

Tobacco Workgroup Minutes

3-4 p.m., February 5, 2018

Attendance

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Topic/Action

Welcome

- Welcome, introductions and attendance.
- Review purpose of meeting:
 - > Discussion of current tobacco prevention efforts taking place in Iowa.
 - > Determine collaborative efforts that could be done to increase tobacco prevention throughout the state.
 - > Determine next steps.

Updates from the group

- Levi gave an update on the ICC/ALA/JCPH collaboration to focus on tobacco prevention in the LGBTQ community. Work coalitions will start in Iowa City and Des Moines to begin with and then potentially expand to other areas of the state. The group would like to identify partners who serve the LGBTQ population to build coalitions and provide input on what work needs to be done.
- Emily gave an update that her Tobacco Treatment Expert training was complete. She also spoke about evidence based interventions for tobacco prevention in youth.
- Karen reported that she works closely with tobacco control/prevention efforts in the Comprehensive Cancer Control program.
- Brandi is working on a tobacco control grant through IDPH. The Red Oak Community Clinic wants to work with plants and work sites in the area to adopt tobacco policies/freedom from smoking programs. Brandi spoke about the challenges of being in a rural area and getting workplaces to commit to a smoke free environment. She wondered if others in the group had worked with businesses on these same issues.
- Emily spoke about referrals for Quitline Iowa and Susan said she is working to get providers to utilize this, as some clinics are still sending in referrals by fax.
- Susan also spoke about the proposed \$1.50/per pack tax increase in Iowa. The measure still needs lots of support and Danielle is working with Rep. Rob Taylor on the bill. Many coalitions throughout the state have signed a letter of support for the tax increase. Future updates will be shared.

Next Steps

- The group decided a project focus would be preferred over meetings that only included work updates. Work group meetings will be used to identify and work on project(s) related to tobacco prevention/cessation throughout the state. This group will convene and discuss work to avoid duplication of efforts. Another workgroup meeting will be scheduled in the next month or two.
- One potential project to consider is related to the increased rates of tobacco use in veterans.
- Sloane will organize meetings and co-facilitate with other leadership from the group. Meeting minutes and the next meeting date will be sent out soon.

Note: Workgroup meeting agendas and minutes will soon be available on www.canceriowa.org.



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