



**Bismarck City Commission tightens the electronic smoking devices' ordinance.**

We are thrilled to announce the City of Bismarck Commission approved the proposed language changes to e-cigarette. The change includes a tobacco retailer license for e-cigarette retailers to assist with compliance checks, comprehensive definitions of tobacco products and electronic smoking device, clear language on all tobacco products including electronic smoking devices to be placed behind the counter, child-resistant containers for nicotine liquid and updated definition of the vending machine. Jessica Arndt, Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition President provided testimony on strengthening the definition and child-resistant containers. It was successful evening.

**General Coalition Meeting**



We appreciate the Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition members who were able to participate in the General Coalition meeting with Char Day (*Pictured to the left.*). The meeting focused on tobacco-free park's policy and how to expand coalition membership. Great discussion flowed through the room as Char worked through an activity regarding resolution of support for tobacco-free parks and how to engage community members. If you know of organizations or community members who would sign a resolution of support contact Sue Kahler at [skahler@bismarcknd.gov](mailto:skahler@bismarcknd.gov) or 355-1597.



**Bismarck Tobacco Prevention Youth Summit 2015**



On the morning of Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, about 70 Bismarck area youth and their advisors gathered together in a Radisson conference room to learn about the benefits of tobacco-free parks and the importance of raising the price of tobacco products.

Raise It for Health did an interactive presentation with the students and got them thinking about the big impact, a small tax increase, would have on North Dakota tobacco use rates. There were not only local presenters working with the youth, but national presenter Char Day of Americans for Nonsmokers Rights joined the cause as well.

Char educated the students on the benefits of tobacco-free parks and provided two Bismarck park activisms later that afternoon. During one park activisms the students were given 300 orange construction flags, empty two-liter pop bottles, garbage bags, and plastic gloves. The students were instructed to place a flag in the ground where they found tobacco product litter and place the tobacco litter in the empty pop bottles. The students ran out of the 300 flags within the first 10 minutes of activism. This large quantity of tobacco litter demonstrates the need for a tobacco free park policy.

Recognition was given to the following schools for their hard work during the 2015 legislative session; Simle Middle School, Light of Christ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Century High School, and St. Mary's High School. Thank you to all the coordinators who worked with their students to create positive change in their community.

Overall the summit was a huge success and gave students the tools they needed to prepare them for the upcoming Great American Smoke Out holiday on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

To view the media coverage go to [www.bismarcktobaccofree.com](http://www.bismarcktobaccofree.com) in the Local News Stories section.

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An initiated measure approved by North Dakota voters provides funding to Burleigh County Health District to diminish the toll of tobacco in our state by addressing the number one preventable cause of death and disease: tobacco use.