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<b>Attendance</b>	Louise Sikorski, Community Member; Robin VanOver, School District; Natalie Gustofsan, Girl Scouts; Jim Vojcsik, United Way; Anita Concoves, MCBCC; Courtney Black, SSN, Darcy VanOhlen, Tykes/Teens; Terry Schneider, FCHC/EAHEC; Dr. Barry Hummel, Quit Doc Research & Education Foundation; Valerie Graham, TPSMC, Mat Churchey, Boys & Girls Club SWAT Facilitator; Youth Members from the Boys & Girls Club SWAT Chapter	
<b>Excused</b>	Terri Savard, American Cancer Society; Jennifer Harris, FL DOH ;Gloria Friedman, MCBCC; Marcella Bianco, SLCHD; Marilyne Leeds, EAHEC Maureen Ryan, MCHD; Carol Ann Werner, MCHD; Bruce Hansbrough, Harmon Healing Center; Alicia Hohsfield, WCC,	
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Valerie Graham, the Tobacco Prevention Specialist for Martin County, facilitated the meeting and asked everyone to state their name, organization, and briefly state what they can contribute, or have to gain from, being on the Tobacco Free Partnership (TFP). Valerie explained that the youth participants would be arriving by bus for the last half of the meeting time to review the video of the SWAT “Great American Smoke-Out” activities held at the Boys & Girls clubs	
<b>Approval of September Minutes &amp; Updates on Action Steps from September TFP Meeting</b>	September minutes were approved. Action Steps updates:  Four members of the TFP have finished reviewing the by-laws and a revised version will be sent to members before the March meeting.  Valerie and Dr. Hummel met with David Graham on 10/19. A county-staffed task force will be appointed to work with the TFP on tobacco policies for MC.  6 new TFP members have been recruited: Girl Scouts, Community Member, 2 Youth Leadership Programs - Red Cross & Parks/Rec, Martin Volunteers; Habitat for Humanity	
<b>Great American Smoke-out Activities</b>	Dr. Hummel reported that the Boys & Girls Club SWAT chapters held activities at their club sites. A video was played to show what the SWAT youth accomplished since some of the adults could not stay for the youth portion of the meeting. This video will be replayed again for the youth when they arrive later in the meeting.	
<b>SWAT Clubs in Martin County</b>	Dr. Hummel reported that we now have 11 SWAT chapters located in Middle Schools, High Schools, and Boys and Girls Clubs. All of the club sponsors submitted their program grants and have received approval and SWAT training.	




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<p><b>“Quit Smoking Now” Cessation Classes</b></p>	<p>Terri Schneider reported that the Tuesday night classes are well attended and she has started her third session of classes since October. Terri also noted that cessation referrals have increased significantly since implementing the tobacco screening and referral policy at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.</p> <p>Valerie reported that AHEC has trained two new Martin County “Quit Smoking Now” cessation instructors to handle the number of clients being referred for services. One of the instructors is bi-lingual and will be conducting classes in both Indiantown and Port Salerno, the two MC areas with the highest non-English speaking populations. The other instructor will be working with the referrals from community-based agencies and/or health care providers who want on-site cessation services.</p>	
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Deliverables- Dr. Hummel reported that Martin County met and/or exceeded all of their deliverable requirements for the first quarter.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Highlights-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Hummel presented to the Legislative Summit an issue requesting that the Florida Legislator remove the preemption from the FCIAS, freeing communities to pursue tobacco-free ordinances that make sense on a local level. The issue was selected as a priority issue for the Legislative “Red Book”.</li> <li>○ A meeting with County Administrative Staff, that was scheduled by the County Administrator, resulted in the formation of a county-staffed Tobacco-Free Task force to work with the TFP on current and future policy and ordinances for tobacco-free county properties.</li> <li>○ All of Martin Memorial Hospital properties are now posted as tobacco-free and hospital staff and volunteers strictly enforce this policy.</li> <li>○ Dr. Hummel and Valerie both participated as volunteers for the American Cancer Societies Relay for Life Kick-off events.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Discussion from the Floor</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Health Needs Assessment- Jim Vojcsik reported that a Community-wide Needs Assessment is being conducted through funding collaborative with United Way of MC, Children’s Services Council, Board of County Commissioners, Martin Memorial Hospitals, MC Health Department</li>   <li>2. Project Northland- Darcy reported that Project Northland includes a component for advocacy training for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.</li>   <li>3. Girl Scouts want to incorporate tobacco prevention into their “Uniquely Me” program that targets high-risk middle aged youth. They also have a Leadership Advocacy training component and a project called “Against Smoking” that they would like to implement with the TFP help.</li>   <li>4. Anita reported that she found out there is an underage smoking ordinance that carries a \$25.00 fine for youth caught smoking or with tobacco products. This ordinance is not being enforced.</li>   <li>5. Tykes &amp; Teens would like to partner with the TFP, and staff, to implement a school-based system so that if students are caught on campus with tobacco products they are referred to cessation and prevention services.</li>   <li>6. Members of the TFP suggested that the TPS and SWAT coordinator speak to community sponsors and/or coaches of team sports about tobacco prevention information for sport participations</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TFP representation is asked to participate on Needs Assessment planning and focus group data collection.</li>   <li>2. TFP, SWAT, and TPS will work with Darcy to come up with a tobacco-prevention policy project and assist with the advocacy training.</li>   <li>3. TFP, SWAT, and TPS, will work with Girl Scout staff to address this request.</li>   <li>4. Anita and Valerie will meet with the Assistant State Attorney, Pam Roebuck to get more information.</li>   <li>5. Valerie and Dr. Hummel will meet with Tykes &amp; Teens staff to develop and implement this.</li>   <li>6. TPS and SWAT coordinator will follow up on this.</li> </ol>
<b>SWAT Youth</b>	Members of the SWAT chapter, at the Palm City Boys and Girls club, were introduced to TFP members and then watched the “Great American Smoke-out Video”. All of the youth were proud of their participation and were commended for their success.	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.	