

Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 22, 2008

Oklahoma State Capitol

Governor's Large Conference Room

Oklahoma City, OK

Members Present:

Margaret Crump, American Lung Association; Dr. Michael Crutcher, Oklahoma State Department of Health; Dr. Sherri Edwards, Oklahoma Psychological Association; Gail Foresee, Behavioral Health & Youth Program; Gayle Jones, Designee for Sandy Garrett, Oklahoma State Department of Education; Dr. Stephen Glenn, Oklahoma Dental Association; Dr. Katherine Little, Oklahoma State Medical Association; Sarah Maple, Oklahoma Substance Abuse Services Alliance; Frosty Peak, Retail Business Member; Dr. Sheila Simpson, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association; Kylie Stowers, Youth Representative; Kristen Taylor, American Cancer Society; Dr. Francene Weatherby, Oklahoma Nurses Association; Andrea LaFazia, Designee for Terri White, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Casey Worthen, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy;

Visitors:

Rep. Anastasia Pittman, Oklahoma House of Representatives; Rep. Mike Shelton, Oklahoma House of Representatives; Rep. Ken Luttrell, Oklahoma House of Representatives; Rep. Joe Dorman, Oklahoma House of Representatives; Wes Glinsmann, Oklahoma Alliance on Health or Tobacco; Jerry Speck, Oklahoma State Department of Health; Julie Cox-Kain, Oklahoma State Department of Health; Heather Messer, American Lung Association; Kevin Pipes, Oklahoma State Department of Health; Rich Edwards, Office of State Finance; Terry Stowers, Father of Kylie Stowers; Mark Schlachterhauer, Capitol News; Sjonna Paulson, Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust; Jonas Mata, Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust; Catina Baker, Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

Tobacco Use Prevention Service Staff:

Doug Matheny, Chief; Bob Miner, Clean Indoor Air Coordinator; Linda Robertson, Administrative Programs Officer; Natalie Hughes, Administrative Assistant;

Dr. Crutcher, Chair, called the meeting to order. Advisory Committee members, guests and staff were introduced.

Wes Glinsmann briefly reviewed a variety of tobacco-related bills introduced for consideration during the upcoming session of the Oklahoma State Legislature. Several

legislators who had introduced legislation on tobacco issues were in attendance and offered comments to the Advisory Committee.

Senator Myers had introduced SB1182 and SB1875, which both relate to smoking in public places. SB 1182 would prohibit children from being present in smoking rooms. SB1875 would repeal all current exemptions in the 2003 state smoking laws, including the current exemptions for stand-alone bars and restaurant smoking rooms.

Rep. Luttrell had introduced HB 2589, which would prohibit children from being present in smoking rooms and would also prohibit smoking in a vehicle with a minor present. It would limit authority of law enforcement to stop a vehicle for this reason alone. Rather, it would be considered a secondary offense if stopped for another reason.

Rep. Shelton had introduced HB2878, which would require insurers to provide health insurance coverage for smoking cessation products and services.

Rep. Pittman had introduced HB 3254, which would repeal some of the current exemptions in the 2003 state smoking laws, and would also prohibit display of tobacco promotional ads in stores.

Rep. Dorman had introduced HB 3075, which would create the Oklahoma Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Act. Several other Oklahoma state legislators had also introduced similar bills. Wes Glinsmann indicated that more than one-half of the nation's population is covered by such laws already enacted in other states.

Sen. Adelson had introduced SB1607, which would repeal the state preemption of local tobacco control ordinances.

Senator Bass had introduced SB1745 to prohibit the scanning of driver's licenses for commercial marketing purposes.

Mr. Glinsmann and each of the legislators in attendance expressed appreciation to the Advisory Committee for their interest and support of these measures. Mr. Glinsmann announced that the Oklahoma Alliance on Health or Tobacco would be hosting a Tobacco Free Oklahoma Lobby Day on March 5, 2008. All were invited to participate.

The meeting minutes for September 25, 2007 were then presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting minutes for November 13, 2007 were then presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Cessation Action Team reported that work was continuing on preparing recommended updates and revisions to their respective component of the Strategic Plan. The Protection Team noted that Dr. Crutcher sent a letter to all state legislators in December with a copy of a resolution adopted by the State Board of Health on the need for smokefree workplaces and repeal of state preemption of local tobacco ordinances.

The Board of Health's resolution noted that essentially the same resolution had been previously adopted by the Advisory Committee.

It was also noted that Dr. Crutcher had sent a congratulatory letter to Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith on their major accomplishment of adopting a tobacco-free policy at all Cherokee Nation governmental facilities.

It was announced that the Tobacco Use Prevention Service will host 3 regional Communications Team meetings addressing local policy advocacy in the month of February. (February 14 in Weatherford, February 19 in McAlester, and February 26 in Sapulpa). Paula Warlick of the American Cancer Society will serve as the guest presenter at these meetings.

It was noted that the Tobacco Stops With Me media campaign was successfully launched on January 7, 2008 with significant press coverage.

Jonas Mata offered a brief partner update from the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET). He announced TSET's recent opening of a process to accept unsolicited proposals for a limited time each year. Through this process, TSET seeks to identify or respond to emerging opportunities to improve the health of Oklahomans, primarily through tobacco control or nutrition and fitness. He noted that it is TSET's intent to provide the matching funds needed to assist an organization in obtaining funding from the federal government, private foundations, or other similar collaborative funding partners. He added that proposals for funding this year will be accepted through March 15, 2008.

Mr. Mata also introduced Sjonna Paulson who had recently been hired to fill the newly-created position of Communications Director for TSET.

Doug Matheny then reviewed the statutory timeline and preliminary plans for creating a new Oklahoma State Plan for Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation. The process will likely include contracting with one or more qualified national consultants for facilitation and drafting. Advisory Committee members Dr. Stephen Glenn, Andrea LaFazia, Dr. Sheila Simpson, and Kristen Taylor expressed interest in serving on an ad hoc task force to help guide the Committee through the planning process. Dr. Crutcher offered support of the OSDH to the effort.

Two major conferences to be held in Oklahoma were announced. The 4th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco will be held in Oklahoma City March 4-6, 2008. A major conference entitled "Preparing for the Seventh Generation" will be held April 23-25, 2008 in Oklahoma City and will focus on current and prospective tobacco prevention and cessation efforts within several Tribal Nations headquartered in Oklahoma.

The meeting was then adjourned.