

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, August 8th, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Grand Forks Public Health Department

Members Present: Haley Thorson, Kailee Dvorak, Sarah Odegard, Denae Grove, Bethany Satrom & LeAnne Kilzer.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Haley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves

II. Review Updated State-wide Tobacco Prevention and Control Plan (ND Dept of Health)

Haley, Kailee & Sarah attended the Strategic Planning meeting in Bismarck, ND in July with the Department of Health. Haley reviewed the tentative Tobacco Prevention and Control Plan provided by the Department of Health. It includes the “bones” of the previous plan from BreatheND, including prevention, cessation, second-hand smoke exposure and infrastructure. DoH has expressed interest in pursuing a tobacco price increase. More information to come on that later. DoH and partners were attending a training in Atlanta, GA with the CDC last week.

III. Planning for 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Grand Forks Tobacco Free Coalition

Haley sought ideas from members regarding a celebration this fall to commemorate 25 years as a coalition. Potentially some sort of outdoor celebration at one of Grand Forks’ tobacco-free parks. Will send out some communication once it is decided.

IV. Member Sharing

Bethany stated that they have completed their point of sale training and are conducting compliance checks in East Grand Forks.

LeAnn stated that they have a tobacco cessation counselor now at Altru that does outpatient counseling by appointment. They also have a new lung cancer screening that refers patients there. Altru also received their Million Hearts Grant.

V. Next Meeting – 09.12.2017