



## Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems, Media, PA

Attendees: Bonnie Breit (Chairperson); Deborah Mantegna (Riddle Memorial Hospital); Kara Chivalette (Main Line Health Systems); Melissa Maier (Crozer Keystone Health Systems); NEW MEMBER - Arlene Weisberg (Bucks Youth Against Tobacco); NEW MEMBER - Lambert Tobert (BCDAC, Inc.); Beth Mingley (Office of Behavioral Health); Genevieve Hamilton (Community Volunteer); NEW MEMBER- D'Angelo Harris (HBHS); Vanessa Walker (HBHS); Kate LaMonica (HBHS); Stephen Campbell (HBHS).

### I. Updates on Legislative Visits

- S. Campbell reported on Members' visits according to tracking sheets submitted:
  - K. Chivalette visit with Sen. Tom Killian - Is in favor of smoke-free PA; He favors a very strict ban and is convinced that we will have a smoking ban this session.
  - K. Chivalette visit with Rep. Bryan Lentz - Is in favor of a smoke-free PA. He thinks a ban with big exceptions is not a ban. He really has a problem with allowing smoking in casinos because it is unfair to the workers. He would rather it fail if it isn't strict enough. He thinks the ban will happen before summer session.
  - K. LaMonica & Katee Yorke visit with Sen. Williams - Is in favor of Smoke-free PA.
  - K. LaMonica & Katee Yorke visit with Rep. Micozzie - Is supportive of a smoke-free PA but remains sensitive to issues as presented by small business owners (namely small community bars that cater to a smoking crowd).
  - M. Maier visit with Sen. Pileggi's top advisor - Says Pileggi is in favor of a smoke-free bill without any exceptions
  - M. Maier visit with Rep. Kirkland - In favor of smoke-free PA WITH exceptions.

### II. Update on Smoke-Free Wednesdays in Media Campaign

- S. Campbell, B. Breit and other Coalition members discussed challenges and current status:
  - Only 7 restaurants have signed on thus far; many of the bars where smoking is allowed have expressed disinterest with campaign in fear of losing their smoking customer base.
  - As warm weather nears, campaign is likely to gain more momentum.

### III. Comcast Newsmakers Interview

- Taped on March 4 with guest Brian Hall of Media Borough who discussed Media Borough's butts cleanup and awareness campaign. Airing date of interview to be announced.
  - B Breit - Pressed the Coalition members for interview ideas for future tapings; add to next meeting agenda.

### IV. 2008 Poster Contest Judging

- S. Campbell presented the 2008 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest to Coalition members and encouraged all to vote after the meeting.

### V. BUSTED! Cleanup Campaigns

- S. Campbell presented recruitment poster being used to recruit volunteers for the event; Now scheduled for May 31 for Ridley and Interboro. J. Scott to provide full update when present for the next Coalition meeting.
- From this topic, a collaborative idea was raised: With the many hospital systems going smoke-free, each has cigarette butts cans to get rid of. The idea was raised of reusing these cans for each of the 28 Libraries in Delaware County. Each provider at her hospital with check on the status of these cans and see if they can be donated to this cause.

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## VI. Police Chief Follow-Up

- B. Breit, A. Dix, and B. Cylinder met attended a recent Chief of Chiefs Meeting.
  - B. Breit gave presentation on the benefits of having police stations smoke-free.
  - Positive feedback from this meeting came in the form of a phone call from U.D. Chief Michael Chitwood, who is requesting that B. Breit and the Coalition assist his department with going totally smoke-free inside and out.
  - On a related note, tobacco sales to minors in the county have increased from last year's sale rate. A. Dix is currently working with vendors face-to-face, and has a number of Merchant Education trainings scheduled for this spring and summer.
  - K. LaMonica is asking for Coalition members' input on what content and other materials can be included in an educational packet to be mailed to tobacco vendors in Delaware County.
  - October is Fire Prevention Month - Now would be a good time to prepare on outreach to firefighters on Fire Chief education initiative with an emphasis of no-evidence of tobacco use in uniform.
  - **Interoffice Note: ADD All Content Above to Next TFC Agenda**

## VII. SEPA Report

- Non-public administrative feedback from Coalition members was fielded by B. Breit and will be discussed with HPC.

## VIII. Community Updates

- K. Chivalette: MLHS will begin launching another round of Chantix-assisted cessation programs for its employees, as it was very successful last time; increasing number of locations of classes; Now scheduling cessation class at Radnor Fire Co. for May 2008.
- M. Maier: Eagles/HPC Event was nice turnout; CKHS currently going forward with smoke-free initiative. Tobaccofreedelco.com website is listed on almost all CKHS publications regarding smoke-free campus initiative.
- B. Mingey: Child Care Information Services (CCIS) is asking for any TFC related content for their newsletter; will forward contact info to S. Campbell and B. Breit for followup; Informed the Coalition of SIG Grant - Funding 23 SCA's to delay underage drinking and driving.
- D. Mantegna: RMH will be replicating the Chantix-assisted cessation class for its employees and their families.
- D. Harris: Informed Coalition members of DCYC's re-launching with a trip to see the Phila Soul play May 22.
- V. Walker: Recently presented Tar Wars programs in schools and looking to extend to summer camps.
- A. Weisberg: Still getting acquainted with her new position. Recently had her youth propose a smoke-free parks ordinance to Bensalem County Council.
- K. LaMonica: Informed the Coalition members that Speak for Yourself (SFY) shows are still available to be scheduled in schools and community settings. YES Theatre Opening Night is April 3, 2008 at DCCC Main Auditorium -- all are welcome to attend this free event.

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*Minutes Submitted, Typed & Edited: Stephen Campbell, Secretary.*