



Marion County Tobacco Free Partnership (TFP)
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23rd, 2013
8 attendees, 1 excused

Meeting started: 3:35pm

Welcome, Brief Introductions

TFP Discussion

- Marion County youth tobacco use rates discussed, slides shown. Nancy Castillo suggested that this information be shared with the Marion County Children's Alliance at the December meeting at which the Quit Doc Foundation's Public Relations Director will be presenting.
- The Tobacco Prevention Specialist (TPS) will follow up with a community partner to ascertain the existence of portable detection kits for the presence of tobacco smoke residue in residential living areas.
- It was suggested that the TPS request to have an editorial put in the local newspaper regarding K-12 comprehensive tobacco policies; one of the Advisory Council members offered to help speak with the newspaper editor to make this happen.

Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Update

- 3 SWAT school based clubs and 1 faith based are still up and running.
- 2 new high schools are contemplating the formation of SWAT clubs in conjunction with SADD
- SWAT and SADD have decided to partner to try and expand their combined outreach into the public schools and wherever a SADD/SWAT club is requested—this is a joint venture between Quit Doc Foundation and the Marion County Children's Alliance

TFP News

- The TPS will be conducting tobacco 101 classes at Kimberly's Center as well as the Department of Juvenile Justice facility starting in the next few weeks.

- The TFP is participating in many local events, including the Depression Screening event at the Headquarters Library in Ocala; Break the Silence on Violence Annual Conference at which Dr. Hummel is presenting; tobacco 101 class at the Marion Co. Board of County Commissioners; and the TFP voted to sponsor a table at Interfaith Emergency Services' Florida Feast Annual Fundraiser.
- One of the TFP members suggested to host a letter writing campaign to Matt the Manatee Question of the Week, an educational youth focused feature in the local newspaper
- The next TFP meeting will be October 28th, 2013, 3:30-5:00pm @ UW Bonnie Heath Community Room (1401 NE 2nd St., Ocala).
- Scott Hackmyer made a motion for the TFP meeting to be adjourned, and Bill Cousins seconded:

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

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.