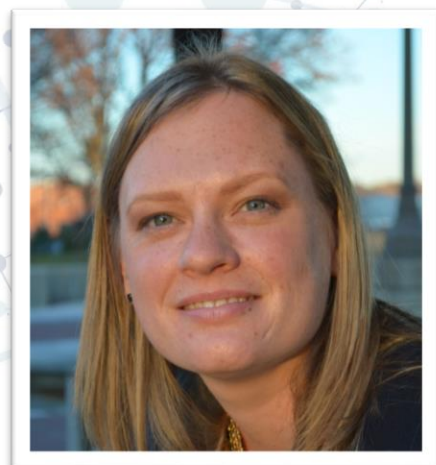


Quotes from TCN Chairs

"Tobacco control has proven time and time again that it is one of the most impactful public health accomplishments ever. We get results through **coordinated, multi-faceted policy approaches informed by data and science**, coupled with tenacious partnership mobilization. We are as vigilant as the tobacco industry is predatory and relentless; they can outspend us, but they can't outrun us. We make the case for policy approaches that are bold, relevant, and that demonstrate utmost compassion for **giving all people the best shot possible at living free from tobacco**. The teenager next door, the family member in recovery, our immigrant neighbors, our co-workers, and many others depend on us to stay focused in the fight for people and wellbeing over addiction and profit.

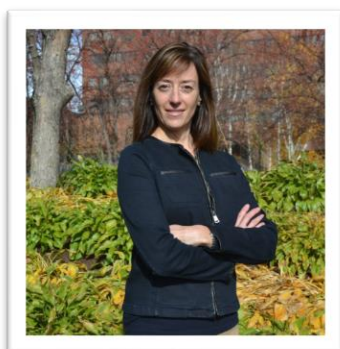
This is why the Tobacco Control Network is crucial to our success. **States and territories are on the front lines of prevention efforts**. We're directly accountable to the health of our people, our communities are the laboratories for strong policies, and we can nimbly adapt to the ever-changing policy context and tobacco industry maneuvering. **The stronger each of us are, the stronger we are together**. Because we must achieve results, we are curious about how we can be most effective, learning from each other to help us all do the best job possible for our shared mission."

Luci Longoria (OR), TCN Chair 2018-19



"The TCN provided a platform for me to access valuable resources I needed to do my job well and **opportunities to build meaningful relationships with my peers** in other states. The shared best practices and lessons learned from connecting with my peers through the TCN was invaluable to my work. Furthermore, the TCN played an important role in communicating the voice from state programs with national groups, to great ends. **We are stronger together, and TCN supports that bond.**"

Erin Boles Welsh (RI), TCN Chair 2017-18



"TCN has been a valuable resource in our efforts to improve public health in Minnesota. TCN provides **science-based, trustworthy information** and the ability to **network and learn from colleagues all across the country**. I'm honored to have been a part of the organization and all it's done to improve health across the country."

Andrea Mowery (ClearWay MN), TCN Chair 2016-17

"I think as you go through life you find that you need a variety of support systems for the many hats you wear: spouse, parent, caregiver, person of faith, and public health professional. **TCN has been my support system for my role in tobacco control**. This network of professionals understands the role we have in our states and shares our passion for creating healthy, tobacco free communities. Having a go-to and trusted resource for help has been invaluable to me. I'm grateful to be a part of a network that is **not only supporting current leaders but is also building the future tobacco control workforce**."



Miranda Spitznagle (IN), TCN Chair 2014-15

"When I joined the Oregon Public Health Division in 1995, I asked about the tobacco prevention program and was told that we didn't have one! I was shocked that we didn't have an effort to protect people in Oregon from the number one preventable cause of death and disease. I was so pleased that one year later, a ballot measure was passed that increased tobacco taxes and dedicated a portion of that increase to tobacco prevention and education, leading to the creation of Oregon's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. Since the creation of Oregon's TPEP, **our compatriots in other states and localities who are also working on tobacco prevention have provided us with data, evidence, experience, advice, commiseration, organization, creative ideas, laughter and friendship**. The TCN has been instrumental in **making these important connections, providing leadership and offering opportunities for development in tobacco control** to ensure every person in our country is safe from tobacco. Congratulations on 25 years of serving a critical and necessary function for the tobacco prevention field!"



Karen Girard (OR), TCN Chair 2013-14