

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership: Quarterly Meeting 10/27/2010

Attendance:

Department of Health Regional Coordinator; Quit Doc Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Quit Doc Policy Manager; Gilchrist County Department of Health Staff; Dixie Chamber & Dixie Education Foundation leader; Dixie School Board Policy/Facilities Director; Healthy Communities Grant Regional Coordinator; Dixie County Times Reporter/Photographer; Dixie High SWAT Advisor; Dixie High SWAT leadership

Agenda:

By-Laws approval, election of new Executive Committee officers, SWAT and GASO updates, issue advocacy with state lawmakers, tobacco-free multi-unit dwellings, and creating a new candy-flavored tobacco committee

Meeting:

The annual nominations and elections of the Executive Committee were held, plans about the upcoming Great American Smoke-Out were shared, and several of important tactics for the partnership's policy objectives were discussed.

Summary:

The updated by-laws that reflect increased partnership involvement outside of grant facilitator staff were unanimously approved. Nominations for Chair, Co-Chair and Youth Representatives for the Executive Committee were then taken; the Chair and Co-Chair were reelected and two new Youth Representatives from the high school SWAT Club were chosen. The SWAT Advisor and SWAT Youth then shared a report on recent successes and current activities, most notably the Great American Smoke-Out which will be on November 18, 2010. The activity will include a CSI style crime scene demonstration on tobacco use. The most recent Quit Doc newsletters on relevant tobacco topics were distributed and volunteers took stacks of copies for outreach into the community. In addition, the Multi-Unit Subcommittee reported about recent findings regarding smoke-free multi-unit dwellings in Dixie County. Finally, a new committee was formed to address concerns about candy-flavored tobacco products. The committee members will strategize on the best approach to meet the goal of restricting certain products, their advertising, and even placement in local stores.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.