

Gilchrist County Tobacco-Free Partnership: Quarterly Meeting 1/27/2010

Attendance: 16 adults and 5 youth

QuitDoc Tobacco Prevention Specialists; QuitDoc Policy Manager; Gilchrist County School Board Member; Suwannee AHEC representative & intern; Gilchrist County Department of Health personnel; Business leaders; local SWAT & 4-H club leadership (Please see sign-up list)

Agenda:

Overview of what transpired at the last quarterly TFP meeting; presentation and discussion on recent FDA regulations, the issue of preemption, and tobacco industry influence; participation in the upcoming youth fair; strategy and goals for outreach towards County Commissioners; SWAT Club update on activities and future survey

Meeting:

The Executive Committee had met several weeks in advance of the general TFP to review SMART Objectives and outline agenda items and introduction of possible policy change techniques for this meeting.

Summary:

The newly elected TFP Co-Chair called the meeting to order, allowing new and old members to introduce themselves around the room. Next a brief overview about the last meeting's agenda was given and a unanimous vote took place to have minutes emailed to all TFP members. QuitDoc Policy Manager then presented a powerpoint slideshow regarding new FDA regulations along with state and local opportunities for policy change. Discussion ensued about possible avenues of what the TFP could pursue within the context of our SMART Objectives and what the Executive Committee recommended from their meeting. A subcommittee was formed to address the Suwannee River Youth Fair later in the quarter with the support of School Board Member who sits on the Fair Board. The TFP voted unanimously to sponsor the dairy show which costs \$600; this will allow the TFP banner to be shown at a prime location. SWAT youth and subcommittee members plan to participate at a tent with literature and t-shirts as well. Last year approximately 3,000 Tobacco-Free Florida t-shirts were given away. Other SWAT activities include participation at the Quilt show, a program booth at the high school prom, and a puppet show for 5th graders. Involvement and awareness about Kick Butts Day was mentioned too. The consensus is that after the Fair and FCAT, focus will be on the group's first visitation to the County Commission with emphasis on having very impressive attendance of both adults and youth.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11pm.