

# Minutes



The Grand Forks Tobacco Free Coalition is a group of citizens working together to create and promote a healthier, tobacco-free community through education, legislation, and enforcement of policies.

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Haley Thorson, Sarah Odegard, Kailee Dvorak, Bethany Satrom, Leanne Kilzer, Denae Grove, and Leah Winjum

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Haley welcomed everyone and reminded all that the GFTFC minutes are now located online at [www.tobaccobytes.com](http://www.tobaccobytes.com). (a BreatheND mini-webpage)

## **II. Tobacco-Free Pharmacies**

The GF Public Health tobacco prevention program has been working with local pharmacies to sign tobacco-free pharmacy pledges. All 12 of Grand Forks County pharmacies are tobacco-free and have signed the pledge.

Sarah presented on the importance of tobacco-free pharmacies, which included information on the pharmacists code of ethics and the possible conflict of interest for pharmacies to sell tobacco products. Tobacco-free pharmacies promote healthy lifestyles and prevention of disease. A copy of the full presentation can be found online at <http://www.breathend.com/uploads/1223/TFPCoalitionPDF.pdf>

## **III. Increasing Price of Tobacco Products Educational Opportunities (Approved Presentation)**

Haley shared the approved presentation for education on the facts of Measure 4. The presentation covered the toll of tobacco in ND, the health benefits of increasing the price of tobacco products, the history of past measures that have impacted tobacco prevention efforts in ND, as well as facts on Measure 4 as it relates to funding distribution and the impact it would have on the health of ND.

## **IV. Member Sharing**

Haley shared the ND Secretary of State website <http://www.sos.nd.gov> to access the full language of Measure 4 and the ND Legislative website [www.legis.nd.gov](http://www.legis.nd.gov) to stay up to date with the upcoming legislative session.

Leanne asked if there are yard signs/promotional materials to support Measure 4. Haley did not think Raise it for Health has funding for yard signs but there is a possibility of window signs that might be available soon.

Denae had requested information from the health department regarding smoking in outdoor seating at city restaurants or bars. Haley clarified that outdoor seating at restaurants is smoke-free by city ordinance and that there is some leeway with bars holding class 1 or 3 liquor licenses but it would be difficult to provide an area that complies with other provisions of the law. (No food allowed, 20 ft from entrances, etc.) The proprietor would be responsible to ensure this.

## **V. Next Meeting – October 11, 2016**

## **VI. Upcoming Events/Observances**

- Tobacco Prevention Coordinators Meeting, October 24-25, Bismarck
- American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, October 29-November 2
- November Election, November 8, 2016