

Coalition Name:	Grand Forks Tobacco-Free Coalition		
Date of Meeting:	March 12, 2019	Location:	COB 3 rd Floor

1. Purpose of Meeting

Discuss community tobacco preventative measures and receive updates from community partners.

2. Attendees

Kailee Dvorak, Sarah Odegard, Jody Ramberg, LeAnne Kilzer, Denae Grove, and Bethany Satrom & Keith Westerfield

3. Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Legislative Session Updates
3. Electronic Nicotine Product Buzz
4. Behavioral Health Policy Success
5. Member Sharing

4. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Welcome/Introductions	Kailee welcomed everyone and had members introduce themselves.
Legislative Session Updates	You can check the status of Bills by going to www.legis.nd.gov website and type in the bill number. There were quite a few tobacco-related bills introduced this legislative session: Senate Bill #1004 , NDDoH Budget, where tobacco prevention funding is located, has passed the House side with increase to state aid for tobacco prevention and control; and has now made it over to the Senate side with equal funding for local PHs. Senate Bill #2137 (Cigar Bar Bill), that would have allowed cigars and premium tobacco in bars, failed. However, it would no longer need a 2/3's majority to pass in future sessions. Health Bill 1477 , that is still alive, would increase the minimum fine of electronic tobacco or flavored liquid products to minors to

Minutes



	<p>\$500. Our partners are working on amendment to this bill, to classify electronic nicotine products as a tobacco product in the state, as it is in GF.</p>
Electronic Nicotine Product Buzz	<p>The Tax Bill 2355 that was introduced did not take the comprehensive form expected. The bill did pass, but was turned into a study. Although legislators are interested in youth e-cigarette use, they were not ready to take the step proven effective by raising the tax. The FDA has the authority to pull all electronic tobacco products, but have chosen not to at this time and just do more compliance checks. Public Health and its core partners of Tobacco-Free ND, American Cancer Society, American Heart Assoc., and NDDoH was advocating for enough of an impact of price increase to create public health benefits.</p> <p>GF Tobacco Prevention has been doing presentations at schools in the county, regarding e-cig products. ND does not support the use of e-cigarettes as a cessation tool, and GF treats them as a tobacco product. In the public health community, people agree that e-cigs are not good for you. The CDC states there are benefits for traditional adult tobacco users that completely switch to using just e-cigs. However, it seems that a large portion of those users do not switch completely, and become dual-users. In ND, e-cigs are not a recommended treatment as a cessation, since they are not FDA-approved. Everybody agrees that there is no safe use of e-cigs for youth. A great resource for information on e-cigs is the Surgeon General's website, and 'Know the Risks': https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/getthefacts.html</p>
Behavioral Health Policy Success	<p>The Department of Human Services (DHS) center had previously adopted a tobacco-free policy that did not meet the comprehensive criteria. Effective March 5th, they now have a comprehensive tobacco-free policy that encompasses all their properties (interior and exterior); and all their contractors, workers, and volunteers. Education was the key. Signage was provided for the ND DoH and we are working on helping with implementation and further needs.</p>
Member Sharing	<p>Denae – Richard, the new Health Promotion person just started last week. The medical clinic on base has a questionnaire that asks if the person is interested in quitting smoking. If they say “yes,” then it generates a referral.</p> <p>Brittany – In MN, the state-wide Tobacco-21 Bill passed the House Judiciary Finance Committee, and will now go to Health and Human Services. Locally, schools have been asking her or co-worker to talk to staff about e-cigs and resources available.</p>

5. Upcoming Events

Events	Date/Time	Location
Kick Butts Day	3/20	Nation-wide
Final Day of the ND Legislature	4/30	Bismarck, ND
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) Summit	5/8-5/9	Bismarck, ND
National Conference on Tobacco or Health	8/27-8/29	Minneapolis, MN

6. Next Meeting

Date:	April		9th	Location/Time	COB 3 rd Floor
Agenda:	1. TBA				