

Tobacco Free Partnership of Gilchrist County Quarterly Meeting, January 20, 2011

I. Call to order

Tracy DeCubellis, Tobacco Prevention Specialist (TPS) called to order the regular meeting of the **Tobacco Free Partnership** at **12:05pm** on **1/20/2011** at **Gilchrist County 4-H Clubhouse**.

II. Roll call

A sign in sheet was provided. The following persons were present: (see list of attendees).

III. Open issues

- a) Christmas on Main Street – Spencer Hewitt (SWAT) and Karen Hewitt (4-H) gave a report on the activity. Over 25 Gilchrist youth signed a Tobacco Free Pledge and several adults received Quitline information.

IV. New business

- a) Presentation, TJ Harrington, Policy Manager – Multi-unit dwelling committee report – Trenton Apartments are owned by out of county corporation; Lancaster Prison is governed by Federal policies
- b) SWAT update – Chandler Ash, SWAT, gave a report on the Great American Smokeout activity; approximately 150 community members were in attendance; 2 adults signed up for AHEC cessation programs.
 - SWAT is sponsoring a Kick Butts Day Essay and Commercial Contest. The Gilchrist County Journal will publish the top two essays on candy flavored tobacco, so the entire community will participate in the activity.
- c) Presentation, TJ Harrington, Policy Manager – Pre-emption
 - The former Florida Attorney General commented on preemption prior to leaving office. His comments may restrict tobacco free schools and other government properties from declaring tobacco free zones.
 - There is a bill being presented in the Florida Legislature that proposes giving local control on these issues.
 - Commissioner Sharon Langford suggested that she would introduce a resolution at the next Gilchrist County

Commission meeting to support the return of local control regarding pre-emption issues.

- d) Candy-flavored tobacco subcommittee - Due to the current issues with pre-emption, the advisory board decided to table this issue to see how the Dixie County Commission votes on a similar issue.

V. Adjournment

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Minutes submitted by: Tracy DeCubellis, TPS

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