

Portage County Tobacco Coalition Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, May 8th, 2007 11:00am
Robinson Memorial Hospital

"Success means that we go to sleep at night knowing that our talents and abilities were used in a way that served others"
Maienne Williamson

Welcome-Sign-In-Introductions

Updates:

- Community-Joe Ziarko (F&CS)-
Joe reported things are going well

- Medical- Jan Bahle (RMH)- Jan reported no changes to program but did report that PERS is now having lower premiums if the individual is smoke free. Jan started the training of several other trainers on Friday using the MAYO clinic approach.

- Kent State University cessation efforts-Sharon Briggs/Scott Dotterer -
Sharron welcomed, four people have started in the program, two remained in. Difficulties include people quitting around finals, holidays etc., Hope to have new sessions end of May/June with a shorted program using the Mayo Clinic approach (goal to get six started). Marketing for services include ads in the Kent Stater, flyers throughout campus, list serves, presentations, meetings, websites for staff benefits, meetings with student groups, etc. Websites and business cards to be looked into for the future. Program is open to staff and students.

- Ohio Quit Kits- Eric Vailsnoras - Eric shared the news about what the state is doing with the Master Settlement agreement. Please look into this as it is very important. Gina handed out two announcements given by GWIZ about this. There are two conference calls for information sharing coming up. Eric also shared the information in the newsletter about smoke-free multi-unit housing. Eric will be out for the summer and will be back with the fall semester.

- Research and Evaluation- Carry Lafferty - Last evaluation report turned in on time. Table handed out with the type of data OTRACK is summarizing.

There are some barriers to attendance. OTRACK is also tracking the Ohio Quits.

- Tobacco Free Schools- Gina interviewing candidates this week for this position and shared job descriptions. Please give Gina heads up on any leads. June 2 is Frisbee football smoke-free days at RMH at 10:00 am. Information on the school coordination convention handed out.
- Stand- Tim Heath is assisting with the Frisbee football as well.
- Clary Communications Marketing/Check Presentation Event update-Gina Ross reported she met with our contact on Friday. A plan will be developed for marketing here. Gina will be sharing the plan prior to approving. She is also looking into doing a legislative event. Target this year will be the schools.
- Open Discussion
Gina shared information from ODH website on the smoking ban. Clubs are again included in the smoking ban due to an injunction. 90% of the fines come back to the health department to use for enforcement. Kent received \$2000 towards enforcement.

Reimbursement Claim Form-Q&A -

Gina has reviewed the form with everyone that will now need submitted prior to moneys being distributed. Receipts need to be submitted quarterly in order to be reimbursed.

Agency Announcements- None

Adjourn thank you for coming!! Hope to see you all at the June meeting!

***Reminder we will not be meeting in July and August!*

*Next Meeting Scheduled for:
Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 11:am
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