

**Tobacco Free Partnership of Okeechobee Meeting
Minutes
July 31, 2018**

Welcome and Introductions / Minutes Review

- The meeting was called to order
- The 16 attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- Attendees were as follows:
 - Courtney Moyett
 - Mary Ekstein
 - Daniel Rickard
 - Gail Gertrup
 - Donald Hagan
 - Dowling Watford
 - Esmeralda Majere
 - Aric Majere
 - Jessica Chason
 - John Michael Rickards
 - Edna Malagon
 - Jason Gavern
 - Tod Hardacre
 - Erin Moore
 - Pam Duenas
 - Dacia Garcia
- The prior meetings minutes were reviewed and approved
- The 2018-2019 proposed TFP Bylaws were reviewed and approved

Program Updates:

- SWAT and Tobacco Free Partnership Updates
 - 5 OHS SWAT youth attended the region 4 SWAT meeting in WPB in June. For the first time in Okeechobee County SWAT club history we have a student from OHS representing us on the YAB (youth advocacy board) for the Statewide SWAT program. SWAT youth held a recruitment event and booth at the Independence Day celebration and the Back to School Bash. SWAT youth created a “Happy Birthday SWAT” video to recognize the SWAT programs 20th year. SWAT youth are beginning to promote our new campaign called “Not A Lab Rat” which focuses on how Big Tobacco is using our youth as experiential lab rats for the long-term effects of ENDS usage. SWAT is hoping to start clubs in each high school and middle school this upcoming school year.
 - TFP is working with local businesses on creating more Tobacco Free Worksites, Tobacco Free events and policies. The City of Okeechobee was recognized for their new TFW signage that was posted throughout City facilities. The partnership sponsored Grad Night on May 25th, 2018 and the Back to School Bash hosted by Our Village Okeechobee. TFP spoke about the future of the AVC program and asked for volunteers who would like to be on the AVC task force.
 - Partnership member gave Legislative updates.
 - Tobacco Prevention staff spoke about 2018-2019 Workplan and Goal Areas
 - Next meeting: October 9th 2018

Adjournment was at 1:37 pm