

Tobacco Education and Use Advisory Council
Youth Programs Subcommittee
Meeting Notes: 5/2/2008

Member Attendance

Erin Sylvester
Javier Berezdivin
Dr. Mae Waters

Melinda Little for Mathew Myers
Penny Detscher

Members Absent

John Brown
Robin Peters

Department Staff Attendance

Gregg Smith
David Garison

Carlos Martinez
Donna Washington

Introduction , Roll Call and Meeting Notes Approval

The call began at 1:00 p.m. The roll was called and members were informed this meeting would be recorded. The minutes of the previous meeting were not approved pending review by the members.

Youth Programs Subcommittee Business

Subcommittee members discussed the email of 5/1/08 from the State Surgeon General (SSG) about Advisory Council participation in the comprehensive tobacco program's procurements. The SSG's email asked members to choose which of two procurement procedural options they favored. The results of the survey will be discussed at the next Advisory Council meeting on 6/2/08.

In Option 1, the Advisory Council gives advice to the Department of Health (DOH) about program goals and direction. In Option 2, they give the DOH specific details of procurements. Option 2 does have the possibility of conflicts of interest since it is possible that members may create procurements favorable to their strengths. With either option, Advisory Council members can suggest guidelines, study evaluations of funded projects, and make recommendations about program improvements.

Subcommittee members discussed both options pro and con. Some favored Option 1 and some favored Option 2. They requested an additional conference call to discuss the issue and asked DOH staff to forward the request for a future call they proposed to be held on 5/20/2008. Specifically, members wanted to see the guidelines for the James and Esther King biomedical grant process which might be the model for Option 1 in the email. They also asked for evidence of effectiveness for the biomedical process. Staff members on the conference call reminded the group that additional conference calls had to be "in the sunshine" and therefore noticed in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

Subcommittee members also asked if they would meet as a Subcommittee on 6/2/08 at the regularly scheduled Tobacco Advisory Council meeting in Tallahassee. Staff responded that if the agenda allowed for completion of the Option 1 and Option 2 issue, then the Subcommittees would have their regular meeting.

Subcommittee Recommendations

1. Forward the youth E-Board comments when approved.
2. Request an additional conference call about the Option 1 and Option 2 issue.
3. Forward evaluation plans that were available.

The conference call was adjourned at 1:46 p.m