

**Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2023
State Medical Examiner's Office and Zoom Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

<p>Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Robert Nichols – Chair ● Chad A Jensen ● Lorene Mein, ARNP ● Dr. Teresa Aoki – Vice Chair ● Ava Miller ● Abi Harmison ● Sellah Ambundo 	<p>Non-Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Courtney Sweet ● Senator Herman Quirmbach ● Melissa Walker ● Becky Blum ● Representative Anne Osmundson
<p>Voting Members Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bridget Saffold 	<p>Non-voting Members Not Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representative Adam Zabner ● Senator Julian Garrett
<p>Behavioral Health Staff: Jerilyn Oshel, Laura Bell, Tabetha Gerdner, Garin Buttermore, Jane Larkin, Sheri Stursma, Jill Wright, Adam Shanks, Deann Decker, Patti Manna</p> <p>Guests: Jessica Ekman, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Susan Vileta, Johnson County Public Health; Erin Heiden, University of Northern Iowa; Threase Harms, Café Iowa CAN; Joe Campos, IHHS; Kristina Hamilton, Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance; Erin Barkema, IHHS; Marissa Roseberry, IHHS; Stacey Frelund, American Heart Association; Allison Head, Pottawattamie County Public Health, Sam Jarvis, Johnson County Public Health</p>	

- I. Introductions & Welcome** Dr. Robert Nichols
The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Dr. Robert Nichols.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes** Dr. Robert Nichols
- A. September 29, 2023 Minutes: Chad Jensen made a motion to approve. Dr. Teresa Aoki seconded.
- III. Old Business**
- A. None

IV. New Business

- A. HHS System Alignment Update Marissa Roseberry/Erin Barkema
Please see linked report given by Marissa Roseberry and Erin Barkema:

[HHS System Alignment Overview_final_Tobacco Commission-Dec 2023.pptx.pdf](#)

Lorene Mein asked the following questions:

- Can you give us an idea of what those benchmarks and measures are going to be and if you don't have them now, when will they be available?
- Are we going to be able to view data, prior to this going into effect, to compare what the outcomes were vs a year from now what they are once this is put into effect?
- What are the tobacco outcomes that will be tracked and if you don't know when will we be able to see them?
- How will the data be available to the public for review?
- What are the restrictions going to be on that funding?

Marissa stated that they currently do not have answers to these questions yet.

The commission indicated that they would like to have a presentation again from Marissa and Erin once all decisions have been made.

- B. 2023 Tobacco Commission Report to the Governor Tabetha Gerdner
Tabetha Gerdner gave an update on the most recent report. Gerdner mentioned that the report is typically the same year after year, with updated data points, which have been completed. Gerdner stated that she will need any changes to the report by Wednesday, December 6.

Dr. Nichols asked if the commission would be able to meet with a member of the Governor's staff to discuss the report. Jensen made a motion to approve and requested that the chair meet with the Governor's staff. Mein seconded.

- C. Administrative Rules Red Tape Review Joe Campos
Joe Campos gave an update on the regulatory analysis that was published in the administrative bulletin and reviewed before the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) last month. Campos stated that the two chapters up for review that relate to the Tobacco Commission are Chapter 153, Smokefree Air Act (SFAA) and Chapter 152. Campos stated that Chapter 152 is regarding funding and stated that chapter is being repealed and that Chapter 153 will be repromulgated and specifically describes procedures to support requirements for signage, complaints and enforcement of the SFAA. Campos reported that there was a review on Tuesday, November 28, before ARRC and there was no input from the public received on this. Campos stated that this will continue to move through the process and will become effective early next year. Please see the chapter comparative document here: [641-153 Chapter Compare.docx](#)
[641-153 Regulatory Analysis Compliance Draft - CURRENT \(1\).docx](#)

V. Legislative Report/Update

Legislators
Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance

Legislators: Senator Quirnbach said he did not have much to update since the Legislators are currently not in session.

Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance (ITPA): Kristina Hamilton reported that they have come up with a plan of action to voice to legislators that the preservation of the Commission is really important. They have put together an action alert that can be used for all partners. They are finalizing now and hope to share it with everyone next week.

They are creating a petition for maintaining the Tobacco Commission and want as many signatures on it as possible. They are working on a joint letter to the Legislators; and also working on a social media tool kit. ITPA suggested that the Commission also do a joint letter that supports the common messaging about preserving the commission that they are trying to push out to Legislators. ITPA indicated they would like all of this communication to go out in the next 2-3 weeks before session starts.

Threse Harms gave an update that ITPA have been having conversations with legislative leaders and people from the Governor's office and ultimately what they are hearing is that the Governor's office is largely taking the recommendations recommended by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, (DIAL). Harms mentioned that many legislators said they have not heard from their constituents on this matter and stressed how important it was to reach out to them.

Threse reminded people of their State of Tobacco in Iowa webinar on December 14, from 12-1. This webinar will be recorded.

Link for the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lc-2prjggEtBmwwKleCLO_seUMD9dVb-4#/registration

VI. TUPC Program Update:

A. **Iowa Students for Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP)** ISTEP Youth Courtney Sweet updated that there are currently 68 chapters in 32 counties and 12 of them are new. Sweet reported that the FY24 street marketing events and kits have been shipped to all chapters. Sweet stated that the ISTEP Summit was held on October 12, in Des Moines at the Iowa State Fairgrounds and ISTEP had the highest summit attendance ever, with 300 middle and high school students. Sweet reported that the focus was youth development, tobacco use prevention and education, youth and adult partnerships and facilitation skills.

Sellah Ambundo introduced herself as the newest elected youth commission member.

Sweet reported that seven applications have been received for the youth council and applicants have been invited to attend the annual virtual ISTEP Council Leadership Training in December.

VII. Behavioral Health Division Update

Jerilyn Oshel

Jerilyn Oshel reported that within the Behavioral Health Division priorities are still being discussed.

Oshel stated there is a very exciting piece coming together between the Community Partnerships and the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). Oshel stated this is exciting because both programs were siloed before and now they can work together as one agency.

Dr. Nichols asked that within the positive changes you are seeing; are you seeing an opportunity for the continuance of a diverse community and provider stakeholder group?

Oshel stated that it is still being discussed. Dr. Aoki wondered if youth could be used in the strategy to update Legislators about the commission. Jill Wright stated that ISTEP would support this, but needed the details of the when and how to support it.

VIII. Other Attendee Reports

A. Attorney General's Office

Not in attendance. Sen Quirnbach asked if we have a representative identified. Oshel stated that she is not aware of one. Jessica Ekman suggested Adam Humes

B. Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

Not in attendance.

Susis Sher

C. Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

Becky Blum stated she did not have any updates to give.

Becky Blum

D. Department of Education

Melissa Walker stated she did not have any updates to give.

Melissa Walker

E. Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)

Jessica Ekman reported she included the budget report through the month of September. Ekman stated there was no compliance data, as it just began on October 1. Ekman reported that mobile ID was launched on October 31. See attached press release: <https://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2023/10/iowa-mobile-id-now-available-and-accepted-at-businesses-across-the-state-.html>

Jessica Ekman

Webpage:

<https://abd.iowa.gov/education/iowa-abd-age-purchase-mobile-app>

Ekman reported that JUUL settlement funds were used to help with the upgrade.

IX. Public Comment

X. Next TUPC Commission Meeting Agenda Topics

Dr. Robert Nichols

A. Next Commission Meeting January 5, 2024.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:40. Jensen made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Aoki seconded.