



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 16, 2011**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Martin County High School**

**Hosted By SWAT Chapter**



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| <b>Attendance</b> | <p><u>Adults:</u> Valerie Graham, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Genaris Haston, SWAT Coordinator, Jill Sheppell, Shared Services Network, Charlie Nail, Community Member, Barry Hummel, Quit Doc Research &amp; Education Foundation, Maureen Ryan, Martin County Health Dept., Dorcas Boucher, SWAT Facilitator-Martin County High School</p> <p><u>SWAT Youth:</u> Martin County High School SWAT Club hosted the meeting</p> |
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| <b>Topic</b>                       | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b>        |
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| <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> | <p><u>Self Introductions-</u> 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).</p> |                      |
| <b>Items for Approval</b>          | <p><u>Approval of December 2011 Meeting Minutes and Budget Report-</u> Motion to approve made by Maureen Ryan, Seconded by Jill Sheppell.</p>   | Approved Unanimously |

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| <b>Community Partner Updates on Tobacco Prevention Initiatives</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <u>Shared Services Network-</u> The “Those Who Host Loose the Most” campaign is being coordinated by Shared Services Network and is being launched around the time of school proms. This community campaign focuses on under aged drinking and reminds adults that it is against the law to host any party where under aged drinking will occur. Even though this campaign has an alcohol focus, anti-tobacco messaging is also worked into some of the community information that is given out.</li> <li>o <u>Project Northland-</u> The TFPMC will be participating with this organization in sponsoring a booth at the Martin County Fair, held in February 2012. Over 40,000 people visit the fair and it is an excellent forum to provide information regarding all of the tobacco intervention prevention strategies being offered in Martin County. SWAT youth will be surveying voters on their support for restrictions on the sale of candy flavored tobacco products in Martin County.</li> <li>o <u>T5C,</u> a local youth program that provides life coaching, leadership training, and counseling promotes tobacco cessation and provides tobacco education to youth. Members of the partnership are invited to participate in their programs and events.</li> <li>o <u>Keep Martin Beautiful-</u> The Tobacco Free Partnership of Martin County won the Keep Martin Beautiful Stewardship Award in the Civic/Non Profit Category for their efforts in getting “No Tobacco Zone” signs posted in every county-owned beach and park. These signs will help to cut down on tobacco trash and protect children from secondhand smoke.</li> <li>o <u>Tobacco Prevention Grant Process-</u> Tobacco prevention staff shared that they submitted the grant for the 2012-2013 Tobacco Prevention Intervention Grant for Martin County and thanked partnership members for their help in gathering data and writing letters of support on behalf of the grant application.</li> <li>o <u>Single Fin Showdown-</u> The TFP will once again be sponsoring the United Way “Single Fin Showdown” by hosting the pre-party on Thursday, March 17, 2012. Partnership members are invited to attend.</li> <li>o <u>Charlie Nail-</u> reported that he has been providing anti-tobacco</li> </ul> | Grant awards should be announced on March 12, 2012 |
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|   | <p>education, utilizing personal testimony, in private schools, such as the Pine School, as well as in of all of the middle schools in Martin County. His presentations are always very effective in demonstrating the physical health risks associated with tobacco use.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Regional Training and SunFest Event</b></p> | <p>Dr. Hummel reported that there will be a regional training for SWAT youth and tobacco prevention staff on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Health Department. Martin County will send five youth and two adults to this training. The focus of this training is to prepare SWAT youth and adults for the SunFest event on May 5, 2012 where SWAT will have a booth and survey voters on their support for restrictions on candy flavored tobacco products.</p>  | <p>Genaris Haston is coordinating the transportation and sign-up of SWAT youth.</p>   |
| <p><b>SWAT Updates</b></p>                        | <p>Dorcas Boucher, a teacher at Martin County High School and the school SWAT Facilitator, reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At MCHS the SWAT students are partnering with numerous school-base organization and clubs to collect data on for the Tobacco Free Partnership:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SWAT and DECA have been doing Store surveillance using the StoreAlert survey tool- Dr. Hummel has been conducting the training with SWAT and DECA students.</li> <li>○ SWAT has also been working with the Driver’s Education class to collect information on what distracts drivers and has found tobacco use to be a significant factor in distracting drivers from using safe practices. Dr. Hummel will follow-up with students to assess the data they have collected.</li> <li>○ SWAT also has events planned for Kick-Butts day and Tobacco-Free Florida Week</li> <li>○ SWAT and Leadership students will be participating at the Martin County Fair to collect data on support for candy flavored tobacco</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>To read more about the SWAT activities in Martin County visit <a href="http://www.tfp-martin.org">www.tfp-martin.org</a></p> |
| <p><b>Announcements</b></p>                       | <p>No announcement from the floor</p>  | <p>Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.</p>   |