



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2018

3:45 – 5:00

Twisted Tuna

Stuart, FL

Attendance	<p>Dr. Barry Hummel, Mike Sancho, Laura McBride, Jocelyn DiSalvo, Alexis DiSalvo, Heather Ryan, Michelle Byers, Fiona Byers, Gloria Zapata, Brooke Shingary, Gretchen Gaebel, Melissa Gershman, Kaylei Weeks, Chloe Connors, Suzanne Connors, Steve Tidey, AJ Diaz, Bonnie Ungerland, Jack Ungerland, Joe Ungerland, Cynthia Bishop, Valerie Graham, Laura Daniel, Natasha Jadusingh, Debbie Jadusingh, Courtney Moyett, Dominique Jadusingh, Shane Meyer, Demonta Lewis, Ellie Nicholas, Karen Buzzi, Maureen Ryan, Oscar L. Harriel, Agnieszka Marshall, Kim Nash, Leah Hebden, Ryan Elliott, Zane Garappolo, Jasmin DaSilva, Jayla Preston, JJ Cirillo, Alexi Hebden, Gabby Camacho, Junavia Esienne, Marlin Blanco, Caleb Hernandez</p>	
Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>Welcome</p>	<p><u>Self Introductions</u></p>	<p>Kim Nash Dr. Barry Hummel</p>
<p>Tobacco Prevention Annual Update</p>	<p>At the annual meeting, awards were presented for outstanding partners and SWAT Youth of the Year.</p> <p>The Tobacco Prevention Awards are presented each year to groups or individuals who have made an exceptional contribution towards the goals of the Tobacco Free Partnership.</p> <p>Laura Daniel from the Arts Council of Martin County accepted an award for the Partner of the Year, in recognition for ArtsFest of Martin County going tobacco free this year. In addition to decreasing youth exposure, the health benefits of reducing secondhand smoke at the popular and well-attended festival has an immediate and positive impact on the residents of Martin County.</p> <p>Commissioner Doug Smith was named a Community Champion of the Year for his efforts supporting the mission of the Tobacco Free Partnership and local SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Clubs in Martin County.</p> <p>Betty Gregory, a local resident of Cambridge at Heritage Ridge, was also named a Community Champion of the Year. Gregory worked with her fellow residents to gather hundreds of signatures in support of tobacco free areas at the community’s shared public spaces. As a result, they were able to convince the HOA to adopt a tobacco free policy.</p> <p>Each year, The Tobacco Free Partnership recognizes key leaders from the Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Program. This year, Outstanding Youth of the Year awards were presented to Jocelyn DiSalvo of Hidden Oaks Middle School, Brooke Shingary of Stuart Middle School, Anaya Thornton of Murray Middle School, Jack Ungerland of South Fork High School, Kaylei Weeks of Indiantown Middle School, Gabriella Camacho of the YMCA and Tyrique Lewis of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County.</p>	<p>All</p>

Cynthia Bishop, the SWAT Advisor from the Murray Middle School, was named the SWAT Advisor of the Year. Her passion for tobacco prevention shines through in her club members, who were hard at work this year creating bookmarks for the media center, walking in the Hobe Sound Christmas Parade, creating presentations on tobacco prevention for their school, and much more!

Melissa Gershman, the SWAT Advisor from Indiantown Middle School, was awarded Rookie SWAT Advisor of the Year for her first year leading the club. Tasked with rebuilding a club from scratch, she immediately set to work recruiting new members and creating a series of substantial tobacco prevention programs on campus. In their first year, they successfully hosted campus-wide events for Red Ribbon Week, Through With Chew Week and more – helping to reach a large number of students and make a BIG impact.

Stuart Middle School was named this year's SWAT Club of the Year. The Stuart Middle School Club had a strong year, implementing new and exciting tobacco prevention programs on campus and participating in community wide events, like the Martin County Fair, where they created their own license plates with tobacco prevention messages for fair attendees to vote on. They brought observances like Through With Chew Week and the Great American Smoke Out to their school campus with creative posters to help prevent their peers from tobacco use.

Guest Speaker: Ellie Nicholas, CDC Campaign: Tips from a Former Smoker

Ellie shared her video from the CDC Campaign and spoke on her experience with secondhand smoke in the workplace, and subsequent health issues. Ellie will appear on the May 19 episode of the Rachael Ray show.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm. Motion by Dr. Barry Hummel, seconded by Valerie Graham.