



Kings County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Thursday, August 23, 2018 • 10:00am – 11:00pm • Kings County Health Dept., Bldg. 5 Auditorium

Attendees: Michael Duarte, Joanna Garcia, Cristhian Ibanez, Jackie Johnson, Gabriel Ledesma, Julie LeFils, Bertha Perez-Sanchez, Oralia Vallejo, Dulce Velazquez, Melissa Wescoat, Keith Winkler

- I. Keith Winkler welcomed those in attendance and everyone introduce themselves.
- II. Minutes: The group reviewed the July meeting minutes. Motion to approve as corrected, Oralia Vallejo, second, Gabriel Ledesma, motion carried.
- III. Kings County Tobacco Control Program Update
 - Oralia stated that they are behind on their workplan due to late approval.
 - KCOE does not currently have funds to have a dedicated staff member take part in tobacco education.
 - They are currently working with Avenal High School to recruit youth to participate in the program.
 - They have sent the law enforcement grant information to the Avenal Chief of Police.
 - Oralia will be attending an event at West Hills College to recruit young adults.
- IV. California Health Collaborative Update:
 - ReACT has active youth coalitions in Corcoran and Hanford. They will work to recruit more high school students later in September once the school year is underway.
 - They are holding a tobacco litter clean-up next Saturday, park TBD.
 - They are participating at the following events: Fruit & Veggie Fest, Coffee with a Cop, Recovery Fest, and Return to Netherland
- V. Cristhian gave the following Legislative Updates:

Five tobacco-related bills are moving through the legislature:

 - **AB 1097 (Levine – D, San Rafael) State beaches and parks, smoking ban:** This bill would make it a crime to smoke or dispose of cigar and cigarette waste on a state coastal beach or within the state park system. Anyone who violates this law could receive a fine up to \$50. **Status:** AB1097 was approved by the Assembly 46-24 on January 29th. On June 12th the bill was approved by the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee 7-2. It then unanimously passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 2nd. AB1097 now wits a vote by the full Senate.
 - **AB2020 (Quirk -D, Hayward) Cannabis: local jurisdiction licensees: temporary event license** This bill would allow the state to issue temporary event licenses to any venue tht will be selling cannabis products onsite. This would not supersede any local ordinances, such as zoning, land use, or business license requirement, requirements to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, or completely outlaw certain types of businesses. The state may grant full power to administer licenses to incorporated cities if they so choose. Cities and counties may deny a permit issuance if the event does not comply with local smoke free ordinances. Venues approved for this license must have an area where access is restricted to persons 21 years of age or older,

have the cannabis consumption not visible from any public place or nonage-restricted are, and must also not sell or provide for consumption alcohol or tobacco products. On June 18th, the bill was amended to include additional restrictions on vendors.

- **SB 835 (Glazer – D, Orinda) Parks:** smoking ban Senate Bill 835 would make it a crime to smoke or dispose of cigar and cigarette waste within a state park. Anyone who violates this law could receive a fine up to \$25. This bill would allow the Director of Parks and Recreation at any affected location to designate exempted areas where smoking would be permitted. **Status:** SB835 was approved by the Senate committee on Natural Resources and Water 6-2 on March 13th. It was then referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it was passed 5-2 on May 25th. It was approved by the Senate Floor 26-11 on May 29th. On June 12th the bill was approved by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee 10-5, It was then approved by the Assembly Appropriation Committee 12-5 on August 16th. It now awaits an Assembly floor vote.
- **SB 836 (Glazer – D, Orinda) State beaches:** smoking ban Senate Bill 836 would make it a crime to smoke or dispose of cigar and cigarette waste on a state coastal beach. Anyone who violates this law could receive a fine up to \$25. This bill would allow the Director of Parks and Recreation at any affected location to designate exempted areas where smoking would be permitted. **Status:** SB 836 was approved by the Senate Committee of Natural Resources and Water 6-2 on March 13th. It was then referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it was passed 5-2 on May 25th. It was approved by the Senate Floor 27-11 on May 29th. On June 12th the bill was approved by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee 10-5. It was then approved by the Assembly Appropriation Committee 12-5 on August 16th. It now awaits an Assembly floor vote.
- **SB 1408 (Pan – D, Sacramento) Cigarettes: seizure:** Current law bans the sale, offering, or possession of cigarettes that do not meet specific manufacturing criteria, but offers an exemption for cigarettes produced outside California. Senate Bill 1408 would delete the exemption and make these cigarettes contraband which can be seized and disposed of by law enforcement or the state Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Any person who fails or refuses an inspection will be subject to a \$1,000 civil penalty. **Status:** SB 1408 was approved unanimously by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee on April 16th. It was then approved on the Senate Floor 35-2 on May 21st. On June 28th it passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee 19-1. It was then approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee 15-2 on August 8th. The bill is now scheduled to be heard on the Assembly floor on August 23rd.

Two tobacco-related resolutions are moving through the legislature:

- **ACR 254 (Holden – D, Pasadena) Smoke-free multiunit housing:** Assembly Concurrent Resolution 254 encourages local jurisdictions throughout California to adopt policy to reduce smoking in existing and newly constructed multiunit housing. **Status:** ACR 254 was introduced on June 13th and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development where it awaits a hearing.
- **SCR 143 (Pan – D, Sacramento) Smoking: youth:** motion picture industry Senate Concurrent Resolution 143 encourages the California Department of Public Health, the Attorney General, and other state and local agencies to work with the motion picture industry to eliminate depictions of smoking in the entertainment industry. **Status:** SCR 143 passed the Senate Health Committee 6-0 on June 6th. It was then approved by the Senate Floor 24-8 on July 2nd. It is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Health Committee on August 21st.

VI. Other New Business

- **The Recruitment Subcommittee** met on August 20th and came up with the following list of organizations to invite to be part of the Tobacco-Free Partnership.
 - They will create a recruitment packet.
 - They will invite organizations to conduct 5-10 minute presentations at monthly meetings.

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| Police Departments: Lemoore, Avenal, Hanford, Corcoran | Sister Speak |
| Adventist Health | Kings County Asthma Coalition |
| Aria Community Health Center | Lemoore Chamber of Commerce |
| Family HealthCare Network | American Lung Association |
| United Health | Champions Recovery |
| Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) | Corcoran Chamber of Commerce |
| Kings County Office of Education (KCOE) | Hanford Chamber of Commerce |
| Anthem Blue Cross | Kings County Sheriff's Department |
| Cal Viva Health | Avenal Rotary Club |
| Westcare | Kings County Probation |
| Kings County Behavioral Health | |

- Community Advisory Committee – Cristhian shared the need to involve the community in the work we do. Julie recommended we look first look at best practices then come up with a strategy to implement.
- Law Enforcement Grants – Applications due in October
- Grassroots Tobacco Control Report - Oralia shared that the report includes Kings County youth coalition work. She will email it to Melissa to put on the coalition's webpage.

VII. Roundtable

- Oralia stated that the Tobacco Control Program is behind on holding training/strategy sessions. Cristhian will send out more information and a doodle poll to the group to find the best time for all.
- American Lung Association is available to help the coalition with strategies, leverage, etc.
- PG&E Moderate Income Direct Install Program offers no-cost energy upgrades to income qualified households
- The Environmental Health Institute is holding a Kings River Clean Up on September 15th from 9am - noon

VIII. Adjourn

**Next Meeting – September 27, 2018 from 10:00-11:00am
Kings County Health Department, Building 5 Auditorium**