

Tobacco Coalition Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014

A Tobacco Coalition meeting was convened on April, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr., University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Rachel Hille, Substance Abuse Education Coordinator at the HERC, presided.

Attendees: Dr. Sheila Baker, Health Service; Lee Ann Bryant, Coles County Health Department; Dan Deeken, Safety Officer; Brittany Doose, HERC; Rachel Hille, HERC; Laura Humphreys, HERC/IHEC; Danielle Robling, Coles County Health Department

Updates/Concerns:

Tobacco Free Proposal

Rachel informed everyone in attendance that the tobacco free proposal has been submitted and we do not have any updates at this time. Since the time we submitted our own proposal, Bill 2202 - Smoke Free Campus Act passed in the House and has moved on to the Senate.

Bill 2202 - Smoke Free Campus Act

Discussion focused on if this bill passes or not. Brittany has been researching other campuses that have gone tobacco free. The information collected can be used to show how they implemented the change. This will update past information we have collected. Laura and Lee Ann discussed a smoke free webinar that had been offered a few years ago. This gave ideas on how to enforce such a policy. Laura will check to see if the HERC has information from this presentation we can share with coalition members once again. Dan brought to our attention that campus may not be smoke free, but can enforce the no smoking within 15 feet of any building. Members discussed ways to encourage smoking in the designated areas. Public Act 098-0486, The Litter Control Act was discussed as a way of enforcing this. This act can be found at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=098-0483>

It was also mentioned that this could be used in our campus policy.

Coles County Health Department

Lee Ann let the coalition know their department is currently working on writing a request proposal for a grant named Reality. The focus is on young people working to change policies at the community level. Specifically, their department will be targeting smoking policies. She is trying to reach out to community youth groups that may be interested in participating in such a program. Any suggestions for the different groups to contact are appreciated. These can be directed to the Coles County Health Department. The grant proposal has to be written and turned in by May 9, 2014. Lee Ann also informed the coalition that as of August 2, 2014 Danielle Robling will be taking her position. Lee Ann is moving to North Carolina and will no longer be working with the department.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Location will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Union, Paris Room.