

Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership
June 9, 2010
MINUTES

Present: Rico Ducatel, Sue Buntic, Diana Salazar, Ann O'Hara, Carmen Ortiz, Cecilia Centeno, Agustin Centeno, Abriana Centeno, Tatiana Ortiz, Tamara Ortiz, Natalia Ortiz, Paula DiGrigoli, Rachel Kleist, Terri England, Colleen Deswal, Jennifer Smith

The Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership met June 9, 2010 for its quarterly meeting. Sixteen members were in attendance for a very productive and informative meeting. Welcomes and introductions were made as there were several new members present for this meeting.

The first item on the agenda was to review the results of the Partnership Assessment that was completed in April of 2010. Seventeen participants completed the survey. The survey reported that partnership members felt high satisfaction with advocacy skills, and high interest in tobacco policy and advocacy work. The survey also determined that members may wish to discuss the most effective communication methods at a future meeting and suggested additional training may be beneficial as well. The assessment measured ten different areas covering leadership, overall attitude of the partnership, communication methods as well as readiness to adopt tobacco-free policies. The survey is distributed twice per year.

There was a brief review, and for some introduction, on the 2010/2011 tobacco control policies, as well as discussion about breaking off into working groups or subcommittees to address these policies in the following year. Each partnership member was given a copy of the policies. These policies will be discussed in greater detail at the next partnership meeting, followed by brainstorming sessions as well.

Taking the results of the Partnership Assessment Survey into consideration, the partnership will offer opportunities to host "Lunch and Learn" webinars at the Collier County Health Department. The first "Lunch and Learn" we will host will be on July 19th, and the topic will be about Hookah. We briefly discussed Hookah and it's newly found prevalence in the United States. Currently, there are no Hookah bars that exist in Naples; however it is assumed that it will be here one day.

Agency updates were given by Terri England with AHEC and Rico Ducatel with Edison State. Terri briefly went over the upcoming Quit Smoking Now class times and locations as well as distributed her contact information. Rico gave an update on Edison State College's new tobacco-free campus policy and spoke about the strengths and weaknesses they have faced since implementing a new policy. However, overall the new policy has been a huge success and students are not only accepting it, but enjoying a healthier environment as well.

Rico Ducatel was introduced as the newly nominated Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership Chair. We nominated Rico for this position based on his dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for the Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership. Rico gave a brief introduction about himself, as well as the goals he wishes to accomplish with the partnership. We appreciate Rico accepting the role as Partnership Chair and look forward to a successful and productive year with his lead.

A calendar of dates and times for the 2010/2011 year was distributed and it was determined and agreed upon that the partnership will meet on the third Wednesday of every other month. The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2010 at 4:30pm at the Collier County Health Department.