

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH PARTNERS, INC. TOBACCO FREE TASK FORCE

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History

- ◆ The existing Tobacco Free Task Force was originally formed in October 2002 as the Tobacco Control Advisory Board to fulfill contract deliverable PA04, “Identify experts who represent the diversity of the service area to assist in developing partnerships with various community-based organizations and provide oversight in the implementation of a comprehensive tobacco control program” (From *Work Statement, Appendix A to Contract ME 01-656*).
- ◆ In August 2003, the group’s name changed to the Tobacco Free Advisory Board to reflect the branding of Washington County Health Partners, Inc.’s (WCHP’s) Tobacco Free Program, and the oversight of the program implementation was removed from the advisory board’s roles and responsibilities as this was a role and responsibility of WCHP and its Board of Directors.
- ◆ In February 2004, WCHP’s Executive Committee renamed the group the Tobacco Free Task Force to streamline the organizational structure of task forces and programs. The Chair of the Tobacco Free Task Force was added to WCHP’s Board of Directors.
- ◆ In June 2005, the Tobacco Free Task Force added members of the following groups: Tobacco Free Subcontractors, Tobacco Free Grassrooter advocates, and Tobacco Free Physician champions. This expanded Tobacco Free Task Force will serve as Washington County’s Tobacco Free Coalition under the new Tobacco Control Contract for May 2005-June 2007 to “**guide and support** primary contractor and associated service provider tobacco prevention and cessation activities including, but not limited to, community needs and services assessments and primary contractor deliverables under each of the nine program components.”