

**Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
September 29, 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"> • Dale Woolery • Courtney Sweet • Senator Julian Garrett • Senator Herman Quirmbach
<p>Voting Members Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ava Miller • Abi Harmison 	<p>Non-voting Members Not Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Anne Osmundson • Representative Adam Zabner • 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: Del Bennett, Marion County Health Department; Jessica Ekman, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Susan Vileta, Johnson County Public Health; Emily Hegenbart, Unity Point; Jancy Nielsen, HHS; Chelsea Hoye, Advocacy Iowa; Erin Heiden, University of Northern Iowa; Nancy Rowedder, New Opportunities; DeAnn Decker, HHS; Jen Stolka, Helping Services; Beth Turner, American Lung Association; Jamie Patterson, Decatur County Public Health; Cortney Earhart, Area Substance Abuse Council; Jessica Hudson, Harrison County BOH; Patti Manna, HHS; Chris Kempker, Henry County Ag Ext District; Threase Harms, Café Iowa CAN; Marissa Eyanson, HHS; Teresa King, Pathways Behavioral Health; Allison Head, Pottawattamie County BOH; Hannah Jaros</p>	

- I. Introductions & Welcome** Dr. Robert Nichols
10:03 AM
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes** Dr. Robert Nichols
- A. July 28, 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

Dr. Robert Nichols referenced an email that Senator Quirnbach asked Jerilyn Oshel to send out to the Commission. A lot of conversation was had regarding what the next steps would be. The general consensus decided that members should send letters to local Legislators in opposition to this merger with a contingency plan to include non-codified panels/sub committees.

Marissa Eyanson, Division Director of Behavioral Health, spoke about the alignment and where Tobacco fits. Eyanson stated that anyone on the commission can advocate on a personal basis and to clearly note it on their correspondence. Eyanson stated that members should make the ask clear, such as continuing to have a seat at that table; even if it is only at the Health and Human Services Council.

Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance (ITPA): Threase Harms stated that she represents CAFÉ Iowa CAN. Harms stated there has been work on a variety of issues. Harms reported that they attended the Iowa League of cities and this allowed outreach to local elected officials to encourage them to include vaping in their local smokefree ordinances. Harms indicated that she would love to work with Community Partnerships (CPs) on this. Harms stated that they will be hosting a webinar for state policy makers and CPs are welcome to participate on October 17. Harms stated that they will be providing an update on the state of tobacco in Iowa. Harms stated that over 50% of the legislature are new and they are not familiar with the history of tobacco.

Here is the information referenced above:

When: Oct 17, 2023 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAfugtqi8oGtGtEhuw8UtXjcQKHl0uIEOa?_xzm_rtaid=gYnKCUljRWmNNM2M_fd4fA.1696447778242.be8e2cac0814c4fac545344478790cc2&_xzm_rtaid=812#/registration

What: Tobacco Control in Iowa & Nationally

V. New Business

A. Red Tape Review Update

Jancy Nielson

Jancy Nielson gave a status update. Nielson stated the first drafts have been submitted to ARC and have received some feedback, so are working with the program to address those items. Nielson indicated that the Commission may see some items to act on at the December meeting.

VI. Division Report/Update

Jerilyn Oshel

Budget: Jerilyn Oshel reported that the FY23 budget has been completely spent down. Oshel stated that we are working on the FY24 budget and stated that we are working on how to better spend these funds. Eyanson elaborated on how to better spend the funds, by laying out how the funds would be used across multiple programs by combining the funding of multiple programs.

Nichols asked Eyanson how she feels about the subcommittee idea being received. Eyanson stated that she feels a subcommittee idea would be received as long as it has purpose.

VII. TUPC Program Update:

- A. **Iowa Students for Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP)** ISTEP Youth
Courtney Sweet updated that there are currently 60 chapters in 31 counties and 10 of them are new. Sweet reported that the ISTEP Street Marketing Kits were mailed out yesterday. Registration is open for the summit, which will be held in person at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on October 12. Focus is on youth and adult partnership.

You can register for the summit here:

<https://go.iastate.edu/FNDAWR>

VIII. Other Attendee Reports

A. **Attorney General's Office**

Not in attendance.

B. **Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)**

Dale Woolery

Dale Woolery reported that ODCP is working through alignment with Department of Public Safety. Woolery reported that the Iowa Drug Control Strategy will be published and provided to the Governor and Legislators on November 1. Woolery stated they have received a lot of applications from schools for vape detectors and wondered if they are worth the investment. Tabetha Gerdner and Sweet both gave feedback on what they have heard and been told regarding the vape detectors. Woolery stated that he is retiring Monday and Susie Sher has been named as the new director.

C. **Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)**

Becky Blum

Not in attendance

D. **Department of Education**

Melissa Walker

Not in attendance.

E. **Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)**

Jessica Ekman

Jessica Ekman stated they expended all their funding for FY23. Ekman provided a budget report and stated spending is typical for this time of year. Ekman reported there were 3,500 compliance checks completed across the state with a statewide compliance rate of 91%.

IX. Public Comment

Susan Vileta stated as someone who has been working in tobacco control at the local public health level and for 15 yrs - 9 in Iowa, it was hurtful to hear work has stagnated. Vileta stated that she echo's Lori's comments, as I'm sure ALL the community partnerships do, in that it's about our funding levels and politics. We can only do so much!

Chris Kempker asked if they need to write letters, and if so who do they go to? Senator Quirnbach replied to find their local legislator and start with them. Quirnbach also stated to look for relevant committees and send letter to them, such as, HHS, Education, State Government, etc.

X. Next TUPC Commission Meeting Agenda Topics

Dr. Robert Nichols

A. Next Commission Meeting December 1, 2023.

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:39 AM. Chad Jensen made a motion to adjourn and Bridget Saffold seconded.