

Tobacco Free Baltimore County Coalition

Minutes

March 14, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Eastern Family Resource Center

Meeting called by	Vicki Keller, Tobacco Program Manager
Type of meeting	Baltimore County Tobacco Free Coalition
Facilitator	Vicki Keller
Note taker	Meghan Leavitt
Attendees	Denise Albright, Maryam Baharloo, Greta Brand, Debra Chaplin, Athena Deane, Alison Jones, Vicki Keller, Meghan Leavitt, Joan Livezey, April Meise, Sarah Platt, Karen Polite-Lamma, Matthew Riley, Laura Schein, Chane Steinharter, Cassandra Umoh, Marie Seton, Adriane Wesson, Dan Young, Jackie Mungo, Valecia Cave, Mellissa Sager, Rachel Smolowitz, Natalie Sanino, Skyla Stuart

Vicki welcomed everyone to the Coalition and thanked them for coming. She asked everyone to introduce themselves. Minutes from the January 10, 2018 were reviewed and approved as written.

Agenda Topics

Old Business

Vicki Keller

Discussion	<p>Coalition Chairperson opening Vicki stated that the Coalition chairperson opening still exists. The Coalition will continue to meet as usual.</p> <p>Youth Involvement Vicki stated that she has contacted Loch Raven High School about future coalition meetings, but they declined. Vicki also stated that if anyone would like to recruit youth for these meetings, please do so.</p>
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New Business

Mellissa Sager and BBH staff

Discussion	<p>Legislative Update – Mellissa Sager, Legal Resource Center Mellissa discussed 2018 General Assembly and Legislative updates.</p> <p>HB47/SB90 – Allows electronic cigarette device retailers to sell directly to consumers through mail, telephone, or other electronic networks. (Passed)</p> <p>HB953/SB456 – Tobacco 21. They received 3 votes in House, up from 1 last year. They emphasized the emergence of electronic cigarette device use. This bill also contained an ID check provision for enforcement of Federal ID check requirements. (Failed)</p> <p>HB1094 – Criminal penalties for sales of electronic cigarette devices to minors. Includes a provision prohibiting youth from attempting to obtain electronic cigarette devices. (Moved forward but has not yet passes)</p> <p>HB1752 – Would allow pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation medication. This did not make it out of the Rules Committee but will be following up with Delegate Hayes next session. Mellissa stated that they do bi-weekly updates and if anyone is interested, to please let her know. She also stated that the Tobacco Control Conference will be held on May 8, 2018 and they have a lot of great speakers scheduled to speak at this conference.</p>
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Discussion	<p>Tobacco Program Updates The Bureau of Behavioral Health has hired additional Peer Recovery Specialists. They have been trained to conduct tobacco cessation brief interventions with their clients.</p> <p>Enforcement- Since July 1, we have conducted almost 3,000 compliance checks. The fail rate has dropped to under 10% for sales to minors and 5% for failure to examine identification. Vicki shared with the coalition the calendars we recommend retailers use to help determine if the customer is over the age of 18. She discussed what happens when a store violates. During a calendar year, the 1st violation is \$500, the 2nd is \$1,000 and 3rd and subsequent violations are \$1,500. When a store gets two or more violations, they are referred to the Comptroller’s Office for a review of their license. So far, we have made over 500 referrals. The Tobacco Program is looking to hire more TCAs (Tobacco Compliance Assistants), minors 16 – 17 years of age who go out with the HEOs (Health Enforcement Officers) and attempt to purchase tobacco products.</p> <p>Tobacco School and Community Funding – Adriane stated that we received 18 school applications and 11 community applications, 3 of which were faith based, 3 were youth based and the remaining 5 were community and non-profit organizations. All programs are funded to conduct tobacco education programs. Youth programs must address secondhand smoke and electronic cigarettes.</p> <p>Community Tobacco Education Program Updates, Community Organizations – Athena Deane with Shiloh Baptist Church shared their website which is www.achieveyouth.com</p> <p>Joan Livezey with Woodlawn/Gwynn Oak Optimist JOOI Clubs shared that on March 24, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. they will be having an Easter egg hunt where they will be learning about tobacco as well. She also shared that on April 8, 2018 they will be at St. Gabrielle’s church teaching about tobacco and will be targeting the Hispanic community.</p> <p>Karen Polite-Lamma with MedStar stated that they have just finished a class in February. They offer 8 classes throughout the year and have both day and evening classes. She also shared that they have had several people quit smoking.</p> <p>Pastor Matthew Riley with St. Phillips Baptist Church shared that on Sunday they had their second awareness session and mainly dealt with e-cigarettes and vaping. They were given information and schedules for classes to quit smoking. He also shared that on April 2, 2018 they will be having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament and they are getting wonderful support from the community.</p> <p>Brick Bodies shared that they are having a tobacco game and pizza night on March 28, 2018.</p>
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Round Table Discussion

Discussion	April shared with the coalition that Bayview will be having another poster contest for fourth graders. Everyone was very impressed last year so they will be doing it again this year.
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Next Meeting	May 16, 2018 at 6 p.m.
Location	GBMC’s S. Chapman Building, 6545 N. Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204 (This building is next to the Sheppard Pratt Conference Center)