



MEETING MINUTES:
February 19, 2013
3:45 PM
DeSoto Memorial Hospital
Tobacco Cessation Room

Attendance	
Topic	
Attendance	Whitney Page, Kirk Voelker, Lindsay Turner, Dr. Adrian Cline, Xenia Rosado-Merced, Phil Meyer, Cynthia Barrera, Omar Rendon
AHEC / DMH Update	<p>Phil: Hospital running out of NRT's presenting a problem for running the classes. NRT's incredibly expensive for people; about the cost of a pack of cigarettes. Class is about 20 – 25% successful, but running out of money. AHEC is conducive to the hospital classes since they provide NRT.</p> <p>Xenia: wonders if we approached employers from list about cessation classes. Whitney: We contacted Winslow Life Raft and they were not interested in more information; Joshua Citrus would not discuss benefits.</p>
Drug Free DeSoto Update	<p>Discussion about K2 and spice.</p> <p>Lindsay: There is a band on these substances in DeSoto County. If any store is selling it needs to be reported to Sheriff Wise.</p> <p>Project graduation the night of graduation.</p> <p>Ongoing conversations with pharmacies about prescription take backs. Got the okay to go ahead with a take back event at Walgreens, they just cannot take the prescriptions.</p> <p>Dr. Cline: Is law enforcement ok with that? Talked about involving police dept and sheriff dept, are they both involved? Cost of take back days?</p> <p>Lindsay: Sheriffs dept is ok with that. Has not been able to get in touch with Marshall Lee. The coalition is not sure about the cost of the take back days. FISYS data: huge drinking problem with youth in DeSoto. Enforcement is a huge issue. Will be bringing this issue up at the next DFD meeting. About to write a new DFD grant.</p>

<p>SWAT Update</p>	<p>Omar: Intro of SWAT member Ernesto Montalvo. Student will be attending regional SWAT meeting.</p> <p>Cynthia: SWAT meeting attendance low due to volleyball season Not sure who took down DMS SWAT Christmas card; personal extension cord used.</p>	
<p>Through With Chew Week</p>	<p>Whitney: We will be showing the Rick Bender video at a SWAT recruitment event.</p> <p>Get Rick Bender to talk in certain classes like H.O.P.E.</p>	
<p>Employer Cessation</p>	<p>Discussion about how to increase effectiveness of approaching employers.</p> <p>Xenia: They approach businesses in healthcare category, readily acceptable to smoke-free changes.</p> <p>Phil: hospital started a wellness program for employees with tobacco class employees could attend to get insurance rate reductions; concerned with employees going out to smoke and then exposing patients to second-hand smoke. People would take class, get rate reduction, and continue to smoke. Problem with enforcement.</p> <p>Xenia: Hospitals in Sarasota County have successful wellness programs.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting March 19.</p>	