# **Tobacco Policy Workgroup Minutes**

*Thursday, January 20, 2022, 10:00am – 12:00pm*

***Zoom Meeting***

1. **Welcome**
2. **Updates by Policy Issue**

**Topic Categories:**

Member Agencies will be asked to provide updates on *activities, progress,* and *recruitment needs*, according to the policy areas listed below:

* + - Flavors
      * LGBTQ+ & Tobacco Webinar is on January 27th from 6 – 7 pm
      * A resolution is going to the San Diego Unified School District board on February 9th in support of a flavor ban
      * SAY San Diego is wrapping up their data collection from a public opinion poll on flavors
      * Hookah advocates have been attending city council meetings
    - Tobacco Retail License (TRL)/Density
      * CASA is working in La Mesa with a new councilmember after Akilah Weber left, Colin Parent is the new councilmember to take her place and is very willing to work on model policies for flavors, density, and proximity to schools after seeing La Mesa statistics
      * CASA will be working on the TRL compliance contract and will be using a minor as a decoy and checking for compliance on the new ordinance
    - Multiunit Housing (MUH)
      * Fresno adopted a SF MUH ordinance
      * The county only has 2 areas – El Cajon for common areas, and the County’s 200 units that it owns and manages, with SF MUH policies
    - Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining (SFOD) and other smoke free policies
      * SAY San Diego: with the Spaces as Places program, restaurants can designate outdoor dining areas as permanent streeteries, and 400 restaurants in SD will be implementing smoke-free policies. SAY intends to do interviews and collect data at these locations.
    - State policy/bills
      * Senate bill 824 went into effect in January – will make it hopefully easier for LLAs to ask CA Tax and Fee Administration for a list of state-licensed tobacco retailers. This will make it easier for implementing young adult tobacco purchase surveys.
    - Federal update
    - Voluntary policies (casinos, behavioral health, trade schools, etc.)
      * Smoke-Free Trade Schools program currently ongoing
      * Free Nicotine-replacement treatments (NRTs) – can get from pharmacists
        + Molina Healthcare is continuing to offer free NRTs for members, working with Kick It CA
        + Offering a 2-week patch kit for anyone who calls in to Kick It CA and is a member of Molina Healthcare
        + There is a vaping code, but providers aren’t using that code to submit requests and identify vapers, so Molina is educating providers on training to use Kick It CA patch kits
    - Youth Involvement
      * Letter from FNL student who found the January quarterly meeting very helpful and shared with their peers
      * Considerations to recruit new youth members for programs
        + Some students aren’t comfortable meeting in person yet, so it’s advisable to reach out to individuals and assess their comfort level for in-person vs. virtual meetings
        + CASA has created hybrid meetings for youth, where people can socially distance outside or join virtually
        + SAY San Diego’s Collective Coalition had their first in-person mixer in January, and tested, quarantined, wore masks, and had check-ins for safety
      * Collective Coalition is partnering with FNL and doing a training on how tobacco effects LGBTQ+ community, creating a safe space
      * La Jolla Highschool students are working on a 3 page op-ed on illegal sales to minors
        + SAY has encouraged youth to write letters and engage in advocacy, and is looking for ways to bring youth voices into media with video spots of youth explaining their experiences that can be shared with councilmembers
    - Other efforts

**Break**

1. **Recruitment and Engagement Efforts**
   * Instagram account for the coalition and linking to the SF SD website
   * Making a twitter account
   * Having media takeover days when different programs post on the coalition accounts
   * At next meeting – use Jamboard for people to post a calendar using stickies so share all upcoming events
   * Include a spot on the next TPW agenda for non-tobacco focused members to share about their organization and mission
   * Have a non-traditional partner spotlight
   * Create a new coalition flyer
2. **Announcements**

* February 8th Tobacco Tuesday with Carol McGruder
* LGBTQ+ and Tobacco hosted by Collective Coalition and San Diegans vs. Big Tobacco – Jan 27th from 6 – 7 pm
* Heart Month begins in February, National Wear Red Day on February 4th, Reclaim Your Rhythm theme

1. **Adjourn**

Followed by the Multi Unit Housing (MUH) Workgroup: 12:30pm – 1:30pm (Next MUH meeting is March 17, 2022)

Next TPW Meeting: Thursday, February 17, 2022, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Zoom link will be sent in advance of the meeting.