

STOP Management Teleconference Call

November 18, 2008

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Members Present: Dr. Linda Doran, Dr. Jo Edwards, Gary Skolits, Judy Boser, Katie Tone, Lovella Carter and Jill Thomas

Members Not Present: Tara Light and Joseph Sanders

Evaluation

Survey data is all summarized and set up in PDF for each school in each county. Gary will send those to Dr. Doran today. Linda will forward data files to TDH. This data has not been released to the counties yet; Linda will communicate with TDH and use proper protocols to release data. Grundy County coordinator, Melissa Brown, has already contacted Judy for the data.

Gary and Judy will contact each county between now and Christmas to evaluate their work plans/action plans. Site visits will be in January and February. Jennifer Moran and Mike Dalton (retired superintendent) will be accompanying Gary Skolits and Judy Boser on their site visits to each county early next year. Gary and Judy will be contacting the regional coordinators to set up meetings with Joseph Sanders (West TN) and Jill Thomas (Middle TN) during the 2nd week of December to get their perspective about the STOP program, their roles, what is working and what is having some difficulty. Tara Light (EastTN) will have a meeting at a later time.

There is tobacco data the Coordinated School Health has available. These data refer to infrastructure of their program and what is taught at each grade level. This could be very useful for the 9 STOP County Coordinators. Dr. Edwards will help compose a letter to Dr. Rhoda to request data. And Dr. Doran will speak with Tim Webb. Both Drs. Doran and Edwards will try to make county profiles be available for the use of STOP Coordinators.

Youth Summit

Katie Tone confirmed that GEAR UP has received approval to host a youth summit from Dr. Rhoda. Dr. Edwards doesn't have the updated information as to the happenings of the November 17 meeting on MTSU campus regarding MTSU hosting the summit for STOP. Debra Scales, MTSU, is very excited about bringing this event to MTSU campus. The point person for summit to coordinate with GEAR UP is Linda Doran. Funds are being held at THEC central office for this event. We will ask the county coordinators for their input of logistics about the summit at our upcoming meeting we plan to have in January. We also need to start thinking about speakers to develop contracts.

Update on Counties

Tara Light (East TN Region) is working on getting her contract in place, but is unable to make site visits to the four counties in the eastern region until that is confirmed. Dr. Doran went to Union County, on Tara's behalf, for a site visit and was pleased with all the positive things happening there.

Grundy County- Melissa Brown hired Staff Sergeant Kyle Grisham from TN Nat'l Guard's Counterdrug Task Force to do anti tobacco presentations to 3 elementary schools in Grundy County on November 17. The presentations were filled with anti tobacco & drug education using the pig lungs and Mr. Gross Mouth. T-shirts were given to those students who answered questions correctly.

Meigs County – Tobacco Facts/Trivia all week at the middle and high school. The winner of the big question on Friday will receive an ipod.

Next scheduled STOP meeting is with all STOP personnel on Monday, December 1, 2008. Any agenda recommendations may be sent to Dr. Linda Doran.