



# Minutes

1/18/18

“The Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership works to develop and promote policies which reduce the use and effects of tobacco in Collier County”

## Welcome/Introductions

Review Previous Minutes – approved

## Activity Updates

- **Local Tobacco Prevention Policy Successes in Q2**  
Staff reviewed Partnership policy successes in Quarter 2. Hodges University has now implemented their smokefree policy. As of January 1, 2018, a multiunit housing community managed by Rural Neighborhoods, Inc. in Immokalee has fully adopted new smokefree lease provisions. Rural Neighborhoods has expressed interest in incorporating a similar policy to their other properties.
- **Update on AVC Surveillance**  
Partnership members Caren L., Jessica C., and five other staff members from the David Lawrence Center were trained in AVC surveillance. Jessica spoke about the experiences that her staff had while conducting these surveillances. To date, the partnership has completed 23 assessments.
- **Students Working Against Tobacco** – <http://www.swatflorida.com>  
Since the last meeting, SWAT youth from Golden Gate High School and Lely High School have been trained by staff to conduct AVC surveillance. C. Labra took the Lely members out to several stores. Their experience depended on the store management. At some locations, they were able to complete the survey, but at one location the management asked them to leave as soon as they explained their purpose. C. Labra also provided an overview of upcoming SWAT youth activities such as “SWAT at the Zoo”, which will be held on March 3 at the Naples Zoo. The event is free to Collier County residents.  
C. Labra also informed the partnership of the upcoming Science Saturday event at Seacrest Country Day School where SWAT members will be displaying the pig lungs to demonstrate the correlation between smoking cigarettes and lung cancer, emphysema, COPD, and so forth.

## New Activities and Business

- **Legislative Update**  
Partnership members discussed the implications of the SB 124 which repeals provisions of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement and SB 562 which maintains the states authority to regulate smoking but allows municipalities and counties to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public parks they may own. Member’s also talked about the tobacco related Constitutional proposals.
- **Revision Committee (CRC) proposals**  
P0094- which negatively changes the funding and structure of the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Prevention and Education program and could impact our Partnership and SWAT program.  
P0065- which extends the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act to put prohibition on the use of ENDS in the workplace.

Both are making their way through committees. Caren will keep partnership member's updated. Members were also provided information for tracking all the legislation themselves. Caren encouraged members to participate in any upcoming public hearings.



### Other Business

- Nina G. announced that a new Senior Health Educator will be hired. A student intern from Florida Gulf Coast University will also begin later this month.
- J. Ayerscrane of the Blue Zones Project informed us about the event on January 28<sup>th</sup>, Veg Fest in Bonita Springs at Riverside Park. She also informed the partnership that the founder of CHIP will be at the Telford building on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Potential SWAT activities include the Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> event at Poinciana Village and the Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sheriff's Office Event.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Drug Free Collier Annual Meeting. More information to come.
- J. Zimmerman informed us about Keep Collier Beautiful's Zoo Day on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Partnership Meeting: March 15, 2018 at 4:00 pm**

### Upcoming Dates:

- Ongoing AVC surveillance – January through March
- Quit Smoking Now cessation classes (once a week for 6 sessions) open to the public
  - <http://www.ahectobacco.com/calendar-2/> . For more information or to register call the Everglades Area Health Education Center (EAHEC) at 877-819-2357 or email [info@ahec.org](mailto:info@ahec.org)
- March 3, 2018 - Free Saturday at the Zoo sponsored by SWAT
- March 21, 2018 - Kick Butts Day 2018
- April 21, 2018 – SWAT Canal Cleanup