

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership: Quarterly Meeting 9/1/2010

Attendance:

Quit Doc Tobacco Prevention Specialists; Quit Doc Policy Manager; Town of Cross City Staff and Council President; Dixie Department of Health Staff; Dixie Chamber & Dixie Education Foundation leader; Dixie School Board Policy/Facilities Director; 4-H Youth Leader; Family Medical Practice Manager; AHEC Representative; Dixie County Times Reporter/Photographer; Dixie High SWAT Advisor; Dixie High SWAT

Agenda:

By-Laws, Youth-Adult Partnerships, Partnership Sustainability, Alternative to Suspension School Policy, and new Fiscal Year policy goals

Meeting:

Several key items such as the need to revise the by-laws, concentration on new policy objectives, and how the partnership should function with its makeup of youth and adults were discussed along with achievements and positive progress that has recently been made.

Summary:

The Chairwoman welcomed old members and new guests to the first partnership meeting of the new 2010-2011 fiscal year. Dixie County's Tobacco Prevention Specialist then shared information from the regional meeting about sustainable partnerships and how the partnership should operate as a stand-alone entity. A special power point presentation was then given by Gilchrist's Tobacco Prevention Specialist and 4-H SWAT Youth leader on healthy youth-adult partnerships. Next Quit Doc Foundation's Policy Manager shared the exciting news about the high school's planner for 9th and 10th graders – every freshman and sophomore student received a planner that has tobacco-free advertising and messaging on the back for the new school year. The Executive Committee also had voted for the partnership to sponsor the Dixie County Quarterback Club for the fall football season. An invitation was also given for members to participate in the annual tourism summit event as the partnership had sponsored a table. It was encouraged for those interested to send their names for application to join for free. The new SWAT Advisor at the high school was introduced along with the new SWAT agenda such as implementing comprehensive school-wide policy. Dixie's Tobacco Prevention Specialist mentioned the possibility of establishing a TEG (Tobacco Education Group) as an alternative to suspension policy for those students caught with tobacco on campus. In addition, a By-Laws Subcommittee was formed to review and revise existing by-laws with the purpose of giving more ownership to the partnership. Finally, the state's new partnership policy objectives were outlined and discussed to provide guidance on where the partnership could focus its efforts.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.