

**Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023
10–11:30 a.m.**

Advisory Council Members Present:	
Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD	Andrew Weatherill
Paul Hull	Brenda Olsen
Jay Wolfson, DrPH, JD	Kevin O’Flaherty
Jim Howell, MD, MPH	Kimberly Allbritton
Maham Akbar	Thomas Brandon, PhD
Senator Lisa Carlton	Taghrid Asfar, MD, MSPH
Advisory Council Members Absent:	
Colleen Koch, MD	

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Roll call was performed with the meeting attendance noted above.

Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by all Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council (TAC) members.

Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

Sara Jones, PhD; Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida (BTFF)

The first presentation included data from the 2023 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey. 3,931 high school students and 6,160 middle school students from 134 public schools were surveyed in the spring of 2023. The data reported in the presentation represent a five-year time span from 2019–2023 for youth aged 11–17 years.

- **Cigarette use:** There has been a 26.7% decrease in current cigarette use since 2019, but there was no significant change between 2022 and 2023.
- **Cigar use:** There has been a 40.9% decrease in current cigar use since 2019, but there was no significant change between 2022 and 2023.
- **Smokeless tobacco use:** There was no significant change between 2019 and 2023, nor between 2022 and 2023.
- **Hookah use:** There has been a 33.3% decrease in current hookah use since 2019, but there was no significant change between 2022 and 2023.
- **Electronic vapor products (EVPs):** There has been a 45.8% decrease in current EVP use since 2019, but there was no significant change between 2022 and 2023.
- **Committed never smokers:** The prevalence of committed never smokers decreased slightly from 87.9% in 2019 to 85.6% in 2023, but there was no significant change between 2022 and 2023.
- **Committed never vapers:** The prevalence of committed never vapers significantly increased by over 20% since 2019, and significantly increased by 4.8% between 2022 and 2023.

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Florida Adult Tobacco Survey and Ad Hoc Study Findings

Jennifer Duke, PhD; Michelle Cavazos; Jamie Guillory, PhD; Research Triangle Institute International

This presentation shared data from the 2022 Florida Adult Tobacco Survey. Just over 18,000 completed surveys were collected.

- **Cigarette use:** Current use of cigarettes was 9.9% indicating a significant downward trend since 2018. Current use of cigarettes differed significantly among subgroups. Populations with higher rates of cigarette use include adults who are aged 35-64 years, are White, Non-Hispanic, those reporting an annual income less than \$50,000, those reporting 14 or more days of “not good mental health,” and are LGBTQ.
- **Menthol use:** Among current cigarette users, 40.7% use menthol products. The trend has had no significant change since 2018. Current use of menthol cigarettes differed significantly among subgroups. Populations reporting higher rates of use include adults who are aged 25-44 years, are Black, and those reporting 14 or more days of “not good mental health.”
- **Cigar use:** Current use of traditional cigars was 7.7% and little cigar use was 5.2%. The trend for all cigar types has had no significant change since 2018. Current use differed significantly among subgroups.
 - **Traditional:** Current use of traditional cigars is significantly higher among certain subgroups including adults who are aged 25-44 years and those reporting an annual income of \$70,000 or more.
 - **Little cigars:** Current use of little cigars was significantly higher among certain subgroups including adults who are aged 25-34 years, are Black Non-Hispanic, those reporting an annual income of less than \$30,000, those reporting 14 or more days of “not good mental health,” and are LGBTQ.
- **Hookah use:** Current use of hookah was 5.7% indicating a significant upward trend. Current use of hookah is significantly higher among certain subgroups including adults who are aged 18-34 years, are Black, those reporting 14 or more days of “not good mental health,” and are LGBTQ.
- **EVP use:** Current use of EVPs was 8.8% indicating a significant upward trend. Current use of EVPs is significantly higher among certain subgroups including adults who are aged 18-34 years, are Hispanic, those who report an annual income of less than \$50,000, those who report 14 or more days of “not good mental health,” and are LGBTQ.

An overview of the Electronic Nicotine Delivery System tracker website was conducted.

Closing Comments/Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will occur virtually on February 27, 2024.