

Date: August 21, 2019  
Time: 12:00 pm  
Location: Dixie County Public Library  
Cross City, FL

## Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

#### I. Attendees

- A. 6 youth
- B. Character Community School Principal
- C. Suwannee River AHEC Dixie Representative
- D. Cross City Town Councilman
- E. Dixie County Tobacco Prevention Specialist
- F. Character Community SWAT Club Advisor and Teacher

#### II. Old Business

- A. 2018-19 Policy Achievements –The partnership reviewed all policies that were worked on in the previous years and how they partnership helped support these policies. Also discussed policy work that has not yet lead to a policy change and which ones the partnership will continue to work on.

#### III. New Business

- A) Melanie Anderson shared the 2019-20 Fiscal Year – Policy Goals and Objectives
  - i) Reduce Tobacco Use in Rural Communities
    - Tobacco Free Venues and Events
      - Discussion included looking for other venues and events that the partnership could work with on policy change.
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  - ii) Point of Sale Tobacco Products Policies
    - Tobacco Retail License
      - Members were invited to work on the TRL Task Force.
  - iii) Tobacco Free Worksites & K-12 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Policy
    - Tobacco Free Worksite Insurance Policies Assessments
    - Discussion that included why Dixie County Schools have not adopted all 12 components of the K-12 Policy Components for a Comprehensive Tobacco Free School. Members discussed how to change the county tobacco policy with “An enforcement plan for students and staff that provides cessation resources is included”.
- B) SWAT Reports
  - Not a Lab Rat Campaign (Focus on flavors of ENDS/Vaping/E-Liquid)
  - i) Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT Report (Richard Whittington) Another exciting year of SWAT at the middle school. They are voting on officers and activities

they will participate in to reach their peers with tobacco and vaping information.

- ii) Dixie County High School SWAT Advisor (Wendy Hutchison) Several students have contacted the Advisor on scheduling the first SWAT meeting.
- iii) Charter Community SWAT Report (Johnnie Grimes) New SWAT Advisor, Charlie Heidelberg, they have already held a recruitment event that 5 SWAT youth returned that membership form signed by guardian/parent. They have already began to plan for their first SWAT meeting and looking for events to participate in.