**Tobacco Coalition Quarterly Meeting**

October 17, 2024, at 3pm (virtual)

**In attendance:**

* Hailey Guillot- CHOW Chronic Disease
* Heather Deurr- ACHD Healthy Families Allegany
* Tricia Evix- ACHD WIC Program Director
* Theresa Stahl- ACHD Dietician
* Sara Ahmed- MDH Coordinator of Special Programs
* Jill Evans- UPMC Pulmonary Clinic
* Tracey Leonard- ACPS Supervisor of Health, Physical Education and Athletics
* Lisa Moran- Priority Partners MCO
* Karlee Logsdon- Tri-State Women's HealthCenter
* Carolyn Campbell- School Health Nurse
* Paula Fuller- Allegany College of Maryland Director of the Respiratory Program
* Kaitlyn Morral- Frostburg State University Brady Center
* Ellie Folk- ACHD Cancer Program/ Infectious Disease
* Gail Devore- ACHD Dental Program

**Absent:**

Brittany Milbourne-Friend- UPMC Western Maryland Community Wellness Coordinator

Carole Mooreland- Cumberland Housing Authority

Christina Burke- Frostburg State University Brady Center

Daniel Snyder- Judy Center

Kerri Caporale- The Caporale Group

Robyn Miltenberger- Project YES Coordinator, Mt Ridge High School

Jonathan Dayton- Md Rural Health Administration (Executive Director)

Tyler Bittinger- Sheriff's Department

Sarah Bush- CareFirst Community Health

Jordan Rhoads- Prevention, ACHD Behavioral Health

 Corey Edmunds- Mt Laurel Medical Center

 Janice Cannon- YMCA Family Center

Christina Glenn- ACHD WIC

Lawrence Carter- MDH Chief of Health Promotion, Education and Tobacco Prevention

John Keller- ACHD Addictions, Peer Recovery Specialist

Jennifer Ensor- Cumberland Housing Authority

Panagis Galiatsatos- JHH Critical Care Pulmonologist

Renee Kniseley- Local Management Board

Blair Innis- Maryland Legal Resource Center

Tennille Haines- Member of the Metropolitan AME Church in Cumberland, MD

Jordan Lewis- ACHD Director of Prevention and Promotion Programs

1. **Opening:** Members were welcomed and asked to sign-in in the chat box. The meeting started at 3pm.

2. **Review of Minutes:** Minutes from the July 2024 meeting were approved without corrections or additions.

3. **Presentation by:** Ellie Folk, RN, Director of the Cancer Programs, Tobacco and Chronic Disease

* Ellie showed a PowerPoint and spoke on the signs and symptoms of lung cancer, who is at risk, diagnostic testing and parameters for the Allegany County Health Department Lung Cancer Program. If you would like her to email you the presentation or for further information you can contact Ellie at ellie.folk@maryland.gov or 301-759-5083.

4. Tobacco Program Updates

a. Grants:

* Enforcement-

Tobacco vendor education was completed in September by Fort Recovery to 83 vendors. The Sheriff’s department has started compliance checks and has reported 5 failures as of October 13th. Those vendors will receive follow up education by Jennifer and then another compliance check.

* CRF-

The grant received approval from MDH, and the community mini grant was awarded to the Metropolitan AME Church in Cumberland for $3,000. Jennifer and Haley have been very busy attending community events to provide outreach on prevention/cessation. They will be at Allegany High School on October 22 to speak to the health classes regarding the dangers of vaping.

* PATCH-

The grant was submitted and approved by MDH. We may have 2 additional mini grant opportunities for a community organization to expand on what they are already doing while providing some tobacco education to expectant mothers or women of child bearing age.

b. Partners

* **Haley Guillot-**

**Tobacco:** 3 mini grant opportunities for tobacco education available for community organizations. Application deadlines have been extended until the end of November. If you or someone you know might be interested, you may contact Haley at haley.guillot@maryland.gov . Haley and Jennifer have been working with the schools on some outreach/educational opportunities.

**Chronic Disease:** TOPS has a few mini grant opportunities available; the official announcement has not been made yet but interested parties should contact Haley. Haley and a TOPS participant attended the TOPS Fall Rally in Hagerstown and had some chapter award winners.

* **Paula Fuller-**

Reports that last week during the Allegany College of Maryland Respiratory Programs open house the students displayed a no vaping banner and spoke to those interested about vape education. They also used a pumpkin and popcorn kernels to demonstrate popcorn lungs.

* **Local Management board:** Jennifer Smith reported for Renee Kniseley

The LMB has partnered with the board of ed to have Stephan Hill speak at all 3 of the local high schools. He will also hold a session at the Allegany College of Maryland theatre on November 21 from 630-8pm for parents and community members.

5. **New Tobacco Updates:** (Maryland Legal Resource Center- unable to attend)

New tobacco laws effective October 1, 2024- a copy was mailed out to all Allegany County tobacco vendors at the beginning of this month.

* Tobacco sales military exemption removed. State law is now consistent with federal law. There is to be no tobacco sales to active military members 18-20 years old. This should eliminate confusion.
* Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA) now includes vaping in addition to tobacco and cannabis products. This requires new signage indicating where and where not to vape by businesses. You may print one of the signs [here](https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/EH/pages/clean-indoor-act.aspx)
* Tobacco licensed retailers must check a government issued (not expired) photo ID of people under the age of 30 purchasing tobacco/nicotine products.

6. **Roundtable/Questions/Suggestions:** Nothing further reported by members.

* **RFP-** Partners that which to renew the MOU from last year should have them soon to be signed.
* **Recruitment for new members:** We are still looking to recruit new student members to make suggestions and help advocate for local youth for the upcoming school year.

7. **Closing:** Next meeting is Thursday January 16, 2025, at 3pm

*Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Smith, RN*