



General Coalition Meeting

Minutes

Maurer College of Public Health, Room 3020

02/06/2018 – (12:00p-1:00p)

1. Call to Order: 12:08p

2. Introductions

- a. Present: JohnCarl Denkovich, Erin Smith, Linda Lovgren, Becky Smart, Autumn Burns, Amy Price, Jennifer Frasier, Jennifer Green, Athena Ramos, Marcela Carvajal, Emily Ortner, Shannon Melton, Natalia Trinidad, Dean Ross, Dr. Richard Stacy.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion: Athena Ramos Second: Amy Price

4. Nomination

- a. Jasmine Harris has been nominated to fulfill the remainder of currently vacant seat of Secretary.
- b. Per MOTAC by-laws, the Coalition will have 30 days to consider the nomination. Elections for the vacant seat of Secretary will be held at the next meeting of 4/3/18.

5. Officer Updates

- a. President/Vice President
 - i. Announcement of Shannon Melton of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance appointed as Advisor to the President, to serve on MOTAC's Executive Committee in a non-voting capacity.
 - ii. Executive Committee convened on 02/02/18 with Quorum. No votes taken.
 - 1. Discussions took place regarding the clarification of by-laws on the process of "appointing" Advisors by the President, and their role on the Executive Committee, due to conflicting and/or vague policy language. Currently seeking redress.
 - iii. Jennifer Green (HFS) & JohnCarl Denkovich (HFS) presented on Tobacco Free Parks, and worked to assign public-facing policy roles to Executive Committee members.
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Current Balance: \$2148.19
 - ii. Membership Dues of \$100.00 Received: CUMC, HFS, UNMC, Region 6,
 - 1. Outstanding: ALA

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Program Coordinator**
 - i. See Report
- b. **Media/Public Relations Sub-Committee**

- i. See Minutes

c. Clean Air/Tobacco Free parks Sub-Committee

- i. See Minutes

d. TFN

- i. As a private citizen you do not sacrifice your right to lend support to any legislative bill you deem appropriate. However, any contact of your elected representatives for a bill or ordinance already introduced on the floor or into committee of any kind, at city, county, or state levels, must be done off of grant time, and on your own private and personal time.
- ii. There are currently 3 separate bills under consideration in the legislature to increase the tobacco tax by at least \$1.00.
 - 1. LB 1084: Couples a tobacco tax increase with property tax relief. The hearing on this bill will take place Tuesday, 02/13/2018. This bill appears to have the most traction for passage.
 - 2. LB 1062: Proposes an increase in tobacco prevention funding to 2.14m, introduced by Senator McDonald (Omaha). A hearing will be held 02/15/2018 in Appropriations Committee.

e. Region 6

- i. Special thanks to subgrantees for timely submission of Quarterly Reports and TRAIN Reports.
- ii. Currently, the subgrantees are at 29% of spend-down, \$152,000. The Region will require spend-down plans to be submitted by 02/14/2018 of any surplus that may exist within budget.

7. Community/Coalition Announcements

a. Jennifer Green

- i. Jennifer will be departing Heartland Family Service and the TFN grant to serve as the Director of Community Grants for the Charles E. Lakin Foundation.
- ii. Jennifer has been named to serve as an advisor to the MOTAC Executive Committee by the President, with the consent of the balance of the Committee members.

b. TEAM Announcement

- i. Tobacco-Free Parks Policy
 - 1. Bellevue City Council will consider an ordinance to make all parks tobacco-free as soon as February 13.
 - 2. Murray City Council is also currently considering a tobacco-free parks policy, in some form.
- ii. World No Tobacco Day: "Bag the Butts Challenge"
 - 1. Doing a contest where teams will conduct park clean-ups and bring in tobacco-trash to be weighed at TEAM home-base.
 - 2. The team with the heaviest weigh-in at the end of the day will win a grand prize. Each team will win some kind of prize for participating.
 - 3. MOTAC is invited to participate, although they are aware of our 3-day park clean-up event.

1. Call to Adjourn: 1:03p