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Subject: Re: Tobacco Training and Info

Attachment(s): "Buyer.docx", "BUYERS FOR MHOA TOBACCO PROGRAM.docx", "FY24 - BOH Training for Youth (16-20) (1).docx"

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Good afternoon all.

The toolkit that Laura sent you is in the process of being updated. There will be a virtual training on it in June.

There is training available for your staff to conduct retail tobacco inspections (currently being offered) and compliance checks (offered in June). Recruitment is always a challenge in many areas of the state. I have attached the job description that MHOA uses when we are recruiting youth to work with our tobacco agents. Once you have recruited an underage buyer there is a video training available.

If your inspector wants to put the Bellingham data into the state database, as previous inspectors have done let me know and I can send you that training information also.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Apr 4, 2025 at 9:35 AM Renaud, Laura<LRenaud@bellinghamma.org> wrote:

Good Morning-Attached is a very informative package regarding the Tobacco Control Program. Rick is interested in the training to become a Tobacco Agent. We also need a few underage buyers. I have cc'd Sarah at the MHOA who can guide us along the way as to what we need to do to get started. Have a wonderful weekend!

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