

MEETING NOTES

CRF Tobacco / LHIC Tobacco Workgroup

Monday, April 24, 2017, 8:30 am

Historic Colored High School, 205 S. Hays Street, Bel Air, MD, 21014

Attendees: Vickie Bands, Chair (UMUCH)
Marcy Austin (HCHD, Acting Administrative Deputy Health Officer)
Hanna Bala (Student Representative)
Mallory Callahan (Health Policy Analyst, HCHD)
Anne Cerruto (Harford County Office on Aging)
Allison Frey (Towson University)
Susan Kelly (HCHD, Health Officer)
Mark Lewis (UMUCH)
Corporal Brian O'Neil (Harford County Sheriff's Office)
Mark Puckett (Harford County Public Schools)
Dottie Ruff (CRF Tobacco, Community & School, HCHD)
Gale Sauer (Aberdeen Proving Ground)
Richard Slutzky (President, Harford County Council)
Kristie Willats (UMUCH)
Bill Wiseman (Public Health Education, CRF Tobacco, HCHD)

General Business:

- Chairperson, Ms. Bands opened the meeting with member self-introductions and with approval of the summary notes of the March Tobacco Coalition meeting.
- The meeting began with a review of the revised ENDS informational materials. Updates were favorably received. A few additional revisions to format, text font and spacing were suggested that will be incorporated into the draft to be presented at the May meeting. Ms. Bands also asked whether to include a logo that identifies the Coalition, and if so, how that would appear.
- Next, copies of the *Something Every Landlord and Property Management Company Should Consider: The Cost of Secondhand Smoke* letter were distributed for comment and were well received by the membership. Feedback included:
 - Some changes in the text of the "Did You Know" section;
 - Suggestion to "flip" a key message from a negative to a more positive action statement;
 - Remove some duplicative language;
 - Place greater emphasis on creating "cultural change" within multi-unit housing complexes.
 - The addition of links to a few key websites.
- Comments flowed into a discussion of tobacco use rates in Harford, how much these have decreased, only to see sharp increases in ENDS use, particularly among youth. It was reiterated that it would be some time before adverse health consequences, both short and long-term, from vaping are fully realized. Vickie also alluded to Dr. Moy's previous comments regarding vape products, that because these are neither prescribed nor "dosed", there is no endpoint for use.
- Corporal O'Neil referenced the association between marijuana use and vaping/tobacco use, particularly among youth. Student representative Hanna Bala said she had observed similar behaviors among students given the "social" nature of marijuana use. Corporal O'Neil also discussed how standards (for marijuana use) recently have been lowered for law enforcement career applicants.
- There was some discussion of two major pieces of tobacco legislation that were voted into law in the 2017 legislative session. HB0185 allows for statewide civil enforcement of illegal sales of tobacco products to minors and established levels of fines associated with "first" and "repeat"

offenses and will take effect in October, 2017. Uniform procedures and practices will likely take some additional time for development where DHMH and the UM LRC are collaborating on assistance to LHDs. Some discussion regarding local civil enforcement in Harford ensued.

- Corporal O'Neil provided an update on FY17 Tobacco Retailer Compliance checks performed by HCSO in conjunction with the Supplementary Enforcement grant and reported that, to date, 110 compliance checks had been completed, resulting in 6 citations for non-compliance.
- Ms. Kelly suggested we send a letter of appreciation to Delegate Lisanti for her sponsorship and support of HB0523 passed into law during the recent legislative session which requires an appropriate license for anyone engaging in the manufacture, retail or wholesale transaction, or storage of electronic nicotine delivery systems and that establishes application processes and fees. Mr. Wiseman will compose a letter for review, approval and signature by Ms. Kelly and Ms. Bands.
- Ms. Bands next turned the attention of the membership to the Tobacco Section of the Harford County Local Health Action Plan and the priorities of the Coalition in the coming year. The categories (1) "Legislation and Policy Change, (2) "Education and Awareness" and (3) "Commercial Residential Housing" were posted. Members were distributed "sticky notes" on which they were to designate their first, second and third priorities with a "1", "2" or "3" and to place their choices into each of the categories. Results will be tabulated and presented for discussion at the May Coalition meeting.
- Ms. Bands closed the meeting by calling attention to upcoming events.
 - Ms. Bands spoke about the Mental Health and Substance Abuse "Not All Wounds are Visible" Conference on June 27th.
 - Ms. Pegram reminded the membership that the CRF Tobacco Program and UMUCH are partnering once again to provide two "Motivational Interviewing" trainings the following week. While registration has been robust, several spots still are available on either day of training. Members should contact Linda for details or to register.
 - Other events mentioned, all of which take place on Saturday, May 29th, included
 - Annual Caregivers Conference (contact Ms. Cerruto for more information)
 - Harford County "Drug Take-Back Day"
 - YMCA "Kids Day"

Action Items:

- Finalize editing of the revised Coalition E-cig / ENDS position papers.
- Continue to review and provide input into the multi-unit housing informational sheet.
- Establish Local Health Action Plan tobacco-related priorities.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 8:30AM at the Historic Colored High School on Hays Street in Bel Air.

Adjournment: 10:00am