

Meeting Report

Tobacco-Free Partnerships, Gilchrist/Dixie Counties Planning Meeting, August 12, 2008, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Gilchrist County Library
105 NE 11th Avenue
Trenton, FL 32693

Attendees:

- Dr Barry Hummel, QDREF President
- Dr. Dawn Grinenko, QDREF, Gilchrist County
- Tracy DeCubellis, QDREF, Dixie County

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Meeting Highlights:

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The initial discussion focused on the goals of a local Tobacco-Free Partnership. QDREF staff established the following initial focus for the organization:

- Promote an awareness campaign on the dangers of secondhand smoke.
- Promote an awareness campaign on the current Florida Clean Indoor Air Act
- Conduct a needs assessment of local businesses, looking at the current understanding of FCIAA, and the willingness of local businesses to expand voluntary smoking restrictions.
- Conduct a needs assessment of local schools, looking at current adult smoking policies on school campuses and the willingness to make school campuses tobacco-free.

QDREF staff then discussed potential groups of stakeholders, including:

- Local school administration and faculty
- Local law enforcement
- Local elected officials
- Local business owners
- Local healthcare providers

- Local parents

Summary:

QDREF staff established the goals of the newly established Tobacco-Free Partnership, and identified core stakeholders to try and involve in such a partnership.

Action steps include

- Barry Hummel will schedule Introductory Meetings of the Tobacco-Free Partnerships in both Dixie and Gilchrist Counties within 4 weeks, and prepare meeting agendas and presentations.
- Dawn Grinenko will discuss the concept of a tobacco-free partnership with local healthcare providers, and identify interested members of the medical community
- Tracy DeCubellis, QDREF, will discuss the concept of a tobacco-free partnership with the faculty and administration of local schools and identify interested stakeholders.
- Barry Hummel will try to identify interested parents at the Old Town Elementary School Open House (Aug 14, 2008)
- Tracy DeCubellis will try to identify interested parents at the Bell Middle School Open House (Aug 14, 2008)
- Dr. Hummel will design an invitation to be mailed directly to stakeholders.
- The meeting will be open to the public as well, however QDREF staff will request RSVPs as lunch will be provided.