

**Outdoor Venue Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2014!**

Participants: Erik, Janet, Jennifer (Yamhill), Belinda, Sheila, Jim, Blake, Carla, Diana, Kris, Jennifer (Klamath), Kerry Ann, Christy, Tara

1. Welcome

Welcome to Blake who recently joined the Yamhill County TPEP.

2. Oregon Fairs Association conference -- Emily asked if anyone had any response from emails sent out to local fair boards. No one had.

3. Umatilla Tobacco-free properties policy adoption process: Janet Jones described her work in moving to a tobacco-free county campus policy. She began the process in 2006 by laying out various options to the County safety committee. After that effort, the County passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of entrances to County buildings.

In 2012, a youth group from the Helix 4-H club approached the Fair Board about going smoke-free. In 2013 the Fair Board and Umatilla County Commissioners passed a policy prohibiting smoking on the Umatilla County Fair Grounds effective January 1, 2014.

In 2013, the tobacco work group for the Pendleton Community Health Partnership set a goal of forming a Umatilla County employee Tobacco Policy and Cessation Promotion work group to examine current tobacco policies and make recommendations to the County Commissioners about strengthening policy. This work group formed in July of 2013, and made a presentation to senior managers in October.

At that meeting both the senior managers and County Commissioners were receptive to looking at a smokefree/ tobacco free ordinance. Janet shared policies and tips of other counties with County Council. A public hearing took place at which there was no public opposition. County Council drafted the ordinance, it had it's first reading in December, and passed on it's second reading January 2, 2014. A ban on e-cigarettes in 2013 enabled this to be integrated into the new tobacco-free policy. The new ordinance prohibits smoking on all county property effective March 1, 2014 and on July 1, 2014 all county properties will also be tobacco free. Press coverage and public support has been good.

Christy and Jennifer J. suggested including unions in such discussions.

4. Updates

Matthew said that the City of Dallas voted to ban smoking within 30 feet of school bus stops, the first such policy in Oregon that we know of. Congratulations Matthew!

Janet requests that anyone with information on quitting chew forward it to her.

5. Next call is on Thursday, February 13 at 11:00 am.

