



Marion County Tobacco Free Partnership (TFP)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 28th, 2014

Meeting started: 3:41pm

Welcome, Brief Introductions

TFP Discussion

- Brief introductions made around the table.
- 3-24-2014 meeting minutes reviewed and approved by members present.
- Very lively discussions on current tobacco issues: electronic cigarette ordinances passed in the state legislature (SB 224, HB 169) as well as in the Ocala City Council; recent and upcoming health fairs (N. Marion Relay for Life, Healthy Kids Day, Quit Doc Tobacco Summit)
- TFP members requested that links to all city, county and state ordinances be posted on our TFP website, and state and local legislators' contact info. be provided on website and Facebook. TPS will look into getting this done.
- TFP members requested that the link to the FDA request for public comments regarding Electronic cigarettes be emailed out to the list serv. TPS will follow up on this as it becomes available.
 - Enforcement of local e-cig ordinances and product placement resolutions was discussed and a suggestion was made for the TFP/SWAT to partner with SADD clubs and talk about this initiative at the SADD Summer Institute.
- Presentation by Chanae Jackson-Baker, co-founder of Elevate Us to Success. She announced their first event, Men of Steel Conference, to be held on June 14th @ Ed Croskey Center. Young men aged 13-21 target audience for health education and life management skills. Asked the TFP to do a media buy to purchase the conference t-shirts with the provision that the TFP logo be the only one on the back of the shirt.
 - TFP Advisory Council voted to approve this request for approximately \$654, or similar amount, from remaining TFP funds leaving \$2,000 until the end of June, 2014. As of July 1st, the TFP bank balance will again be around \$10,000 for the fiscal year.
- Smoke Free Housing initiatives discussed in detail. Trinity Villas going tobacco free July 1st—signage provided. Evangeline Booth Garden Apartments also going smoke free as

of June 1st, announcement to be made May 1st. Salvation Army requested that the TPS follow up with Major Patterson regarding employee cessation efforts.

Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Update

- Maintaining current clubs in 2 middle schools and 1 high school. Still looking to expand number of clubs in the community.

Member News

- Scott Hackmyer announced that Interfaith Emergency Services is hosting a new farmer's market at their Thrift Store location on 441 on Weds., Thurs, and Sat. from 11-4. Sat. May 10th is the annual Mail Carrier's Food Drive; Marion County was the state's highest contributor to this event last year.
- Nancy Castillo provided a brief explanation regarding the upcoming medical marijuana bill: no age limit, no parental consent, anyone can be a "caregiver" for up to 5 people to dispense the product. Marion County is the #1 on the list regarding synthetic marijuana use. We need to be vigilant as a community as this med. marijuana bill moves forward.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

The Tobacco Free Partnership of Marion County meets on the 4th Monday of each month at the United Way's Bonnie Heath Community Room (1401 NE 2nd St., Ocala) from 3:30-5:00pm and is open to the public.

*****There will be no meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday:
Our next meeting is on June 23rd, 2014. Hope to see you there!**