



Cecil County Tobacco Task Force (CCTTF) Meeting Pregnancy and Tobacco Cessation Help (PATCH) Committee Meeting

May 5, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Minutes

In Attendance:

Renee Amburn, Beth Creek, H. Todd Creek, , Patricia Ellison, Stephanie Hunt, Jean Marie Kelly, Bob Meffley, Earl Bradford, Lt. Carolyn Allen, Tiffany Showells, Jackie Hartman, Carol Fitzpatrick, Tyra Kenly, Virgil Boysaw, Cpl. Steve Hunt and Jennifer Padgett.

Introductions – Everyone was welcomed.

- Members were reminded to update information on the membership list.
- New Members were asked to complete a Membership and Disclosure Form.

Trends in Tobacco Use

Tobacco Task Force member learned about new tobacco use trends in “dripping” of e-cigarettes and hookahs. The Task Force discussed the risk associated with each and outlets for these health communication messages.

Cecil County Pregnancy and Smoking Statistics

In 2014, 21.6% of pregnant women in Cecil County reported smoking during pregnancy. Cecil County ranks as the second highest county for pregnant women smoking in state of Maryland. This number has remained fairly consistent.

There are changes happening in the county. Sites have been trained to provide tobacco cessation referrals to Cecil County Health Department and to the Maryland Tobacco Quitline. Cecil County needs more pregnant women who smoke to seek tobacco cessation services. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that clinicians ask all pregnant women about tobacco use, advise them to stop using tobacco, and provide behavioral interventions for cessation to pregnant women who use tobacco.

Legislation Update

The following legislation updates were discussed. Tobacco Task Force members discussed the need to support tobacco ban in county park.

Local Legislation

- County Council of Cecil County, Maryland Legislative Session 2017-04, **passed** Bill No. 2017-03 - Prohibition of Tobacco Use in County Parks.

State Legislation

- **Senate Bill (SB) 119/House Bill (HB) 523- ENDS Licensing- passed**
- **HB 747- Cigarette Restitution Fund Program Modifications- passed**
- **HB185 – Distribution of Tobacco Products Minor (Civil offense Statewide)-passed**
- SB699- Tobacco 21-failed
- HB 354- Prohibit Use of E-cigarette Devices Indoors-failed
- HB 855- Smoke Free Multi-family Housing Promotion Act-failed

Tobacco Task Force Work Plan Draft

The Tobacco Task Force members reviewed the work plan. There was a suggestion for additional activity that would capture the mental health substance abuse population educating about tobacco use prevention and cessation. Send other suggestions and changes to Jen Padgett at jennifer.padgett@marylandgov.

Performance Measures

Performance Measures were reviewed for Cigarette Restitution Fund Program (CRFP) Grant, PATCH grant and Synar Grant. Performance measures are on target FY 17. FY 18 grant performance measures changes were reviewed with Tobacco Task Force members. Members discussed the environmental, policy and system changes being the key activities for the upcoming year.

Tobacco Task Force Update

Annually, task force members complete and return an anonymous five-question survey measuring the coalition's effectiveness and decision-making process. The survey questions ask members about their level of satisfaction with agenda and minutes, frequency and time of day for meetings, members' input, members' and guests' discussion of agenda items, and member's role in the task force. A survey was sent to members via Survey Monkey on April 4, 2017. Task force members responded and the majority [8 out of 9, (80%)] of respondents reported being satisfied and very satisfied with the task force's efforts and activities. There was a member who had issues with the morning time. There was a suggestion to alternate meeting times so everyone has the opportunity to attend a meeting.

The Tobacco Task Force was asked to think of ways to build capacity and improve collaboration with other task forces and collation. There is overlapping memberships and similar objectives. With passing of HB747, the Tobacco Task Force has the opportunity to re-structure for larger impact to address environmental, policy and system changes to promote tobacco use prevention and cessation. Tobacco Task Force will revisit this matter at next meeting.

Community updates

Youth Empowerment Source is having a free summer camp for low-income families to send youth in 3rd to fifth grade. "Camp Activate" will be held from June 26-July 27, 2017. Please contact Beth Creek at bcreek.yes@gmail.com if you are interested in the summer camp.

In the month of May, join in the fun and celebrate World No Tobacco Day by painting a rock with a tobacco use prevention or cessation picture or message. Then put it some place where others can find it such as county parks or other visible places. Make a world of difference by providing support for tobacco users. Share your art work and finds through social media @cecilcountyrocks,#cecilcountyrocks. This project is in collaboration with the Cecil County Parks and Recreation Department's "Cecil County Rocks Campaign".
<https://www.facebook.com/Cecil-County-Rocks-801856066636637/>

**The next Tobacco Task Force meeting will be determined by Survey Monkey.
Thank you for your time and dedication to tobacco control issues in Cecil County.**