

Date: September 28, 2017
Time: 11:30- 1:00pm
Location: Dixie County Library, Cross City, FL.

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome Partners & Guests – Jovante’ Teague

Everyone introduced themselves and who they represent. 9 CCS SWAT youth attended, SRAHEC, V. A. Nurse as a community member, Dixie Anti-Drug Coalition, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Town of Cross City Council Member and Character Community School Principal.

Attendees

SRAHEC Representative

Sherriff’s Office Representative, Town Council Member and Partnership Chair

Community Member, VA Hospital Nurse

Character Private School Principal

Dixie Anti-Drug Coalition Representative

Tobacco Prevention Specialist

SWAT Advisor

9 SWAT Youth

II. Old Business

2016-17 Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida-Dixie County Tobacco Prevention Program

III. New Business

- A) Vote New Chair, Co-Chair and two Youth Representatives: Jovante’ Teague and Angie Land was voted to continue as chair and co-chair. Jiymeece Davis, and Cathy Burkett were voted as youth representatives.
- B) Revise Partnership by-Laws- The by-laws were reviewed and signed by the executive committee members. No changes were made from the previous years’ wording.
- C) New 2017-18 Fiscal Year – Policy Goals and Objectives (Melanie Anderson)
 - i) Reduce Tobacco Use in Rural Communities
 - Tobacco Free Parks and Recreation Facilities
 - Tobacco Free Events (Rodeos, sporting, fair, community events)
 - Tobacco Free Sports Leagues and Recreational Programs

- ii) Point of Sale Tobacco Products Policies (Assurances of Voluntary Compliance)
- iii) Tobacco Free Worksites & K-12 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Policy

D) New Policy Changes

1. The Cross City Nursing & Rehabilitation Center passed a tobacco free policy for all employees, residents, and visitors on all land and vehicles owned or leased by the center. SRAHEC is working on implementing the policy and holding Cessation classes.
2. The Dixie County Board of County Commissioners passed a Tobacco Free Recreational and Sports Parks for Adults and Youth Resolution.
3. Town of Cross City reported to have also passed a Tobacco Free Recreational and Sports Parks for Adults and Youth Resolution. The final wording will be finished and a copy will be sent to the Tobacco Prevention Specialist.
4. The Dixie County Sheriff's Office adopted a no smoking policy in the County Vehicles. This is a big step forward because it has been a challenge to get any tobacco policy work done with the Sheriff's Office. The final Policy will be sent to the Tobacco Prevention Specialist.
5. The Dixie County High School as adopted one of the 11th of the 12 components of a Tobacco Free School System. The Principal at the high school will send the wording that is placed in all employee handbooks that states that the schools will not accept any gifts, donations or curriculum from the tobacco industry.

E) SWAT Reports

- i) Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT Report (Richard Whittington) Mr. Whittington shared that 17 students showed up to the first SWAT meeting. Four students shared with the Dixie county School Board about SWAT and why they joined SWAT.
- ii) Introduce New Dixie County High School SWAT Advisor (Judy Sumerall) The DCHS SWAT club held its first meeting with the new SWAT advisor and at a new class room. There are no club days at the high school this year so all meeting will be held during lunch.
- iii) Charter Community SWAT Report (Johnnie Grimes) shared that their club held a recruiting event and that 8 students took home SWAT consent forms and brought them back to school. 9 students are now members of SWAT and held a meeting prior to the partnership meeting to discuss what they will share.

- F) Dixie County Legislative Delegation, Wednesday, October 4, 2017: The partnership and SWAT will plan to attend the Delegation to speak on the policy work they have been able to accomplish thanks to the State support.
- G) State/Regional SWAT Meeting, Saturday, October 21, 2017: Mr. Whittington and two Ruth Rains Middle School students will be attended. They will bring back all new information, promotions and/or campaigns from the meeting.
- H) Pre-Planning for Great American Smoke-Out, November 16, 2017: More info will be shared as soon as it is received. The SWAT club wants to do a campaign of information about the need for the city park and the nature trail to be tobacco free.