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Community Meeting Announcement

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Tobacco-Free Lee Coalition **- A community organizational meeting -**

Fort Myers, FL- Over the past year the Tobacco-Free Lee Coalition has been instrumental in bringing about policy change through grass roots involvement from leaders within the student, business, health, and faith communities to cut tobacco-use rates. This month's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15th, 2010 from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm at the Lee County Health Department, 83 Pondella Road, North Fort Myers.

“The Tobacco-Free Lee Coalition is a community partnership that brings together organizational resources to decrease the rate of tobacco users in Lee County. The primary objectives of the coalition are to decrease the numbers of youth and pregnant women using tobacco,” said Brendan Donohue, tobacco program specialist, Lee County Health Department.

Additional initiatives of the coalition are:

- tobacco-free multi-unit dwellings;
- marketing restrictions on candy flavored tobacco products that target youth; and
- K-12 tobacco-free school policy.

The December meeting will provide updates on the coalition's initiatives. Specifically, strategies and progress on tobacco-free multi-unit dwellings will be discussed.

The public is welcome at all coalition meetings. Future coalition meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm at a location to be determined.

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