



<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Candace Pope, Tobacco Prevention Specialist Rosalind Brown, Okeechobee County Health Department Sharon Vinson, Shared Services Network, Jennifer Garcia, Fred Brown Community Health Center Bryant Culpepper, Okeechobee County Commissioner Mark Roberts, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department Paul Smith, Okeechobee County Health Department Jennifer McDonald, Healthy Start Coalition Carly Enfinger, SWAT Member Joe Peters, Everglades AHEC George Van Wise, Everglades AHEC Raymond Warren, Pastor, The Pentecostals of Okeechobee Anna Warren, The Pentecostals of Okeechobee David Pope, Community Member</p>	
<p>Topic</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Items for Approval</p>	<p>Candace Pope, the Tobacco Prevention Specialist for Okeechobee County, facilitated the meeting and asked everyone to state their name and organization.</p> <p>Approval of minutes for September 5th, 2012 TFP quarterly meeting, motion made to approve by Bryant Culpepper, seconded by Sharon Vinson.</p>	
<p>SWAT Update</p>	<p>Carly Enfinger, member of the Pentecostals of Okeechobee Youth SWAT Club, gave an update on the SWAT activities for September, October and November. The SWAT youth from Okeechobee High School, Yearling Middle School and the POO Youth SWAT Club participated in a K-12 School policy, met with Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy and gave a presentation at the Board of County Commissioners which resulted in the board passing a resolution banning the sale of candy flavored tobacco products. Rick Bender visited Okeechobee Achievement Academy students during the week of the Great American Smoke Out and gave a presentation about the dangers of tobacco use.</p> <p>Ms. Enfinger informed the partners that the SWAT youth will be conducting surveys at local retailers using the Store Alert Report Card and will be participating in more training in the upcoming quarter.</p>	

<p>Program Update</p>	<p>Candace Pope, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, introduced the members of the advisory committee that were present at the meeting. Ms. Pope reviewed the results of the 2012 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey which shows that tobacco use among youth in Okeechobee County is much higher than the state average, she shared the results of a survey conducted in Martin County Schools that shows when students see adults using tobacco it changes their perception and they are likely to believe more adults use tobacco than actually do. This is important because youth who are exposed to tobacco use are more likely to use tobacco themselves. The Quit Doc program will be meeting with the School Board in January to present to them this data and begin discussions about Okeechobee County School Campuses becoming tobacco free.</p> <p>Ms. Pope invited the partners to join a subcommittee that would be meeting monthly to focus on this issue.</p> <p>A power point presentation was given educating the partners on the candy flavored tobacco products and tobacco advertising issue; she invited partners to join a subcommittee that would be monthly to focus this on issue. The partners were also able to view the Partnership website, Facebook page and Quit Doc page.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Mr. Culpepper added that since tobacco is a gateway drug, the spice issue in Okeechobee County is also something the Partnership should be concerned about and that the Sheriff's Department is working with other law enforcement agencies to get the local retailers who are selling is closed down. He reiterated the importance of the work the Partnership is doing educating youth and preventing them from starting tobacco.</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm</p>