TOBACCO FREE RHODE ISLAND

Structure & Purpose Workgroup Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 | 2:30 – 4:00 PM
MEETING DEBRIEF

Attendance: Dan Fitzgerald (TFRI), Shalini Vallabhan (ACS CAN), Cori Christie (ACS CAN), James Day (Providence HCO), Shannon Spurlock (JSI/RIPRC), Astrid Meijer (UIH Consulting), Geri Guardino (RI DOH), Azade Perrin (Providence HCO)

On Phone: Ray Davis (PPC/NCPC), Kevin O'Flaherty (CTFK)

Purpose and Utility of TFRI:

- Platform for diverse sector representation with the collective object to eliminate tobacco use from Rhode Island
- Sustainable support to find and fill gaps in tobacco control through the passion and interests of network partners
- Bring together people with different spheres of influence to help move the bar and address emerging trends
- Maintain tailored language for network partners to have a collective voice and consistent messaging
- Expand upon local efforts and reinforce ongoing work of network partners
- Provide opportunities for individuals not working within tobacco control to have their voices heard
- To expedite and further accentuate the culture shift toward tobacco-free living and align perceptions around use with actuality
- Serve as the first resource for partners around the state to find reliable and up-to-date information
- Utilize the network, e-newsletters, social media, and the website as an effective vehicle to deliver real time changes to the people and organizations making up the network
- Ignite passion around tobacco control within young people and engage in meaningful ways through educational opportunities, advocacy, and planning.

Structural Recommendations

- Establish an Advisory Board for TFRI
    - Sector representation in decision making
    - A group of committed individuals to work alongside Dan to inform procedures, prioritization, and programs
    - Sustainability of organizational mission, purpose, and outcomes
    - Suggested to be rolled out in a phased approach
        - First year for planning

Next Steps:

- Dan will send out Doodle Poll for a meeting to discuss next steps for the Advisory Board
- Group will report out on progress at the Annual Network Meeting
- Dan will create a list of organizational partners and their participation in workgroups