

# TOBACCO-FREE COLLABORATIVE

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**April 13<sup>th</sup> 2016**

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amber Jones (CPH), Jacquelyn Hilton (Mount Carmel), Tracy Swanson (City Development), Katie Stone (CPH), Autumn Trombetta (CPH), Rebecca Nelson (CPH), Shelly Kiser (American Lung Association), Sarah Ginnetti (ODH), Tara Tucker (CPH), Kristi Beckett (CPH), Mahdi Warsama (The Buckeye Ranch), Autumn Trombetta (CPH), Greg Stein (ODH), Bhuwan Pyakarel (Primary One), Joe Maskoryak,

## GROUP UPDATES:

- Lutheran Social Services
  - Taking properties 100% smoke-free- individual properties one by one
- F&W properties
  - Taking properties 100% smoke-free – timeline still to be determined
- Rec and Parks
  - Discussion around taking the parks 100% tobacco/smoke-free and/or strengthening the current policy to include language around hookah and e-cigarettes
  - This needs to be proposed to leadership, but there is support around the idea
- Columbus Public Health collaborations
  - WIC – involved with the 5 A's program, smoke-free home pledges
  - Home Visiting – referrals for opportunity for smoke-free housing
- Tobacco Cessation
  - 6 week cessation classes on the South Side
  - Amber will email information out to the group when it is available
- Columbus ZOO IS 100% smoke-free
- The Wilds is 100%smoke-free

## TOBACCO TO 21 PRESENTATIONS

### Background:

- Based on raising the drinking age
- Columbus – raise the age that youth can purchase cigarettes from 18 to 21
- Places in Ohio that have implemented- Upper Arlington, Bexley, New Albany, Cleveland

- American Lung has a working group around the issue – looking for partnering agencies to support the work

#### Challenges:

- E Cigarettes are not regulated (FDA regulations are coming)
- Hookah bars are violating smoke-free laws (need to be free standing, need to have 80% of sales to tobacco)
- Some Hookah bars do not have a license
- Reporting/enforcement – not clear what number to call/ process
- Stores selling single cigarettes
- Marketing displays are next to the candy displays – targeting youth

#### Opportunity:

- Empower residents to report violations
- Toll free enforcement number to call – 1866-559-6446
- Partners to get on board and join the working group (American Lung Association)
- Counter marketing – billboards, Ads (from ODH)
- TFC as an education platform, provide support

#### Things to consider:

- Targets for complaints vs. partners in campaign
- Some individuals from other countries may not be confident or comfortable reporting violations- based on past experiences with corruption, the system, lack of activism

#### SUBGROUP REPORTS:

Objectives for each subgroup will be drafted in preparation for the next TFC meeting. The group will have the opportunity to look at the drafted objectives to offer feedback.

#### **Next meeting:**