

Cessation Workgroup Meeting Debrief

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

BHDDH – 14 Harrington Road, Cranston – Barry Hall Room 226

Attendance: *Dan Fitzgerald (TFRI), Angela Butler (RIH/Lifespan), Arline Pineda (CODAC), LisaBeth Bennett (CODAC), Mary Roth (CODAC Crossroads), Irene Glasser (Brown), Susan St. Amand (BHDDH), Kathy Yeager (NKPC), Erin Boles Welsh (RIDOH), Obed Papp (Providence), Noell Woolley (NE Laborer's), Dana Derisier (RIDOH), Bette Ann McHugh (BHDDH)* **On Phone:** *Jennifer Wall (ALA), Sheila Jacobs (Lifespan)*

Recommended Structure & Purpose:

- TFRI Cessation Workgroup will remain a separate entity from the Cessation Council
 - Both will work together and the council will have members present at TFRI workgroup meetings to report out on progress and provide updates
- TFRI Workgroup will be comprised of a vast representation of the tobacco control community including but not limited to treatment specialists, tobacco control program, regional and community partners, etc.
- TFRI Workgroup will meet quarterly for a maximum of four (4) meetings per year
 - In addition to representation at the Annual TFRI Network Meeting
- Cessation Council will serve as content experts working toward bridging gaps in the cessation community and will utilize the TFRI Cessation Workgroup for community input as needed.

Potential Goals, Intended Outcomes, and Policy Priorities:

- TFRI will create a standing section of the bi-weekly e-newsletter for cessation updates, emerging news, and upcoming trainings
 - Cessation workgroup members will be responsible for sending TFRI coordinator information and updates to include in newsletter
- TFRI will serve as the convening organization responsible for organizing and hosting quarterly TFRI Cessation Workgroup meetings
- Collaborative Planning around HUD smoke-free housing
 - Goes into effect on July 31, 2018
 - Gather resources and provide education to sites prior to July 2018

- Provide community input into the mapping of cessation resources and the creation of referral network
 - Once completed will live on TFRI Website
 - Linked to RIDOH and BHDDH websites
 - Provided to community partners
 - Prevention, state level organization, laborer's union, etc.
- Recommended Cessation Policy Priorities:
 - Smoke Free Workplaces
 - Creation of education and awareness campaign/factsheets
 - Add Cessation specific language into the TFRI state funding policy priority

Action Items and follow-up:

- Decide on policy priorities to recommend to Network
- Boost TFRI membership and enrolment in e-newsletter within cessation community
- Selecting members of Cessation Workgroup to present recommendations at the Annual TFRI Network Meeting
- Send out a Doodle Poll for Quarterly Meeting dates

Link to Enroll in E-Newsletter:

- <http://www.tobaccofree-ri.org/contact.htm>