

TFW Coalition Meeting
Friday, February 17, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
HealthCore Clinic, 2707 E 21st St N, Wichita, KS 67214



Mission: To protect residents of Wichita/Sedgwick County from the adverse effects of tobacco.

Discussion

Attending: Alberto, Daisy, Frederique, Kim, Lisa, Shelley, Tara

1. Welcome | Introductions | Partner Updates

- a. Frederique – provider directory for tobacco dependence treatment centers. Caroline Rodriguez will take over the project and ask for updates. Ownership has transferred to KUSM.
- b. Lisa – Take Down Tobacco Day in KS is March 2nd. Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids Day of Action is March 31st.

2. Celebrations

- a. Healthcare endorsement of the Kansas Behavioral Health Tobacco Guideline including clinic assessment and strategies to improve tobacco treatment care. Project Champion, Davna, is out of the office today.
- b. Elena has been working with two new RESIST members and they recently received a grant award for a movie day and tobacco education in Haysville.
- c. From Lisa: Substance abuse and mental health treatment facilities in Kansas have opportunities to improve tobacco dependence treatment interventions and policies to help more Kansans quit tobacco. Kansas substance abuse treatment organizations lag behind the national averages. See data [here](#)

3. Updates

- a. Windsurge signage collaboration with Wesley Healthcare – reworking all stadium tobacco free signage. QR code included on the sign to explain the program and promote cessation resources. Final sign approval will be sent to the quitline.
 - i. Wesley would be good to approach to endorse the tobacco guideline, including adding the Quitline info to discharge paperwork. Kim will follow up.
- b. Tobacco Retailer Licensing/PUP – Multiple versions of the ordinance have been reviewed. Kim will share the draft ordinance language to this group via email. Legal wants to remove the “one check/year requirement”, which AHA and TFW oppose. We are working with our Council Champion Brandon Johnson to get that added back in. PUP – it will remain illegal for youth to purchase/use/possess tobacco, but there will be no fine. Law enforcement will still be able to confiscate the tobacco product.
 - i. Lisa would like language about public works reporting violators to the public. Report to the City council annually...as it is for restaurants.

- ii. If the city does not include one check per year, this is a deal breaker for the AHA. Is this a deal breaker for TFW? Legal wants Public Works to write a policy on how checks are completed. Consult with tobacco 21 lawyer for the region – Lisa has a contact. Money is collected for the compliance checks so they need to be done by staff or designee. Does Councilmember Johnson feel like this is a deal breaker? Kim will include the AHA matrix for reviewing ordinance. Scheduled date to present at the City Council is March 7th. Kari will be asking for written support/testimony.
- iii. TFKC and State Legislative Updates – From Kim’s call with Kari: plastic bag bill included preemption language. Bill was killed last night. T21 bill has passed out of the federal and state committee. Will be going to the House.
- c. Clean Air Childcare updates – Shelley is offering a Kansas Childcare Training Organization training about tobacco free environments on March 2nd and will be participating in an event on March 25th with the City of Wichita childcare licensing staff.
- d. Tobacco Free Transit – While they are working on appointing board members, it is hard to move forward with educating them on the policy. Kim is working with City Council members and encouraging them to make appointments.
- e. Lisa will be presenting at the City of Wichita Housing conference about the benefits of tobacco free housing on April 19th including best practices for enforcement. TFW will be featured as a local resource. Rebuilding toolkit for the website. Suggestion to remove the map on the page. Lisa will email Dr. Ablah and see if a student wants to do a scan to update the list.
- f. CDRR Summit and SFY 2024 workplans – Summit was in Wichita and materials will be posted on the conference webpage to share with the Coalition. Great networking opportunities. Grant application due mid-March. Workplans:
 - i. Revisiting content neutral signage (CBD), discuss with city staff. Could be shared with cities of all sizes. Wichita would be the first city to implement. How do we engage retailers? Youth photovoice projects are impactful. Law enforcement supports this for safety reasons. Maybe employers would appreciate an “out” for strong arm about advertising – connect with HCSI stores because they are interested in health. Use this as an opportunity to learn more about the funding stores receive from tobacco companies.
 - ii. Other four workplans continue: Food and Farm Council, tobacco free transit (policy updated this grant year and implemented and communicated next grant year), tobacco free child care, and behavioral health. Frederique texted Grace Med Medical Director to determine interest.
 - iii. The April TFW meeting is around Earth Day, flags are impactful. Tie in with transit around bus stops. Invite transit board members. Share this with the media for earth day.

Next TFW Coalition meeting: April 21, Location TBD