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Tobacco Free Partnership meeting includes advice for employers

SARASOTA COUNTY — The Tobacco Free Partnership of Sarasota County welcomes the public and business leaders to its monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 19, 10-11:30 am., at HealthFit powered by Sarasota Memorial Hospital, 5880 Rand Blvd. in Sarasota.

Agenda items will include an informational session for employers interested in becoming a tobacco-free business, including an overview of products and services available at no cost. End-of-the-year recognitions will be presented to individuals and businesses that have helped in the effort of creating a tobacco-free Sarasota County in 2013.

Pine View School's Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) will debut its 2014 Kick Butts Day public service announcement. "The Science behind a Cigarette" was selected as the national winner of the 2014 Kick Butts Day contest, held by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

"The Tobacco Free Partnership of Sarasota County is excited to welcome new and returning community members and leaders who are passionate about working toward de-normalizing tobacco use, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke and creating lasting policy change to reduce tobacco-related death and disease throughout Sarasota County," said Jeanette Robinson, tobacco prevention specialist with the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County.

These bimonthly meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call Jeanette Robinson at 941-861-2805 or email her at Jeanette.Robinson@FLHealth.gov.

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