

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership: Quarterly Meeting 2/18/2010

Attendance:

Quit Doc Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Quit Doc Policy Manager; State Representative's district secretary; Cross City Council President; Suwannee AHEC representative; DOH Staff; Pure Water Wilderness leader; Dixie Chamber & Dixie Education Foundation leader; Family Medical Practice Manager; Dixie School Board Policy/Facilities director; Dixie High School teaching staff; Dixie County Commissioner, County Clerk of Court, and County Manager; Dixie County Times news reporter; Dixie High SWAT leadership (Please see sign-up list)

Agenda:

Special presentation on the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act and new FDA rules, discussion of flavored smokeless tobacco and students caught with tobacco on campus, and the partnership's involvement with local events

Meeting:

The first partnership meeting with both county and city elected officials to participate as well as the first time that our new Chair has facilitated a full meeting

Summary:

The new Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests and new members, explaining the purpose of the partnership and what has been happening since the last quarterly meeting. Quit Doc Foundation's Policy Manager then presented pertinent information on the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act and how local governments can implement new policy changes. A discussion ensued about various ideas regarding candy-flavored tobacco products that are targeted towards youth with various examples of these products distributed around for elected officials to view. The Tobacco Prevention Specialist and SWAT Club representatives explained that after their Store Alert project is completed they will share the results at the next quarterly meeting. These results will provide the necessary data for better direction in policy change. The Chair also discussed the possibility of a new Tobacco Education Program for students who are caught with tobacco on campus. Such students would be required to go through this program for their first offense instead of being outright suspended. Other announcements for partnership involvement with community activities included the upcoming Suwannee River Youth Fair dairy show sponsorship and the NFL Youth Training Camp. Members were also encouraged to join the new partnership page in the Facebook network.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.