



MOTAC General Coalition Bi-Monthly Meeting
UNMC College of Public Health, Rm. 3001
Tuesday August 2, 2016 – 12p-1p

MOTAC Mission: *To prevent and reduce tobacco use and the associated health and economic consequences in the Omaha area via prevention through public policy and education.*

Present: JohnCarl Denkovich, Jennifer Green, Tracey Bonneau, Jean Stilwell, Amanda Kis, Jodi Campbell, McKinsey Mulroy, Jasmine Harris, Aja Anderson, Dean Ross, Crystal Fuller, Dr. Richard Stacy, Mark Welsch, Mike Salkin, Bonnie Cosentino- Welsch, April Dixon, Athena Ramos, Antonia Correa, Dominique Morgan, Primus Jones.

- 1. Call to Order** (President) 12:09p
- 2. Introductions**
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Balance of Attendees
- 3. Approval of Minutes** (Secretary)
 - a. June minutes not available for review.
- 4. Urgent Business** (President)
 - a. Review of Suspension, Mark Welsch and Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution (GASP) Nebraska, Inc. its representatives, affiliates and/or members.
 - i. 7 minutes allotted for Mr. Welsch to respond in defense.
 - Mr. Welsch read prepared statement opposing suspension, asserting 1) MOTAC's Board acted outside of its authority; 2) He did not understand the allegations by which he was suspended.
 - Interim President Ex Officio, Aja Anderson, responded to Mr. Welsch's statement, presenting the means by which Mr. Welsch had been made aware of the violations, and the substance of those violations including
 - a. Ms. Anderson invoked Section 19, of MOTAC's bylaws and the use of MOTAC's name for political gain without expressed written consent, as well as section's 1, 3, 4.

- b. Copying intellectual property, such as MOTAC signage size, branding, color scheme and language without expressed written consent.
 - c. Refusing to share information with the Coalition in an effort to support community smoke-free event efforts.
 - d. Making demands for financial support, while concealing or refusing to disclose contacts, organizations and/or businesses.
 - e. Filing an “Open Records Request,” in an attempt to gain access to proprietary database information and records and simultaneously launching a competing Tobacco-Free Parks campaign.
- ii. The Executive Committee allotted 5 minutes to pose questions to Mr. Welsch.
 - Jasmine L. Harris: How do you believe you have contributed positively to the spirit of collaboration within this Coalition?
 - a. (Paraphrased, when not “”) Mr. Welsch: I believe that I have positively contributed to the Coalition through calling upon members of GASP to write Letters to the Editor. I’ve worked to help events go smoke free, and communicated with you and JohnCarl, and copied you to that correspondence, and “I just don’t understand why this is happening.” I was directed to “schedule a meeting with the City Council Parks Sub-Committee” and “copied “you and JohnCarl” to the request to attend.
 - Jasmine L. Harris: Why would you file an “Open Records Request” against a Coalition you claim to be apart of?
 - a. Mr. Welsch: “Because I am angry. I don’t understand why and how you can have the authority to kick out one of the founding members of MOTAC when I have done nothing wrong.” I filed the request in order to force MOTAC to give me the records and provide me with an account of what I had done wrong.
 - Jasmine L. Harris: As previously explained, Mark, you have been provided with an accounting on multiple occasions of the violations of MOTAC bylaws and policy/procedure.
- iii. The President (Primus Jones) Calls for a motion from a member of the Executive Committee to remove Mark Welsch and GASP permanently from MOTAC membership. Do I have a motion?
 - Domonique Morgan: So Moved.
 - Motion to Amend: Amanda Kis (Expired Membership) – Gather evidence and Executive Committee meet privately with Mr. Welsch’s version of events, in order for the balance of membership to hear grievances, and return a vote.

- Response to Amendment: JohnCarl Denkovich (Program Coordinator): There is a motion on the floor, with Amanda Kis' motion to amend invalid due to membership status and current motion to consider. Do we have a second for Dominique's motion.
 - Dr. Richard Stacy: Seconded
- iv. Vote Taken: Motion Carries, as proposed.
- 7 active members, in good standing, vote in favor of motion to ban & bar Mark Welsch, members, representatives and affiliates of GASP of NE, Inc./0 inactive members, in good standing, oppose/3 members with voting privileges abstain.
- v. Amanda Kis proposes meeting scheduled Thursday with Mark Welsch, Mike Salkin, Bonnie Cosentino-Welsch, President Primus Jones, Dr. Richard Stacy, Jasmine Harris, JohnCarl Denkovich at 9a Building A, 3223 N 45th Street. Omaha, NE at 9a, Thursday (8/4/16) to discuss Mark's grievances outside of Coalition time.

5. Officer Reports (As noted)

- a. President
- i. Introduction to leadership style, brief background and welcome!
- b. Treasurer
- i. Current balance of MOTAC Account: **\$2074.58**
- ii. Projected expenses:
- \$50.00 to NAACP (Juneteenth Parade **Not Redeemed**)
- iii. Projected income:
- \$25.00 – GLSEN (Growing Roots Conference Invoice **Paid**)
 - \$25.00 – Heartland Family Service ERG (Growing Roots Conference Invoice **Outstanding**). JohnCarl will pursue.
 - Have not yet billed for annual dues.

6. MOTAC Program Coordinator Report (JohnCarl Denkovich)

- a. Summary of Programming Activities
- b. Operations
- i. Introduce amendments to MOTAC Bylaws
- Adopt new "Membership Form"
 - Membership Qualifications will be defined in specific terms
 - Membership Rejection, Suspension, Termination well be defined in specific terms
 - Update and Expand "Conflict of Interest" Clause
- ii. Report on Web Updates
- Governance section will be added to include approved minutes, Agendas in advance of meetings, bylaws as well as policies/procedures
 - Our Leadership names/titles will be listed for public review.

- Membership: Active members with current forms will be listed for public review.
- Make a Report: A new feature will link members of the public to file a complaint for violations of the NCIAA, to HUD for violations of Housing, and MOTAC for general guidance.
- (Accept brief public comment on suggestions for other items to be included or updated on the website).

7. Committee Reports (As noted)

- a. None delivered at this time.

8. Tobacco Free Nebraska Report (Tracey Bonneau/Jean Stilwell)

- a. Update from State Coalition Meeting
 - i. CDC Regional Representative addressed the Coalitions on recent CDC efforts to impose and clarify regulations on ENDS, cigars and other tobacco retail items. She also addressed ongoing research within CDC surrounding tobacco products and devices.
 - ii. Jasmine/JohnCarl/Tracey delivered a 3-part presentation with information gleaned from the spring 2016 Clearing the Air Conference in New Orleans, LA.

- b. General Updates

- i. TFN will be releasing a smoke-free housing centered ad, but it will complement and not compete with planned media from MOTAC.
- ii. Additional ads are planned from the CDC Tips campaign.

9. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare Report (Dean Ross/Crystal Fuller)

- a. Candidates will need to be selected for the Spring 2017 Tobacco and Other Health Conference by the MOTAC Board in collaboration with Region 6, as soon as possible. Region 6 has received applications from interested parties.

10. Adjournment (President)

- a. 1:01p