

**Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2024
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 • Sellah Ambundo 	<p>Non-Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Herman Quirnbach • Courtney Sweet • Susie Sher, ODCP • Representative Adam Zabner
<p>Voting Members Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ava Miller • Dr. Teresa Aoki – Vice Chair • Abi Harmison • Lorene Mein, ARNP 	<p>Non-voting Members Not Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Anne Osmundson • Melissa Walker, Dept of Education • Senator Julian Garrett
<p>Behavioral Health Staff: Tabetha Gerdner, Sheri Stursma, Laura Bell, Garin Buttermore, Patti Manna, Jill Wright, Adam Shanks, Jane Larkin, Deann Decker</p> <p>Guests: Jessica Ekman, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Allison Head, Pottawattamie County Public Health; Susan Viletta, Johnson County Public Health, Jacob Appel, Iowa Senate Democrats; Angela Loutsch, Community Health Partners; Noa Sample, Community and Family Resources; Carrie Arblaster, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids; Nick Laning, Liz Hall, American Lung Association; Chelsea Hoye, Advocacy Strategies; Jackie Cale, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Angie Sylling, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Threase Harms, Advocacy Strategies; Ashley Monahan, Bridget Saffold</p>	

- I. Introductions & Welcome** Dr. Robert Nichols
The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Dr. Robert Nichols.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes** Dr. Robert Nichols
- A. March 29, 2024 Minutes: No quorum, unable to approve minutes.

III. Old Business

A. Strategic Planning

Tabetha Gerdner provided a summary of the Strategic Planning meeting that was held in May. Gerdner stated that per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant the program is required to put forth a five-year strategic plan. Gerdner stated that in the past the program has been able to use the strategic plan that the Commission has put forth. However, this strategic plan ended on December 31, 2023, so the program worked with CDC to get an extension to be able to submit one by June 30, 2024. Gerdner stated around 30 people were invited to a meeting in May to help identify some strategies that directly align with the CDC grant work. Gerdner stated that a consultant was hired to help facilitate the process and as soon as the draft version is shared, it will be sent out to the Commission.

IV. New Business

A. None

V. Legislative Report/Update

Legislators
Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance

Legislators: Senator Quirmbach reported that House File (HF) 2673 repeals Chapter 142A on July 1, 2025. Quirmbach raised concerns that the new appropriations bill did not carve out funding for Tobacco. Gerdner stated that the appropriations will remain as status quo for this fiscal year. Gerdner indicated that there would be town halls and stakeholder meetings to be hosted, so that lowans can provide feedback on how they want the Behavioral Health system alignment to move forward, as well as a transition plan. Gerdner stated this information will go out in the next email as well.

Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance (ITPA): Threase Harms reported they were engaged during the legislative session with the Department of Health and Human Services (IHHS), the Tobacco Commission and Legislators expressing great concern about the dissolution of the commission, but also the work that has been done over the last 25 years in this space.

VI. TUPC Program Update:

A. **Iowa Students for Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP)** ISTEP Youth
Courtney Sweet updated that there are currently 75 chapters in 34 counties and 18 of them are new. Sweet reported that the ISTEP Council will begin planning for FY25 in June and this will include street marketing events, activity kits and the summit. NAME stated that the dates for the June retreat are being finalized; as well as the dates for a join leadership training with a group from Kansas.

VII. Other Attendee Reports

A. **Attorney General's Office** Lynzey Kenworthy
Not in attendance.

B. **Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)** Susie Sher
Susie Sher reported she took over the role from Dale Woolery who retired in October and she is excited to be here and learn.

C. Department of Education
Not in attendance.

Melissa Walker

D. Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)

Jessica Ekman

Jessica Ekman reported on the two handouts that were included in the email that was sent out.

VIII. Tobacco Program Manager Update

Tabetha Gerdner

Tabetha Gerdner reported that the program has been working with Marissa Eyanson and other boards and councils for consistency of information sharing for the next year. These questions are listed below:

- A. As stakeholders in the design of the future system, what does a successful feedback loop on the Behavioral Health System design look like?
- B. What next steps would you like to see to continue to realize the mission of this board / council / commission's work?
- C. In what ways would you like to see HHS continue to engage with you?
- D. Going forward, what data do you think should be reviewed by the HHS Council related to the work of this board / council / commission?
- E. What does successful integration between Health and Human Services and other statewide systems look like?

Nichols asked if these questions could be emailed out to the Commission, both voting and non-voting members.

IX. Public Comment

Chelsey Hoye asked if Gerdner can email the commission when the stakeholder meetings will be held.

X. Next TUPC Commission Meeting Agenda Topics

Dr. Robert Nichols

- A. Strategic Planning update
- B. Cadence of Stakeholder Meetings
- C. Goals and Plans of Community Partnerships (CPs) and ISTEP for Fiscal Year 25 – Dr. Nichols will reach out to Marissa Eyanson and send out an email to the commission.

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:57.