

## TFRI Policy Workgroup

Thursday, December 7, 2017

9:00 – 10:30 AM

*American Heart Association / 1 State St #200, Providence, RI 02908*

*Call-In Number: (719) 284-5896 | Conference ID: 30108*

## MEETING DEBRIEF

**Attendance:** Dan Fitzgerald (TFRI), Cori Christie (ACS CAN), Ken Farbstein (NIATx Foundation), Kristen Westmorland (EBRPC), Lori Verderosa (MPC), Dina Heroux (TCCA), Geri Guardino (RI DOH), Megan Tucker (AHA), Robert Dulski (ACS CAN), Pat Nolan (Brown), Jennifer Baldwin (MPC), Sandra Stuard (SPP), Jennifer Wall (ALA), Erin Jones (MOD).

### Overview of TFRI Network Meeting

- Kristen provided an overview of the Policy Workgroup presentation at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TFRI Network Meeting
- Debrief of major action items
  - Dan provided an overview of the meeting and endorsed action items
    - Policy Priorities
      - Increase Local Tobacco Retail Licensing and Point of Sale Restrictions
      - Increasing the minimum tobacco sale age from 18 to 21
      - Increasing funding for the tobacco control program to fund comprehensive tobacco control programming including of cessation services, prevention initiatives, etc.
    - Formation of a Steering Committee
      - Each workgroup will have Co-Chairs to represent both community and state-level perspectives
      - For this workgroup Kristen and Megan are serving as the Co-Chairs

### Discussion around Policy Priorities

- The group discussed the three endorsed policy priorities and improved the wording of each based on discussion at the Network Meeting and additional comments at the Policy Workgroup Meeting.
- The group discussed a need for a document describing the ways partners can interact with TFRI. It was requested that Dan draft up this document. The document will then be brought to the Steering Committee for additional comments from other workgroups.
- Intended next products of this workgroup – Letter to the editor templates and one-pager/fact sheets.

## **TFRI Policy Priorities:**

- **Increase local tobacco retail licenses & point of sale restrictions**
  - RI Model Tobacco Policy prohibits tobacco product discounting and limits flavored tobacco products because of their low cost and appeal to youth.
  - CDC Recommended Point of Sale strategies: high tobacco prices and taxes; limiting youth access to tobacco products; strong local laws directed at retailers, active enforcement of retailer sales laws, and retailer education
- **Increase the minimum legal sale age from 18 to 21.**
  - Prohibit tobacco products to be sold to anyone under the age of 21.
- **Allocate 2.5% of Tobacco Tax Revenue to the Tobacco Control Program.**
  - Funding will be used for; but not limited to, education, prevention programming and to fund cessation services.

## **Discussion and Review of LTE Templates**

- The group discussed the LTE Templates and
- It was decided that Dan would ask the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids if they were able to provide the first round of edits and scientific review. After this review the group will provide final feedback.
- The group will meet late January to finalize the tool and discuss dissemination plan.