

Meeting Minutes: Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 8:15 AM – 9:35 AM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **8:15 AM**.

Attendance

Attendance Type	Name(s)	Organization
In-Person Attendees	Love Levy, Claudia Fernandez, Aruna Ragbir, Harrison Joseph, Brianna Holland, Gary Blemur	Broward CHD
	Ed Smith	NSU AHEC
	Diana Cabot	Broward County Public Schools
Online Attendees	Dr. Barry Hummel	QuitDoc Foundation
	Sheri Schour, Andy Cuddihy	NSU AHEC
	Wendy Gabriel	Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep
	Jenna Stein	United Way Broward
	Michael Liquerman	Office of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz
	Nevin Zablotsky, DMD	Individual
	Lisa Ferrari	Individual

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	Bill Amodeo	All Star Media

Meeting Minutes Summary

Section	Key Discussion Points
Meeting Minutes Finalization	Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved (Motion: A. Cuddihy, Second: L. Ferrari). Dr. Hummel will finalize and post the corrected version online.
Oral Health Risks of Tobacco and Nicotine	Dr. Nevin Zablotsky presented on the severe oral health impacts of all nicotine products (tobacco, vaping, pouches). Highlighted links to oral cancer, periodontal disease, and systemic issues (heart, diabetes). Discussed the rising use of nicotine pouches (ZYN) among youth and common dual/triple use .
Bylaws Revisions	Dr. Hummel presented revisions (adding vision/mission, removing 25% youth quota, clarifying revocation process). Group agreed to vote on the revised Bylaws at the December meeting.
SWAT and Tobacco Prevention Updates	Beach Sweep: W. Gabriel reported 300+ volunteers collected 330 lbs. of debris; next sweep is December 13th . SWAT: H. Joseph reported a successful skate event; Aruna Ragbir added as coordinator; progress on tobacco-free public spaces. Plans for a joint TFP/SWAT meeting in January were discussed.
Legislative and Strategy Updates	Point-of-Sale: Strategy plan submitted for review. AHEC: A. Cuddihy updated on a nicotine addiction forum. Legislative: Dr. Hummel noted a comprehensive smoking ban bill and concerns over heated tobacco products. Content plans for the December newsletter were finalized.
Diabetes/Nicotine Research & Data	Dr. Hummel and Dr. Zablotsky agreed to share articles on the diabetes/tobacco link . Dr. Zablotsky will provide statistics on male vs. female ZYN pouch use .

Next Steps / Action Items

Category	Owner(s)	Action Item
Minutes, Bylaws, & Communications	Dr. Hummel	Send the presentation video/PowerPoint to Mike Liquerman and distribute the video with the minutes.
	Dr. Hummel	Write about Dr. Zablotsky's presentation for the December newsletter .
	Andy Cuddihy	Provide content (conference write-up) for the December newsletter .
	Gary Blemur	Provide content (skate night photos) for the December newsletter .
Research & Data Sharing	Dr. Hummel / Dr. Zablotsky	Exchange articles related to the diabetes and tobacco use connection .
	Dr. Zablotsky	Provide statistics on male vs female ZYN pouch use .
SWAT & Youth Initiatives	Gary Blemur	Get dates for a potential joint TFP/SWAT meeting in January (Hollywood Hills).
	Dr. Hummel / Gary Blemur	Discuss offline whether to hold joint TFP/SWAT meetings regularly or separately.
	Gary Blemur	Get dates from Cooper City High School for Dr. Hummel to speak there.
	Blemur, Ragbir, Holland, Cabot	Follow up on Peer Trainers certification program implementation.
	Gary Blemur and Team	Look at state-level SWAT membership criteria (tobacco users and GPA requirements).

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Policy & Recruitment	Harrison Joseph	Attend the December aviation event in Miramar (to connect with mayor).
	Harrison Joseph	Attend upcoming commission meetings in Margate (to meet new commissioners).
	Gary Blemur	Send an email to the committee about Amanda's feedback on strategy plan changes.
	Dr. Hummel	Follow up with the American Heart Association to rejoin the partnership.
Beach Sweep & Volunteerism	Wendy Gabriel	Provide the beach sweep flyer to anyone who requests it via email.
	Dr. Hummel	Check if other Partnership members want to join the December 13th beach sweep for recruitment.
	Dr. Hummel	Look into a mechanism for communicating the beach sweep to all district students for volunteer hours .

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:35 AM**. The date of the next meeting is **December 18, 2025**.