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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Circulating Help Your Peers Request

This is the current circulating Help Your Peers request.

Medicaid Cessation Medication Coverage

Deadline: December 23, 2015

The Nevada Tobacco Cessation Coordinator is beginning to research Cessation Medication coverage with Medicaid and has determined that prior authorization needs to be removed. Nevada is wondering if any other state has worked with their Medicaid office(s) to remove prior authorizations for cessation medications.

If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to tcn@astho.org and we will connect you with the person who submitted the request.

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Reminder: TCN Recruiting Members for Marijuana Workgroup

The TCN Executive Committee is forming a workgroup of tobacco control staff to address the overlap between marijuana and tobacco policies. This is a voluntary

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Upcoming Events

[Comprehensive Tobacco Control Policies in Hispanic Communities](#) – Nuestras Voces (Our Voices) National Hispanic Network to Reduce Tobacco-Related and Cancer Health Disparities
Jan. 6, 2016|*Registration Required*

[The Point of Sale Playbook: Addressing the Four Ps of Tobacco Marketing in Stores](#) – Changelab Solutions
Jan. 13, 2016|*Registration Required*

workgroup that will meet once a month by phone beginning in early 2016 to identify opportunities and barriers in this work. Representation is encouraged from states who have passed policies on marijuana legislation and those with pending legislation. This workgroup is also an opportunity to share ideas, resources, and network. If you are interested in joining the workgroup, please email tcn@astho.org.

Deadline Extended: Feedback Requested on 2016 TCN Webinar Topics

The TCN Executive Committee is conducting a brief survey to get feedback on webinar topic ideas for 2016. In this survey, you will be asked to (1) share your feedback on a list of proposed ideas, (2) offer suggestions for speakers, and (3) propose additional topics for consideration. The survey is available [online](#) until Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Partner Announcements

[American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) Releases its Youth Tobacco Policy Statements Webinar Slides](#)

AAP

AAP has released a video recording and slides from the webinar "Protecting Children from Tobacco, Nicotine, and Tobacco Smoke," held on Oct. 28. This webinar discussed three policy statements and a technical report that AAP published on tobacco control.

[FDA Seeks Nominations for Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee](#)

FDA

FDA is requesting nominations for voting members to serve on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee in the Center for Tobacco Products Office of Science. FDA encourages nominations of individuals technically qualified

[Proposed Rule: "Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing"](#) – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Jan. 19, 2016 | *Call for Comments*

[National Media Campaigns and Resources for Tobacco Control](#) – National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
Jan. 20, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[It's About a Billion Lives Symposium 2016](#) – University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
Jan. 22, 2016 | *Save the Date*

[26th National Leadership Forum](#) – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
National Harbor, MD
Feb. 1-4, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) – Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program
New Brunswick, NJ
Feb. 22-26, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[67th Annual Meeting - Building Capital: Investing in the Future of Health Education](#) – Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)
Charlotte, NC
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2016 | *Registration Required*

by training and experience in medicine, medical ethics, science, or technology involving the manufacture, evaluation, or use of tobacco products. Nominations received on or before Jan. 15 will be given first consideration for membership.

State News

The Tobacco Control Network uses this section to reflect the great work occurring across states and territories in tobacco control. We encourage you to share useful tobacco control tools, programs, and resources your state has developed, as well as recent legislative achievements. If you would like to share your work or nominate someone else to be recognized please contact tcn@astho.org.

In the News

[U.S. Government Study Finds Smokeless Tobacco Users are Exposed to More Nicotine and a Cancer-Causing Chemical than Cigarette Smokers](#) – *Reuters Health*. An FDA and CDC study analyzed blood and urine data from 23,684 participants in national surveys to compare nicotine and carcinogen exposure between cigarette smokers and users of smokeless tobacco products, such as chewing tobacco, dip, and snus. The study found that levels of cotinine, a nicotine metabolite, and NNAL, a marker for the carcinogen NNK, were higher in smokeless tobacco users than in cigarette smokers. Researchers say that more research is needed on the toxic chemicals in smokeless tobacco and the health implications.

[Vaporizing Cell Phone Now Available for Pre-Order](#) – *Yahoo*. A new product called the Vaporcade Jupiter, which is both a cell phone and a vaporizer, will be released in 4G and 3G models. The phone runs on an Android operating system and comes with a

[8th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco](#) – Health Education Council
Apr. 18-20, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[Reduce Tobacco Use Conference 2016](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Arlington, VA
Apr. 25-26, 2016 | *Save the Date*

[Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) – Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program
New Brunswick, NJ
Apr. 25-29, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[8th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference: Innovation in a Rapidly Changing Landscape](#) – American Cancer Society
Washington, D.C.
June 16-18, 2016 | *Save the Date*

[2016 National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\) Annual Conference](#) – NACCHO
Phoenix, AZ
July 19-21, 2016 | *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

[Oregon Health Authority Request for Proposals for Program Evaluation and Related Services \(OHA-4153-15\)](#)

Deadline: Jan. 5, 2016. The

proprietary vaping app and an attached vaping shuttle, which can be replaced with different flavors.

[Man Dies After Drinking E-Cigarette Liquid and Alcohol](#) – *Daily Mail*. Jonathan Keen, 46, was found dead in his apartment next to cans of alcohol and e-cigarette equipment. Coroner Richard Hulett ruled the death a suicide and noted that this was the first such death that he had ever seen in Great Britain. The toxicology reports showed a high blood alcohol concentration and a near-lethal dose of nicotine in Keen's blood as well.

Research

[Tobacco Imagery is Common in Video Games, but Not Tobacco Content Warnings](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key**

Findings: A study of 65 video game players and the 140 different video games that they reported playing investigated how often games with tobacco imagery had corresponding tobacco content descriptors from the Entertainment and Software Ratings Board (ESRB). Of the 118 games listed on the ESRB database, 50 games were independently verified as having tobacco-related content, but only nine games received ESRB tobacco content descriptors. Researchers concluded that gamers are exposed to tobacco imagery in the video games that they play, and that the ESRB is not a good source in determining whether or not a game has tobacco imagery.

Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section within the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division is awarding up to four Price Agreements for health promotion program evaluation services. To apply, complete the online supplier registration form and search for OHA-4153-15 in Open Opportunities.

[Exploratory Studies of Smoking Cessation Interventions for People with Schizophrenia \(R21/R33\)](#)

Deadline: April 15, 2016. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to provide support for grant applications to generate and conduct preliminary tests of targeted smoking cessation treatments for individuals with schizophrenia. Smokers with schizophrenia who have co-occurring alcohol and/or substance abuse disorders are also a population of interest.

Job Listings

[Postdoctoral Research Associate](#)
[Georgia State University Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science](#)
[Atlanta, GA](#)

[Resource Development Coordinator](#)
[University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)
[Madison, WI](#)

[Manager, Public-Private Partnerships](#)

[University of Arizona](#)
[Tucson or Phoenix, AZ](#)

[Program Manager, eReferral](#)
[North American Quitline](#)
[Consortium](#)
[\[Telecommuting Position\]](#)

[Director, National Health Policy](#)
[American Lung Association](#)
[Washington, D.C.](#)

[Senior Associate for Tobacco](#)
[and Cancer Prevention](#)
[Community Anti-Drug](#)
[Coalitions of America \(CADCA\)](#)
[Alexandra, VA](#)

[Industry Documents Digital](#)
[Library Manager](#)
[University of California, San](#)
[Francisco](#)
[San Francisco, CA](#)

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The TCN's mission is to improve the public's health by providing education and state-based expertise to tobacco prevention and control at the state and national levels.

The TCN is managed by the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO) on behalf of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

About ASTHO

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