



Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 26, 2018 • 10:00-11:00am • Kings County Health Dept. Auditorium

Attendees: Jennifer Acidera, Anna Childress, Julie LeFils, William Munoz, Oralia Vallejo, Melissa Wescoat, Keith Winkler

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Minutes: The group reviewed the March meeting minutes. Motion to approve as corrected, Jennifer Acidera, second, Anna Childress, motion carried.
- III. Kings County Tobacco Control Program:
 - Oralia reported that Prop 56 funding allows the expansion of the tobacco control program and that the funding may not be available. There is a webinar on May 1st. Oralia will send the link to Melissa to share with the group.
 - A new Health Educator has been hired and will begin on May 21st.
 - Oralia explained the need to get information out in Avenal. The group gave her the following ideas: Avenal Theater marquee, Avenal entrance marquee, Avenal Wrap (Andre and Enrique)
 - Julie stated that KPFP can help with a social media campaign. She and Oralia will meet to work on an MOU/invoicing to cover costs.
- IV. REACT Update:
 - Corcoran - Jennifer reported that they have held a youth recruitment event and litter clean-up. They are continuing to work on the smoke-free outdoor policy.
 - Hanford - The youth are planning to make their presentation to the new City Council member.
 - Jennifer shared that she will begin working for a different program on May 1st. She will assist the new REACT Coordinator with the transition.
- V. Legislative Updates: Oralia reported that the following bills are moving through the legislature:
 - AB 62 (Wood - D, Healdsburg) Public housing: smoke-free policy
 - SB 631 (Nielsen - R, Gerber) Nitrous oxide: retail sales
 - AB 1097 (Levine - D, San Rafael) State beaches and parks, smoking ban
 - AB 2308 (Stone - D, Scotts Valley) Cigarettes: single-use filter ban
 - AB 3225 (Burke - D, Inglewood) California Children and Families Program
 - SB 835 (Glazer - D, Orinda) Parks: smoking ban
 - SB 836 (Glazer - D, Orinda) State beaches: smoking ban

- One new tobacco related bill was introduced:
 - AB 2020 (Quirk – D, Hayward) Cannabis: local jurisdiction licensees, temporary event license

VI. New Business

- On April 18th, two separate letters were submitted to FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb from the American Lung Association along with other health groups urging him to take immediate action on JUUL. On Tuesday, April 24th the FDA issued warning to 40 retail and online stores as part of a month -long operation against illegal sales of JUUL to children. Oralia would like to educate the community on JUUL. The group recommended presenting at an upcoming Safe Kids meeting, and a KPFP meeting in the fall. She will be presenting the information at a community forum for youth at West Hills College in October.
- On March 27th, seven public health, medical groups, and several individual pediatricians, filed suit in a federal court in Maryland challenging a FDA decision that allows electronic cigarettes, cigars, and candy flavored products that appeal to children to stay on the market for years without being reviewed by the agency.
- Capitol Information & Education Day on May 22nd from 9am-3pm will include both in-person meetings with policymakers at the Capitol and a statewide call-in opportunity to educate our legislators on how flavored tobacco is harming our community. Oralia will send the link to Melissa to send out to the coalition.

VII. Goals and Objectives

- Julie proposed extending the May meeting to 2 hours to work on goals & objectives. She will meet with Oralia beforehand to work on the details.

VIII. Roundtable

- Bubble Fun Run, May 5th at Freedom Park
- Taco Truck Throw Down, May 19th Downtown Hanford – Volunteers needed; this is a fundraiser for youth scholarships

Next Meeting – May 24, 2018 at 10am
Kings County Health Department, Building 5 Auditorium