

Western Wisconsin Working for Tobacco-Free Living

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Quarterly Coalition Meeting!

Hello everyone; W3TFL will be meeting quarterly in 2017. The dates are listed below so mark your calendars!

- **Thursday June 15th 10:00AM**
- Thursday September 14th 10:00AM
- Thursday December 14th 10:00AM

**The meeting will be held at the Polk County Public Health Department. 100 Polk County Plaza Balsam Lake WI 54810*

Tobacco News

New You Tube Resources Promoting the 2016 Surgeon General's Report on E-Cigarette Use Among Youth and Young Adults

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0ft3Ank6mw&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NV3mg4OZQE&feature=youtu.be>

New Poll: Americans Strongly Support FDA Regulation of Tobacco Products, Oppose Efforts to Weaken Oversight of E-Cigarettes and Cigars:

http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_office/2017/2017_04_survey

FDA Deeming Regulation Enforcement Delay:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fda-suspends-enforcement-of-strict-standards-for-e-cigarette-cigar-industry/2017/05/02/be7e557a-2ed6-11e7-9534-00e4656c22aa_story.html?utm_term=.1a7c85f60d85

New Data resources are available on the Tobwis Website:

<http://tobwis.org/news/39>

How Big Tobacco Stopped a Smoking Tax in 'Marlboro Country':

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-05-19/how-big-tobacco-stopped-a-smoking-tax-in-marlboro-country>

Other Tobacco Products (OTPs) Presentations

If your organization/group is interested in learning more about other tobacco products (OTPs), please contact Mary. We would love to come and do a presentation to spread the word!

Smoke-free homes are healthy homes



June is the second annual healthy homes month, sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The focus of healthy homes month is to raise awareness of housing's impact on health and providing ways for families to protect themselves from hazards in the home.

Smoking is one hazard in the home that is all too common. Sadly in Wisconsin one fifth of high school students reported living in homes where others smoke. "Not smoking in the home improves the health of those that live with you, but in the case of multi-unit housing, it also protects the other residents in your building" Said Elizabeth Hagen assistant coordinator for the Western Wisconsin Working for Tobacco Free Living Coalition (W3TFL)

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) states that no ventilation system can remove all exposure to secondhand smoke, including aerosol from e-cigarettes. 30% to 60% of the air leaving an apartment may leak into adjacent apartments, resulting in recycled airflow. Eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to protect nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke

HUD recently finalized a smoke-free rule. The rule which took effect in February requires all public housing authorities to establish smoke-free rules by August 2018. This rule will help to improve the health of more than 2 million public housing residents, including 76,000 children. Not only does this rule improve health it is also estimated to save \$153 million annually in health care, home repair and fire costs.

The W3TFL coalition is working with our local housing authorities to implement smoke free policies. HUD has prepared a tool kit that housing authorities can download and use to help in the implementation of these policies at: <https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=pdfowners.pdf>. Also any other properties that are interested in going smoke free can get in touch with the W3TFL coalition for assistance.

The W3TFL Coalition encourages anyone who smokes to talk to their doctor or take advantage of free assistance provided in Wisconsin; through the Wisconsin tobacco quit line at 1-800-QUITNOW.



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