

March 12, 2009 – Status Updates on Local Smoke-Free Policy Activities

| Community   | Smoke-free policy activity  | History/status   | Opportunities/needs  |
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| Arvada      | Passed –2 laws to strengthen smoke-free public places: one in 2005 which made all patios, parks, trails, outdoor recreation centers smoke-free and set the smoke-free entranceway perimeter 25 ft. at all public entrances . The second passed Oct 6, 2008 and removed exemption for tobacco businesses and added a youth access component: no entry into tobacco businesses; this law makes all workplaces 100% smoke-free and has all major outdoor public venues   | City staff very involved in compliance – concerned about hookah bars opening; council didn't realize hookah bars were allowable due to the exemption in their law; adding the youth access component was relatively easy because of the importance of youth tobacco prevention issues to this council.   | Arvada has become a model; City staff offering support to partner with other Jeffco cities to implement similar local amendments; this clean up seemed to work because of youth focus (hookah bars as tobacco businesses)<br>-without open hookah bars, this law is easier to pass   |
| Wheat Ridge | Active – early stage (early organizing) Youth coalition (Students Working Against Tobacco – SWAT) at Wheat Ridge HS is very interested in working toward passing an Arvada-type cleanup ordinance (extending perimeter, SF patios, parks, closing tobacco business exemption); Tobacco-Free Jeffco Coalition is working with the youth and Exempla Lutheran Medical Center is in support. In addition to the Arvada law's components, the coalition is interested in adding a civil forfeiture clause to the law, allowing law enforcement to seize and destroy tobacco products possessed by minors. | SWAT is VERY active with educating and advocating, and are part of the BE Team network in the County. They are motivated to see something happen soon – especially since many of them are graduating this year   | -no hookah bars or cigar bars known as of this writing in Wheat Ridge<br>-SWAT would like action before end of school year (a legacy for the seniors);<br>-focus is on smoke-free law, but want to add a youth access component that includes meaningful enforcement/ penalties for possession, as well as prohibiting entry into tobacco businesses |
| Lakewood    | In early phase – pre-organizing; a council member is interest in what a local clean up ordinance could accomplish and has begun to explore with his colleagues/city staff.  | Councilman Ed Peterson has taken interest - impetus was a business owner's complaint about a cigar bar and smoke-intrusion and non-compliance issues; Tobacco-Free Jeffco members and Ed Peterson met – Councilman Peterson hosted another meeting with key City staff and is in the process of building an assessing readiness/ support internally for a broader clean up ordinance | -Arvada would support the Council/City in doing a similar ordinance<br>-Ed Peterson is interested in working with other jurisdiction considering similar clean up laws.<br>-good potential for strong involvement of youth coalition at Lakewood High  |
| Edgewater   | An Arvada-modeled ordinance was strongly supported and presented by the Mayor. 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Failed – no vote was taken and Council is taking no further action at this time. The ordinance proposed by Mayor mirrors Arvada's smoke-free law and recent amendment.   | Mayor, Bonnie McNulty is a member of TF Jeffco and on the County Board of Health; is a strong advocate for tobacco control and grew concerned about the proliferation and problem of hookah bars.  | -good time/need for public information & awareness and to build community support<br>-plan in place to get a LTE in the North Denver Tribune and Your Hub in the next few weeks from community member/health advocate<br>- need to begin educational campaign and build supporters   |

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| Golden | Passed – Sept. 2008 – Set the 15 foot smoke-free entranceway stipulation              | We have had several complaint calls about the 0’ perimeter – worked with Officer Glenn More, and Officer Moore to address           | TPI/BE Team at Golden HS gave Golden Council a “Breathe Easy” Award – BE Team youth presented and addressed broader tobacco access issues, too – the youth are interested in working on strengthening the law in Golden |
| Jeffco | No activity, though two commissioners may be interested in supporting a clean up law. | There may be an opening to address due to recent hookah bar closure – and the attempt to open another one in unincorporated Jeffco. | Good time for education; a BOH resolution could raise awareness   |