

**Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
July 28, 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 • Bridget Saffold 	<p>Non-Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Herman Quirmbach • Dale Woolery • Courtney Sweet • Representative Adam Zabner
<p>Voting Members Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ava Miller • Chase Willis • Abi Harmison 	<p>Non-voting Members Not Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Julian Garrett • Representative Anne Osmundson • Melissa Walker • Becky Blum, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
<p>Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Staff: Jerilyn Oshel, Laura Bell, Tabetha Gerdner, Garin Buttermore, Jane Larkin, Sheri Stursma, Jill Wright, Adam Shanks</p> <p>Guests: Jessica Ekman, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Penny McCaslin, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health; Susan Viletta, Johnson County Public Health; Stefanie Wagaman, Cedar County Public Health; Emily Hegenbart, Unity Point; Jancy Nielsen, IHHS; Jhenna Weber; Pathways Behavioral Services; Alicia Lynch, Lucas County Public Health; Kristina Hamilton, Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance; Patty Funaro, Legislative Services; Angela Loutsch; Community Health Partners of Sioux County; Chelsea Hoye, Advocacy Iowa</p>	

- I. Introductions & Welcome** Dr. Robert Nichols
10:02 AM
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes** Dr. Robert Nichols
- A. June 2, 2023 Minutes: Bridget Saffold made a motion to approve. Chad Jensen seconded.
- III. Old Business**
- A. None Jerilyn Oshel

IV. Legislative Report/Update

Legislators
Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance

Sen. Quirnbach: Nothing to report

Rep Zabner: Representative Zabner introduced himself. Zabner stated that he sits on the Board and Commissions Review Commission. Jensen stated he thought a few of them should get together to discuss the commission. Dr. Nichols will schedule a meeting to set this up.

Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance (ITPA): Kristina Hamilton stated that ITPA met and discussed priorities for upcoming session. Hamilton stated they are trying to find some local communities that have activities around strengthening their Smokefree Law. Hamilton stated that ITPA would like to get ecigarettes added to the SFAA. Hamilton reported they are working on setting up a meeting with Representative Fry about the Commission. Hamilton reported that Rep. Fry has introduced legislation, more than once, to eliminate the commission.

V. New Business

A. Red Tape Review Update Jancy Nielson
Jancy reported that there has been engagement with the Tobacco team. Nielson reported that the team will be able to make edits as they see fit. Nielson stated we are working hard to meet the September 1, 2023, deadline.

B. 2024 Commission Meeting Dates Jerilyn Oshel
Oshel stated the meeting dates were sent out. Chad Jensen made a motion to approve. Lori Mein seconded.

C. Community Partnership Update Community Partners
Susan Viletta stated she has been in tobacco prevention for 15 years. Viletta reported that Johnson County Community Partnership has urban and rural communities. Viletta stated that additional help is always needed and support from the state and commission partners is a great help.

VI. Division Report/Update

Jerilyn Oshel

A. **Budget:** Oshel reported she does not have end of fiscal year numbers and she is hopeful we will have those numbers at the September meeting. Oshel reported that today is Don Owens' last day with the Department. Owens will be retiring.

VII. TUPC Program Update:

A. **Iowa Students for Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP)** ISTEP Youth
Courtney Sweet reported that there are currently 66 registered chapters in 35 counties and 17 are new this year. Sweet stated that chapter registration is open for the current Fiscal year. Sweet reported that June was a busy month for council members with multiple trainings and meetings. Sweet stated that the council is busy finalizing the FY24 street marketing kits and events and will share them at the next commission meeting.

Sweet reported the annual ISTEP Summit will be held October 12, 2023, at the Iowa State Fair Grounds and will focus on youth and adult partnerships.

VIII. Other Attendee Reports

A. Attorney General's Office

Not in attendance. Nichols asked Oshel if we have been appointed a representative yet an Oshel responded she has not heard. Quirnbach asked what type of communication have we had about a liaison. Oshel stated she has expressed her concern and heard nothing back.

B. Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

Dale Woolery

Dale Woolery reported that their office is settling in post alignment with Department of Public Safety. They are monitoring and having discussion on regulation of Xylazine, a medication used by Veterinarians, but is winding up with Fentanyl and other drugs and is contributing to some of the deaths related to drug overdoses.

C. Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

Becky Blum

Not in attendance

D. Department of Education

Melissa Walker

Not in attendance, but Melissa Walker had sent an email she had nothing to report.

E. Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)

Jessica Ekman

Jessica Ekman reported that the budget report through the month of May is included and they do anticipate spending all of their funding. Ekman also included the FY23 law enforcement partners list for the iPledge Tobacco Enforcement program. Ekman reported that she believes in order to change protocol/procedures regarding vaping and e-cigarette compliance checks in the program they are required to get approval from SAMSHA to do so. Ekman stated that we need to ask a year in advance for this to take place. Ekman stated the key to getting officers to do these compliance checks is an education piece. Ekman state her and Tabetha Gerdner have discussed getting education out to law enforcement.

IX. Public Comment

Kristina Hamilton announced the FDA's proposal to end the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars. Hamilton stated we are coming up on a year since that announcements and would like to put pressure on the Biden Administration to finalize those rules.

X. Next TUPC Commission Meeting Agenda Topics

Dr. Robert Nichols

A. Next Commission Meeting September 29, 2023.

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:56 AM. Chad Jensen made a motion to adjourn and Lorene Mein seconded.