




**Memorandum**

**Date:** October 4, 2011

**To:** Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) Stakeholders

**From:** Richard L. Harris, Director 

**Subject:** AMH Tobacco Freedom Policy – Final Draft

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The AMH Tobacco Freedom Policy is attached. The policy is effective beginning January 1, 2012.

AMH is implementing the Tobacco Freedom Policy to provide individuals receiving AMH services, and program employees, with tobacco-free environments and to increase access to peer-based and other tobacco cessation resources and supports. Our goal over the next year is to work collaboratively with providers to ensure that resources are available and there is a smooth transition to tobacco-free grounds.

To learn more about the AMH Tobacco Freedom Initiative, please visit our website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/addiction/tobacco-freedom/main.shtml>. The website includes several resources and toolkits for implementing tobacco-free policies. You may also contact LuAnn Meulink, at [luann.e.meulink@state.or.us](mailto:luann.e.meulink@state.or.us), or 503-945-6289.

We look forward to working with you in this effort to promote health and wellness in AMH programs.

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Enclosure