

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013
Time: 11:00- 1:00pm
Location: Dixie High School Media Center

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was opened by Partnership Chair, Charlotte Lord
- Great American Smoke-Out- One event was held at the Dixie County Court House to offer cessation information to county employees. Another event is scheduled at the Dixie County Health Department as soon as the no smoking/no vaping signs are posted for no smoking grounds. Scheduled for one day next week. Waiting on Road Department to post signs.
- No Smoking/No Vaping Signs at Health Department- At the last partnership meeting there was a request to help assist the health department to go smoke free grounds. The partnership voted to help that health department and to purchase the signs that will be posted at the entry ways of the health department. The signs have been made and given to the County Manager to request the Road Department to post them.
- E-Cigarettes Age Restriction Policy by County Commissioners- The Dixie County Commissioners voted to pass an ordinance on e-cigarettes, the partnership members reported that the commissioners will be doing the first reading during the same time as the partnership meeting. Updates will be available after the meeting.
- Partnership Training-October 21-22, 9:00-5:00 Hilton UF-Melanie Anderson, the Dixie County Tobacco Prevention Specialist attended the training and reported some of the information shared during the training.
- Jovante' Teague was nominated and voted to be the new co-chair of the Dixie County Tobacco Free Partnership. He has been a member of the partnership and was a SWAT member in high school last year.
- Events to Raise Money for Baseball Field Score Board with DCADC. The partnership chair-woman also works for the School Board and will research how much money will need to be raise to purchase a no tobacco/drug free score board for the DCHS Baseball Field. The social norm for baseball and spit tobacco is very strong in Dixie County.
- Health Fair at Suwannee Lumber Dec. 18, 2013 12:00 p.m. The partnership voted to hold a table at the Health Fair and to sponsor the event that will be attended by 300 employees of the Dixie County Suwannee Lumber Company.
- Dixie County High School SWAT Report-Sarah Hurst, the DCHS SWAT President gave a report on the SWAT activities. She reported on the success of the DCHS Homecoming parade that was sponsored and conducted by the SWAT youth. She shared information about a meeting that several SWAT officers had with the DC School Superintendent about Teachers using Spit tobacco in class. They requested that the school board adopt a more comprehensive K-12 Tobacco Policy.
- Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT Report- the Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT club report was read by Melanie Anderson, SWAT Coordinator. The RRMS club has had a meeting this quarter with around 35 members attending and has conducted a SWAT Recruitment activity at the school. They have a booth planned for RRMS Basketball games.