

Dixie County Tobacco-Free Partnership: Quarterly Meeting 12/1/2009

Attendance: 19 including 6 youth

QuitDoc Tobacco Prevention Specialists; QuitDoc Policy Manager; Cross City Council President; Suwannee AHEC representative; Pure Water Wilderness leader; Dixie Chamber & Dixie Education Foundation leader; Dixie School Board Policy/Facilities director; Dixie High School teaching staff; Cross City church staff; Dixie High SWAT leadership (Please see sign-up list)

Agenda:

Explanation of the partnership, special presentation by SWAT youth, SWAT Club update on the Great American Smoke Out, election of new officers, approval of TFP By-Laws, old business pertaining to Dixie High School tobacco-free signs, and discussion of new business

Meeting:

The first TFP meeting to take place at the Dixie County High School as the new location so that more young people could be involved in the TFP

Summary:

QuitDoc Policy Manager called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests and new members, explaining the mission, vision, and objectives of the partnership. QDREF staff were introduced along with individual introductions of members around the room. The guest speaker was an 8th grade SWAT Team leader who presented about the dangers of tobacco, the inherent disregard by the tobacco industry for peoples' health regarding nicotine levels and addiction, and the role of SWAT in the communities. In addition to his presentation the local SWAT advisor and club members offered a report on their activities with the Great American Smoke Out and their high school's Homecoming Parade float. The next order of business included the election of new officers for the TFP. TFP members nominated and elected Dixie School Board Projects/Facilities Director as Chair and Dixie Education Foundation officer as Co-Chair. Two SWAT officers from the high school were elected to become Youth Representatives to the TFP as well. After the nomination and election of these officers the TFP by-laws were reviewed, discussed, and approved by a unanimous vote. The newly installed TFP Chair then announced that she placed No Smoking signs around the football field and is ordering more that will say No Smoking and No Tobacco Use. A SWAT Club member proposed that the School Board look into placingsuch signs around the baseball field as there had been instances of misuse of tobacco in the past. Future action is expected to be taken to potentially install signs at that location as well. Finally, further discussion ensued about other ways to reach the community in one's everyday routine.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.