

Meeting Minutes

Dixie County Tobacco Free Partnership

August 28, 2012, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: Dixie County High School Media Center
Cross City, FL 32628

Attendees:

- Melanie Anderson, Dixie County Tobacco Prevention Specialist
- Barry Hummel, QDREF
- Charlotte Lord, Dixie District Schools, Partnership Chairperson
- Lindsey Whittington, SWAT Advisor
- Julie Hurst, DCHS Guidance Counselor
- JoeAnna Malone, DCADS, DC Anti-Drug Coalition
- One guest from Levy County
- Two DCHS SWAT Youth

Summary:

Charlotte Lord opened meeting and introduced attendees.

Old Business: Barry Hummel gave details on TJ Harrington's new position with Quit Doc Research and Education Foundation. TJ can still be reached for policy questions and concerns.

New Business:

Partnership reviewed proposed By-Laws for 2012-2013. Charlotte Lord suggested the creation of a committee to meet at another time to approve the by-laws.

The current Chair, Co-Chair and two Youth Representatives will hold a By-Laws Committee Meeting.

Melanie Anderson reviewed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Policy Goals and Objectives. Updates were given on current status of the policies and several suggestions from partnership members on objectives to reach these goals.

JoeAnna Malone gave information of a multi-unit housing property that has not been addressed on previous lists. She gave contact information for the location.

Sarah Hurst gave a report on the Dixie County High School SWAT summer activities and information on the State-wide training that she attended.

Lindsey Whittington was introduced as the new DCHS SWAT advisor. The previous advisor has went back to college so Lindsey was recommended for the position by the DCHS Principal.

Melanie Anderson read a report by Richard Whittington about the Ruth Rains Middle School SWAT club.

Melanie Anderson gave recently updated Alternative to Suspension Parent Packet that will be mailed home to all students that are caught with tobacco on school campus. These packets will give parents information on how to speak to your child about tobacco and information on cessation programs. The partnership voted to purchase the postage for mailing these Parent Packets.

The partnership discussed the importance of creating a Retail Advertising Committee. The SWAT youth and Advisor volunteered to work on this committee. Melanie Anderson will present a training on RATS.

Charlotte dismissed the partnership meeting.

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