

»Oregon Nicotine Treatment and Recovery in Behavioral Health

Expert Panel Meeting Notes

02/08/2023

Attendees

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Expert Panel

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Agenda Items:

- Welcome and introductions
- Review DSS data collection plan, share recruitment flier
- Update on NRT project
- Share how tobacco prevention work is funded in OR, and overview of M108 funded projects
- Future NiTR evaluation work

Notes (High-level summary):

Updates on current work:

- Plan on having asynchronous focus groups, hoping to have 40-50 people, 10 people per FG
- Onsite NRT project is paused for now

Review DSS data collection plan, share recruitment flier:

- **Update on the flier with a timeline. Send back out once updated. -Beck will send out an email with updated flier**
- Will there be a final report/summary shared back with participants? Yes we can.

Share how tobacco prevention work is funded in OR, and overview of M108 funded projects:

- Goals:
 - a. identifying and eliminating tobacco-related inequity
 - b. preventing initiation among young people
 - c. reducing the availability of tobacco products
 - d. eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke base and ensuring people have culturally responsive resources and support to quit.
- Reviewing slide 6: In the center we have community members and tribal members, we do see them as part of our public health system, and we believe that programs and policies should be developed with them.
 - a. we have our tribal programs, community based organizations and regional health equity coalitions who, we believe our best position to engage directly with community members and to raise community needs with government partners in counties
- (Slide 8) some of the key takeaways from this visual is the 2019 to 2021 bar -this is the ballot measure 108 tax start date of January first 2021. So this only represents 6 months of tax collection revenue from ballot measure. M 108 taxes will go into a new fund, which is the blue portion and will comprise the largest source of tobacco tax revenue. Important to note that the ballot measure 108 statute does not name specific programs to receive prevention or cessation.
 - a. the general fund will receive less revenue over time as a new tax increase reduces the amount of cigarette packs that are sold.
 - b. ultimately what ends up happening when we pass these policy changes that reduce the amount of tobacco consumption is that the amount of taxes we receive from people consuming tobacco reduces
- there are several different tobacco tax statutes in Oregon statutes enacted before 2020 that allocate proportions of tax revenue to specific funds. Most of these tobacco tax revenues come from cigarette taxes. Ballot measure 108 specifically increased the price of tobacco, which, as I said, will another did decrease the number of cigarette packs sold, which will decrease the amount of money available for funds and programs that receive tobacco tax revenue under older statutes for the ballot. Measure 108 pool of funding - 90% of that will go to maintaining the Oregon Health Plan and behavioral health programs. 10% of that funding will go to tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Measure 108 taxes will become the largest source of tobacco tax revenue.

- Shane wanted to know if this group might be willing to present at our sacred tobacco and traditional medicine gathering that we're going to have in Sun River on May 3-5th

Priorities for NitR next year:

- Group was asked to review the list of collated priorities for the next year.
- Looking at priority 2, Tobacco treatment is seen as the lesser treatment when we see other substance abuse. How do we increase the kind of priority of nicotine treatment amongst behavioral health staff members at organizations in our areas?
- Looking at priority 6 :Barriers around making campuses tobacco-free. Creating pathways for sharing between facilities and agencies and kind of helping mentorship. Starting internally.
- Overall comment - would like to see youth incorporated
 - a. Some convo as to where to add in youth, rules/laws related to youth access of NRTs
- Be explicit and deliberate about the focus on SUD vs. BH at large. Consider being more comprehensive, moving beyond just SUD.

Action Items:

- Send DSS docs group flier back out once updated.**
- Beck to fix their phone number on their signature.**
- Talk about the May3-5th Sacred tobacco and traditional medicine gathering next meeting.**

Links: [02/08/23 Presentation](#)