

**Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2023
Lucas State Office Building 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 • Abi Harmison • Dr. George Belitsos • Ava Miller • Dr. Teresa Aoki – Vice Chair • Chase Willis • Bridget Saffold 	<p>Non-Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Herman Quirmbach • Dale Woolery • Courtney Sweet • Melissa Walker
<p>Voting Members Not Present:</p>	<p>Non-voting Members Not Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Julian Garrett • Representative Tom Jeneary • Representative Kristin Sunde • 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: Del Bennett, Marion County Board of Health; Cristee Miner, Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association; Jessica Ekman, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Penny McCaslin, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health; Erin Heiden, University of Northern Iowa; Vicki Gassman, Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association; Kelley Wester, Cherokee Regional Medical Center; Susan Viletta, Johnson County Public Health</p>	

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| I. | Introductions & Welcome
10:00 AM | Dr. Robert Nichols |
| II. | Approval of Meeting Minutes | Dr. Robert Nichols |
| | A. January 6, 2023 Minutes: George Belitsos made a motion to approve. Chad Jensen seconded. | |

III. Old Business

- A. Belitsos asked if a meeting had been set up to discuss the television ads stating that vaping is a way to quit smoking and asked if any follow up had been done. Jerilyn Oshel stated that Jessica Ekman had suggested that each member reach out to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) individually with complaints. Jensen asked that when members see them to email him the time and station.

Robert Nichols stated that he and Oshel met with Sarah Ekstrand, Marissa Eyanson and Director Garcia to get information about the plan for the Commission. Nichols stated he felt there is a desire to keep the knowledge of the Commission, as well as keeping the current members engaged. Nichols stated his takeaway is that it may be part of a larger group of people and the focus may not be just on tobacco, but substance abuse as a whole. Belitsos asked if anyone received responses to the letter's members sent as to why they want to do away with the commission and all members reported receiving no feedback.

IV. Legislative Report/Update

Legislators
Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance

Sen. Quirnbach: Sen Quirnbach reported that House File 566 has not survived the second funnel. Quirnbach stated that he is troubled by the relocation of the Division and that it is important for everyone to continue to speak out.

Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance (ITPA): None in Attendance

V. New Business

- A. None

VI. Division Director's Report/Update

Jerilyn Oshel

- A. **Budget:** Oshel stated that the budget report was sent out. Oshel reported that Community Health Consultants (CHC's) are busy with conversations about spending down funds. Quitline and My Life My Quit calls are through the roof. Oshel stated there will be no problem spending down funds this year.

Belitsos asked why the demand for Quitline is so high right now. Oshel stated that a lot of people are choosing to use Quitline and that web enrollments are through the roof. Oshel stated that it could be due to advertising, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) campaigns or people may have just decided they want to quit. Oshel stated they would look into it and have a more detailed report for the May meeting.

Oshel reported that the Division is holding three regional meetings in April. Oshel reported they are being held April 11 in Carroll, April 13 in Bondurant and April 18 in Coralville. Oshel stated that the ISTEP youth will be joining this year to showcase the youth/adult partnership.

VII. TUPC Program Update:

- A. **Iowa Students for Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP)** ISTEP Youth
Courtney Sweet reported that there are currently 57 registered chapters in 34 counties and 9 are new this year. Sweet stated that there are four new members that have joined the ISTEP Executive Council. Sweet reported that the Truth Initiative hosted the youth/adult partnerships training series. Sweet reported that beginning in March, Jill Wright started hosting a virtual ISTEP network hour on a monthly basis for adults working with youth on ISTEP efforts where they can discuss challenges and share successes. The council members are able to attend and the adults work with them and problem solve. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 5, from 10-11 AM and the link can be found on the ISTEP Report that was distributed. Sweet stated the registered ISTEP chapters have been mailed the final ISTEP activity, which is Spring Into Action for the National Day of Action, which happens to be today.

VIII. Other Attendee Reports

- A. **Attorney General's Office**
Not in attendance. Oshel stated she made the request for a new AAG, but has heard nothing back. Nichols asked if anything further could be done and Oshel stated she would make the request again.
- B. **Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)** Dale Woolery
Dale Woolery reported that House File 595 with companion bill Senate File 508 has passed the House and is awaiting Senate action. Woolery stated that it is the Governor's Fentanyl Overdose Drug Bill. Woolery stated it would basically strengthen some of the penalties and deterrents and expand access to Naloxone. Woolery reported that Senate File 345 has passed the Senate and is scheduled for a House subcommittee next week. Woolery reported that is the Nicotine Device Bill that is aimed at glass pipes sold by tobacco shops. Woolery stated this bill would create some hefty fees to be able to sell those products along with fines if you violate the law and sell them.
- C. **Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)** Becky Blum
Not in attendance.
- D. **Department of Education** Melissa Walker
Melissa Walker reported she spoke with Matt Carver, who is lead counsel for School Administrator's of Iowa. Walker stated Carver wanted to highlight articles regarding health service delivery in schools. Carver asked for information on cessation and adolescents and Walker stated that a link was sent for the Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS), My Life My Quit (MLMQ) page and also wrote an article with a small snippet to highlight ISTEP programs that are being implemented in schools and communities and linked it to the ISTEP webpage.
- E. **Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)** Jessica Ekman
Jessica Ekman stated the current state-wide compliance rate is at 91%. Ekman gave a brief overview of the breakdown of the compliance rate checks. Ekman did give a brief statement stating the ABD is supposed to align with Iowa Lottery and Iowa Department of Revenue.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment. Nichols stated how amazing the advocates were throughout the Legislative process. Belitsos stated that Kristina was super helpful and kept everyone well informed.

Belitsos asked about the status of HF496. Quirnbach stated that this bill never came up for debate in the House and it did not survive second funnel. Belitsos asked about the status of HF21. Quirnbach stated that it was referred to Ways and Means in the House and that as a Wayne and Means bill it is not subject to the funnel, so it is technically still alive, but Quirnbach stated he is not optimistic.

X. Next TUPC Commission Meeting Agenda Topics

Dr. Robert Nichols

A. Next Commission Meeting May 19, 2023. Oshel asked to move this meeting. Nichols made a motion to move the meeting to June 2, 2023. Chad Jensen seconded the motion. The consensus was to move the meeting to June 2, 2023.

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:50 AM. Belitsos made a motion to adjourn and Jensen seconded.