Tobacco Prevention Monthly Meeting Notes

November 23, 2021, 11am – 12pm

# Community happenings/successes/hurdles/updates

* Clackamas County TPEP is moving forward with e-referrals, Tobacco-Free County buildings is starting to take off
* Deschutes is making progress with e-referrals and conversations with behavioral health
* Harney County tobacco free policy goes before county court on the 1st and is expected to pass!
* Multnomah has a new AmericCorps VISTA; celebrating tiny victories like getting approval to use MailChimp

# Affinity Groups Updates – Healthy Retail, Behavioral Health, Flavors

Mollie Mayfield (CounterTools):

* Healthy Retail – Melissa from Philadelphia Dept of Public Health shared about their healthy retail program. It was helpful to get perspective on what’s worked for them, such as partnering with Nutrition folks, a similar strategy to what some communities in Oregon are considering. Mollie can share out materials from this presentation if others are interested in healthy retail work in the future. Contact: mollie@countertools.org

# State Updates

**Tobacco Retail Licensure (TRL) – Tara Weston, Sara Wylie:**

* Temporary rule for fee for TRL is being posted and will be effective Dec 1. Full program rules to be finalized in February, however statute says that OHA shall adopt a rule for the fee (this is the same fee as the big rule, but must be filed by Dec 1, so that Dept of Revenue has what they need to accept the fee from the retailers). This will be repealed once the permanent rules go into effect.
* Thank you to all LPHAs that participated in RAC, it was so valuable to have LPHAs there and participating.
* A workgroup was recruited to help draft the TRL program element so that, if an LPHA opts into conducting state inspections on behalf of OHA, there can be a mechanism for transferring money to the LPHA for the service. This workgroup will meet in mid-December and we will be sure to keep the field informed on progress.
* Tobacco Retail Licensure Manager position has been posted, hopefully other positions will also be opening soon. Here is the posting for the permanent manager position - please share or consider applying! <https://oregon.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/SOR_External_Career_Site/job/Portland--OHA--Oregon-Street/Tobacco-Retail-Licensure-Program-Manager--Principal-Executive-Manager-D-_REQ-79220-1>
* Met Group will be hosting a webinar to showcase TRL communications materials (e.g.: training manual for retailers, 1-pager for retailers, FAQ doc). Info below:

What: **TRL Communications Toolkit Presentation**

When: **Dec 16, 2021 01:00 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://metgroup.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOCtpz8sHN2TMjlfibMHPe5WIwguVB7N>

**ICAA Resource – Vaida Liutkute-Gumarov**

Last week HPCDP shared a resource for clearing out cases in WEMS and will share it again with the listserv. Please review the document for guidance on how to clear out old cases. Contact Vaida, your liaison or both if you have any questions, concerns or need technical assistance with ICAA/WEMS challenges Vaida.Liutkute-Gumarov@dhsoha.state.or.us

**Social media support - Rebecca Garza**

Reminder to share back success stories to feature on social media (ex: Washington County Flavor Ban). If you have stories or wins from your local area, please send them to Rebecca or your liaison, and/or reach out if you would like any help with social media or help documenting successes: REBECCA.GARZA@dhsoha.state.or.us

**Update on BM 108 community allocation process – Ashley Thirstrup**

Braided funding opportunity for community programs to be released soon – goal is to release Dec 3. There will be information sessions offered in Spanish & English. OHA is providing TPEP/ADPEP contact information so that CBOs can reach out for partnership. Announcement to be released through many channels, including TPEP/ADPEP listervs, please share with your partners. Contact Ashley with any additional questions about the BM 108 process or braided OHA-PHD CBO funding application: ashley.thirstrup@state.or.us

**CounterTools Updates – Mollie**

Reminder that if you have questions, are looking for resources, need a sounding board (particularly policies re: retail environment) contact Mollie to set up a time to meet. mollie@countertools.org

**Requests for feedback/suggestions:**

* If you have suggestions for Tobacco 101 trainings that could be posted on HPCDP Connection, or any youth-related resources, please send them to Leah: Leah.Festa2@dhsoha.state.or.us
* Please send any feedback or suggestions regarding what you’d like included in the TPEP digest to Emily at Emily.droge@dhsoha.state.or.us

# Question of the Month Breakout Sessions:

* Within our current context, rebuilding community trust and opportunities for collaboration can feel challenging. What have you done or what are you planning to do to reenter community, build trust, and continue your work in tobacco prevention?
* 15 minutes for small group discussion