

Tobacco Free Mississippi: Engaging Mississippi's Family Physicians Report July 2022

The *Tobacco Free Mississippi: Engaging Mississippi's Family Physicians* grant has been approved by the Mississippi Department of Health Office of Tobacco Control for another year. The amount awarded is \$59,580 which is equal to the amount of FY 2021-2022.

A main objective of the grant is to schedule 5 Tobacco Cessation Lunch and Learns between now and June 1, 2023. The Office of Tobacco Control wants 3 scheduled before the end of 2022 with the two remaining scheduled by June 1, 2023. MAFPF will apply to the AAFP for one-hour CME credit for attending the Lunch and Learn with the possibility of an additional 2 hours of CME to be given on completion of the t2P™ exercise. MAFPF has not yet applied for this as AAFP requires one event to be scheduled before an application can be made. If you are interested, please see Jewell Buckley at Booth # 37 to schedule your free Lunch and Learn today.

Tar Wars was presented to the 29 undergraduates attending the MS Rural Physician Scholarship Program's Medical Encounters June 3, 2022. For the first time since August 2, 2021, Tar Wars was presented June 20, 2022, to 20 UMMC 3rd year medical students completing their Family Medicine Rotation. Seven more presentations are scheduled for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Promoting the grant on social media continues to be a priority for the Mississippi Department of Health Office of Tobacco Control. The MAFP posts information/graphics on our various social media pages at least every month. Another priority of the MSDH OTC is to promote the Tips from Former Smokers® Campaign. Tips® posters have been distributed to the 4 family medicine programs who have had a training as well as several clinics. In addition, Tips® has been promoted on MAFP's social media platforms.

In addition, the grant is promoted through the MAFP Newsletter.