20, 2013 meeting, the vote for Co-Chairpersons was held. There were three nominee choices on the ballot: Christine Schutzman, Cassandra Umoh, and Mike Pierce. Christine and Mike were present at the November meeting, Cassandra was not. Cassandra and Christine were elected as co-chairs; however, Cassandra declined the position. The coalition discussed how to resolve the issue. Greta Brand motioned that Mike Pierce be the Co-Chair and this was seconded, voted on and passed unanimously.
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	YOUTH INVOLVEMENT		CHRISTINE
DISCUSSION	<p>Christine led a discussion with the students about things they could do to promote smoking cessation, education and prevention. They suggested possibly having an assembly at other area elementary and middle schools, solicit pledges from students to not smoke, set up a display table in the school during their Relay for Life event on March 29th. April Meise suggested that the Community Relations Coordinating Council could help the ET students with their events. It was suggested to the students to invite their County Councilman. Students committed to the Relay for Life table.</p>		
	MEMBER UPDATES		
DISCUSSION	<p>Greta Brand – Has 12 participants signed up for the Essex Library class. The Northwest Hospital class had to be delayed due to lack of participation. She will contact the library to see about moving the class to another date. She believes that the change in leadership at NW played a part in the lack of people who registered for the class.</p> <p>April Meise – Said she is glad that Brett presented on the e-cigarette. She is teaching 4th graders and hearing many questions about this topic.</p> <p>Gisele Tah – Talked about third hand smoke and her program to educate people about this issue.</p> <p>Shannon Weaver – Said she is finishing the County grant application for Tobacco Education funds. She asked the students which displays they liked so that she may include funds for those in the grant.</p> <p>Vicki Pfannenstein- Showed the ad that the Bureau put in the local papers about Quitting Smoking. Shared the article from the Baltimore Sun about the County legislation to ban smoking in county park areas.</p>		
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, March 19, 2014	TIME: 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	LOCATION: Eastern Technical High School 1100 Mace Ave. Essex, MD 21221