

Date: December 11, 2018
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Dixie County High School
Cross City, FL

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome Partners & Guests –

- A. **LB** – FDOH- Dixie
- B. **WB** – DCHS Teacher
- C. **MA**- QDREF
- D. **8 Students/SWAT**

II. Old Business

- A. New Chair, Co-Chair and two Youth Representatives: The previous chair has stepped down, and a new chair was elected by the partnership. Lola Butler will be the new Chair, Angie Land will remain the co-chair, and two youth representatives were elected.
- B. Partnership By-Laws were reviewed and signed by the Chair, Co-Chair and the two youth representatives.
- C. Sponsorship of the Town of Cross City Tree Lighting, the partnership had approved the sponsorship but the night before the event it was cancelled, no one yet knows the reason. More follow up will be done.
- D. Presentation of Plaque to the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners. The partnership members that attended the meeting and that presented the plaque shared with the other members about the experience.

III. New Business

- A) Reduce Tobacco Use in Rural Communities
 - Tobacco Free Venues (Horseman’s Rodeo Arena) A newly elected county commissioner is on the Horseman’s Association Board and he a partnership member volunteered to speak to him about the need to adopt a tobacco free venue.
- B) Tobacco Free Worksites & K-12 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Policy
 - Tobacco Free Grounds (Signed Policy on Letterhead) for Faith Based Employers, members shared that there is still a large amount of tobacco users that attend local churches and that they will need to address this with their church administration and possibly through their churches youth minister.
- C) K-12 alternative to Suspension program for students caught with tobacco or ENDS on school grounds, transportation or events. The student Partnership members shared the continued issues with students that vape. They report that the students have their vape pen taken from them and may be sent to in-school suspension but many teachers don’t want the students to miss class time due to upcoming testing.

They also report that parents are not notified when students are caught with ENDS. A presentation to the administration and staff will be scheduled after the first of the year and the SWAT youth will be conducting presentation to the sophomores and freshmen as soon as possible.

D) Point of Sale Tobacco Products Policies Subcommittee Meeting

- Restrict the Sale of Tobacco 1,000 feet of a Dixie County School
Sub Committee reviewed notes from previous meeting.

E) SWAT Reports

- i) Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT Report (Richard Whittington) SWAT held a NALR booth at the RRMS Basketball game.
- ii) Dixie County High School SWAT Report shared that they attended the presentation to the County Commissioners, they held a NALR event during both lunches at the school and they are still recruiting more students to join the SWAT club.
- iii) Charter Community SWAT Report (Johnnie Grimes) SWAT held a NALR event at the community school and signed "I'm not a Lab Rat" Commitment form to be VAPE Free!

Next Partnership meeting will be held on January 31, 2019 at the Dixie County High School at 12:00 .