



Marion County Tobacco Free Partnership (TFP)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2013

10 attendees, 2 excused

Meeting started: 3:40pm

Welcome, Brief Introductions

12/6/2012 TFP meeting minutes approved unanimously by members present

Member News and Updates

- 4th Annual Kicking Kidney Disease 5k Run/Walk is on Sat. March 2nd, more info @ www.marioncountykidneyfoundation.org TFP will have a table there.
- Arnette House is hosting their 12th annual Auction and Dinner on March 16th, more info @ www.arnettehouse.org TFP will have a table there.
- The Southeastern Youth Fair starts on Feb. 15-16, the TFP has purchased a banner for the Youth Cowboy Rodeo event.
- CDS is hosting an Around the World Tour on March 5th, a youth and family event.
- Parkside Garden Apts. (Section 8 housing, Mr. Hackmyer is a Board member) requested tobacco education presentation for their residents—TPS will follow up.
- A few partnership members mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce (now CEP) conducts monthly Non Profit Businesses meetings upstairs at the Chamber and suggested the TFP begin attending. TPS will attend next meeting on Feb. 5th, 2pm.

TFP News and Upcoming Events

- The Marion County Legislative Delegation meeting on January 8th was attended by TPS, Marion SWAT Youth and SWAT Coordinator. Spoke to the delegates about tobacco issues in Marion County and youth gave personal testimony.

- TPS will speak to Marion Co. Public School's Elementary and Secondary Asst. Principals of Discipline, Guidance Counselors and Secondary Deans regarding comprehensive tobacco policies in school districts, as well as provide a candy flavored tobacco educational presentation. Will report outcome at February meeting.

Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Update

- The Marion County SWAT Coordinator reported that recruitment activities are ongoing, and we currently have 3 school based SWAT clubs and one community based SWAT club.
- SWAT youth will be participating in Through with Chew Week activities and SWAT Coordinator will be presenting to all 9th grade health classes at Vanguard H.S. on tobacco use in movies.
- Mr. Copenhaver and Mr. Hackmyer offered to try and recruit new SWAT Advisers in local schools using their networks, including Vanguard H.S., Osceola Middle, and North Marion Middle. Will work with SWAT Coordinator in an ongoing manner.
- Marion County planned for the coming weeks. Preliminary results will be tallied and shared at the January TFP meeting.

- The next TFP meeting will be February 25, 2013, 3:30-5:00pm @ UW Bonnie Heath Community Room (1401 NE 2nd St., Ocala).

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm

The Tobacco Free Partnership of Marion County meets on the 1st 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.