



Kings County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 2018 • 10:00am – 11:00am • Kings County Health Dept., Bldg. 5 Auditorium

Attendees: May Chung, Cristhian Ibanez, Gabriel Ledesma, Richard Perez, Oralia Vallejo, Dulce Velazquez, Melissa Wescoat, Keith Winkler

- I. Welcome & Introductions Keith Winkler
- II. Minutes: The group reviewed the May meeting minutes. Motion to approve, Richard Perez, second, Christian Ibanez, motion carried.
- III. Kings County Tobacco Control Program Update
- Oralia shared that Kings County has the second highest rate of smoking and with Tulare County being number one.
 - Oralia shared that they are currently working with adult and youth coalitions as well as the multi-housing unit housing initiative, which is going very well. Apartment complexes are asking for presentations.
 - Oralia and Keith shared about the sting that Hanford Police conducted where 7 stores were cited for selling tobacco to minors.
 - Gabriel shared that the youth coalition in Avenal had 4 students graduate with 1 of them receiving a scholarship. He and Christian will be presenting at summer schools and working in Avenal on a young adult tobacco and retailer surveys.
- IV. REACT Update
- Sixty students attended the Youth Leadership Summit on June 19-22
 - At future meetings, this agenda item will be changed to ‘California Health Collaborative Update’ to include other programs/initiatives they are working on.
- V. Legislative Updates Cristhian Ibanez
- AB 62 was approved on the Assembly floor in May of 2017 and was referred to both the Senate Transportation and Housing and the Judiciary Committees, where it awaits a committee hearing.
 - AB 1097 was approved by the Assembly on January 29th. On June 12th the bill was approved by the Senate Natural Resources and Water committee. It is now awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - AB 2020 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee on June 25th.
 - SB 631 passed the Senate floor in May of 2017 and was referred to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee in June 2017 and was re-referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee, but the author cancelled its first hearing on July 6th. This bill is still eligible to receive a vote but may be held indefinitely.
 - SB 835 was approved on June 12th by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. It now awaits a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
 - SB 836 was approved by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. It now awaits a

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- 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 on May 21st. The bill is currently awaiting committee assignment in the Assembly.
- AB 2308 failed to pass the Assembly Governmental Organizations Committee on May 12th.
- AB 3225 failed to receive committee assignment before the deadline to pass its house of origin.

VI. Other New Business

Oralia Vallejo

- Discussion on Coalition Elections
 - ▲ Keith Winkler has been asked to serve another year as Coalition Chair and Richard Perez has been asked to serve as Coalition Co-Chair, both have accepted. Motion to approve by Melissa Wescoat, second by Gabriel Ledesma, motion carried
- Schedule Quarterly Presentations w/ State wide partners
 - ▲ After discussion the coalition agreed to extend the regularly scheduled meeting once per quarter to a 1 ½ hour meeting in order to have a presentation.
 - ▲ Oralia shared that in order for the Tobacco Control Program to be in compliance with the state the Tobacco Coalition needs to be comprised of 18 members. Richard suggested that each person invite 5 people to the July meeting.
- Richard Perez gave a short but very informative presentation on the Side Effects of Vaping and the devices that are being made to disguise vape gel and THC such as the black onyx pen, car remotes, inhalers, and usb devices.

VII. Adjourn

**Next Meeting – Goals & Objectives - July 26, 2018 from 10am–12pm
Kings County Health Department, Building 5 Auditorium**