

Date: December 5, 2017
Time: 12:00- 1:00pm
Location: Dixie County High School Media
Center

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. **Welcome Partners & Guests** –Jovante’ Teague, Chair & Angie Land, co-chair both welcomed the partners and members.

II. **Attendees**

A.

1. **Jovante’ Teague**
2. **Angie Land**
3. **Lindsey Whittington**
4. **Katrina VanAernam**
5. **Cale McCall**
6. **Melanie Anderson**
7. **Judy Sumrall**
8. **Jordan Butler**
9. **Christopher James Lancaster**
10. **Alyson Hines**
11. **Taylor Fisher**

III. **Old Business**

- A. Dixie County Legislative Delegation, Wednesday, October 4, 2017: The Character Community SWAT Club and the Tobacco Prevention Specialist shared that they attended the Leg. Delegation and shared what the SWAT Chapter and the Tobacco Free Partnership have been working on, events that they are planning on attending and invited the delegation to attend the next partnership meeting.
- B. State/Regional SWAT Meeting, Saturday, October 21, 2017: Ruth Rains Middle School Students and SWAT Advisor attend the meeting representing Dixie County. They brought back many ideas on activities and events that will help with prevention in Dixie County.
- C. Great American Smoke-Out, November 16, 2017 : Dixie County High School SWAT and Partnership members discussed how they participated in the GASO. Students put GASO palm cards in the teachers boxes. Partnership members handed out GASO Palm Cards to the Dixie County Sherrifs Office, the School Board Office and gave Palm Cards and Tobacco Free Worksite Posters at the Cross City Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.
- D. Cross City Tree Lighting Ceremony: Jovante' shared that the Cross City Town Council held the first Tree Lighting Ceremony at the City Park. Over 700 people attended the event, 20 booths were set up to sale items, inform visitors by community groups and gave away free items to children in order to raise money for Christmas Baskets for the needy in the community, purchase two bikes for the upcoming Christmas in The Park and to add to a Scholarship fund. The members

voted to sponsor the event next November in order to highlight a Tobacco Free Event.

IV. New Business

- A. AVC Assurance of Voluntary Compliance issue, instrument and process to volunteer to monitoring local retailers Presentation committee. December 11th was the date set by the partnership for the presentation on the AVC instrument for collecting information on local retailers.
- B. Christmas in the Park Saturday, December 9, 2017, Members were asked if they will volunteer to sit at a partnership booth. The SWAT youth suggested attending and promoting the partnership at the upcoming Winter Festival at the school that will be attended by parents and youth. One student representative asked for educational materials to hand out at the event.
- C. The Cross City Town Council member said that the City has passed a policy for no smoking in City Automobiles but has not been able to get a copy of the wording because they have been working on audits but will get a copy of the policy as soon as the audit is complete.
- D. The members discussed the need to include ENDS on any Tobacco Free Park, Event or Worksite Policies because people in the county still think that ENDS are a safe alternative to smoking and are used as cessation devices. More information needs to be saturated into the county about ENDS and how they still contain nicotine and possibly drugs.
- E. SWAT Reports

- i) Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT Report: Mr. Whittington was not able to attend the meeting but send a report of the active RRMS SWAT club including holding SWAT Booths at the basketball games.
- ii) Dixie County High School SWAT: Judy Sumerall and several SWAT youth shared that they plan another big recruitment before the end of December and will be voting for officers at the next meeting. All planning for the Through With Chew Week in February, being the biggest issue at the high school. They also shared that they would like to do a presentation on E-Cigarettes but are having a difficult time without club days this school year.
- iii) Charter Community SWAT Report: Shared that they has two youth at the Legislative Delegation, promoted the Great American Smoke Out in their community, handed out GASO palm cards, and plan several events near the end of the year.