

Meeting Minutes

Dixie County Tobacco Free Partnership

November 15, 2012, 11:30 PM – 1:30 PM

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

Attendees:

- Melanie Anderson, Dixie County Tobacco Prevention Specialist
- Carol West, Partnership Co-Chairperson
- Charlotte Lord, Dixie District Schools, Partnership Chairperson
- Lindsey Whittington, SWAT Advisor
- Julie Hurst, DCHS Guidance Counselor
- Debbie DeWeese, Dixie Chamber of Commerce/NewtoYou
- Terri Langford, DC Times
- Fran Van Ella, SRAHEC
- Tim Alexander, Emergency Services
- Mike Cassidy, County Manager
- John Jenkins, Dixie County Building and Zoning
- Karen Ganus, DCHS Guidance Counselor
- Diana Locke, DCHS Principal
- Angie Bush and Gary Pinner, Town of Cross City
- Six SWAT Officers

Summary:

Charlotte Lord opened meeting and introduced attendees.

Old Business: Carol West was voted to stay on as the partnership co-chair.

Charlotte reviewed the 2012 FYS Results highlighting the areas that Dixie County really needs to work on, such as spit tobacco and its social norm.

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 activities such as presenting to US Representative Elect Ted Yoho and information on their plans for upcoming events like the DCHS SWAT Great American Smoke-Out at the high school the next day, highlighting Spit Tobacco. The SWAT discussed other upcoming events that could participate in throughout the county.

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

The Retail Advertising Committee reported that there will be a Sub-committee meeting on December 12 and possibly present to the Dixie County Delegation Hearing to State Senator Charles Dean and State Representative Keith Perry about retail advertising. The partnership voted to purchase presentations uniforms (dress shirts) for the SWAT officers so wear during presentations.

Melanie Anderson gave a report on the presentation and information that she will be sharing with the Suwannee Lumber Company on Employee Cessation that day for the Great American Smoke-Out. Fran Van Ella, SRAHEC shared that they have also spoke to the SLC that morning and plan to start classes there soon. This was new news to Mrs. Anderson and would have loved to have some collaboration between her as the Tobacco Prevention Specialist and AHEC since this company was on the collaboration form shared with ACHE as a business that the Dixie County Tobacco Free Partnership and the Dixie County TPS has been working with to create policy change.

Carol West discussed Relay for Life and the DCHS SWAT wanted to raise money for their team by selling Christmas Ornaments at the school that can be placed along the fence to put names of people who have been affected by cancer. The partnership voted to help with this activity financially.

Charlotte dismissed the partnership meeting.