

Tobacco-Free Kauai Coalition
October 21, 2003 meeting
Kauai District Health Office
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Present: Charles Roessler, John Hunt, Linda Greenhow, Janice Bond, Mary Williamson, Rebecca Smith, Andrea Ballinger, Heather Santesteban, Jan Robinson, Dely Sasaki, Mary Jo Sweeney, Peggy Hanley, Jo Manea, Sachi Grollman

1. Chair John Hunt welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.
2. John asked Janice about the status of the 2003 grant proposals. Janice stated that 32 proposals were submitted for a total of \$1.836 million to be allocated. No word yet on which proposals will be awarded money.
3. Report on Art Tani's recovery: Art is resting for 1 month and will be back at work Nov. 1.
4. Janice and Charles spoke briefly about the unknown effects of the work that we are doing. Both shared stories such as coloring books helping parents to quit.
5. The need to update bylaws was discussed. A committee will be formed which will review the bylaws and make recommendations for the coalition to vote upon. Committee members are Charles and possibly Peter.
6. Ordinance update:
 - We are not sure where the county council stands with regard to the ordinance.
 - Mary Williamson spoke with Mel Rapozo who was interested in knowing how the ordinance was going. Mary stated that we need to speak positively about it.
 - Charles stated that Julian will commit some money to radio ads.
 - Discussion about Kukui Grove and it's 'new beginning,' and need for a designated smoking area.
7. State Coalition: John is now on the board as an at-large member for the next three years. The Kauai County Council was given an award for the ordinance; Gary Hooser accepted it on behalf of the council.
8. Starter Kit Update: Andrea stated that the contents of the kit are being fine-tuned. Included in the kits will be information on NRT and other Pharmacological aids, one lifesaver, key chains for a photo of family member or friend, and a pack of gum. A letter went out recently to all providers and dentists on the island explaining the new program.
9. Other grant updates: John submitted two proposals, one for a cessation counselor at Kapaa High School and one focusing on community-based services for adults.

10. State conference: Scholarships are still available.
11. American Lung Association update:
 - There will be an Open Airways for Schools facilitator training on Nov 13.
 - There will also be a N.O.T training in the near future. A sign-up sheet was circulated
 - There is a new 1-800 call center for ALA.
 - The Christmas Seal gala will be held on Oahu for \$150 per person. Donations are so being accepted.
 - Jan is now the AmeriCorp director for Kauai
12. National Conference:
 - A meeting was scheduled Nov 20 at 3 p.m. at KCC for all Kauai people who will be attending the conference. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss who will attend what breakout sessions.
13. Webpage:
 - Mary passed around the outline for the webpage for comments
 - John urged everyone to begin taking more pictures and/or videos
14. UPW update
 - Janice spoke about acquiring a list of schools and where they allow smoking on campus.
 - Charles read an email from Chris (the Big Island coalition coordinator) written to remind us that the policy risks a fine of up to \$1,000 a day for the schools in violation.
15. Great American Smokeout
 - Mary Jo Sweeney attended the meeting to discuss events at KCC. There will be a "GAS Rally" from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., which is being organized by pre-nursing and 1st level nursing students in conjunction with the wellness center. KCC is hoping to use this event to kick off a smoking cessation plan on campus. The rally is a signature event for the American Cancer Society, but many different clubs and organizations will be present. Charles stated that the coalition is willing to provide financial assistance. Mary Jo, Ellen (ACS), Charlene, and Joy (pre-nursing students) will meet to discuss further plans.
16. Annual Meeting to be held probably at Gaylords on December 18. Discussed the possibility of inviting Beth Kuch of the State Coalition to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.