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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Circulating Help Your Peers Requests

These are the current circulating Help Your Peers requests.

Managed Care Organizations Outreach

Deadline: July 26, 2016

New York is interested in seeing examples of managed care organization outreach plans and materials pertaining to tobacco cessation. They would like to learn more about how one interfaces with and provides guidance to managed care plans on implementing expanded benefits so that they can release a guidance document for plans to implement the behavioral health expansion for tobacco coverage. New York is considering creating a guidance document for health plans to help them understand expansions in coverage for tobacco cessation in behavioral health settings as part of the 6|18 initiative.

Please see below for a second Help Your Peers request from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

*The biweekly **TCN News** provides a concise digest of tobacco control announcements to the Tobacco Control Network's membership base of tobacco control program managers and additional staff from each state, territory, and D.C., as well as our valued partners.*

Upcoming Events

[Asthma Care Coverage Project: A Comprehensive Look into State Medicaid Coverage and Barriers to Access of Asthma Guidelines Based Care – American Lung Association](#)

July 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
ET|Registration Required

[Exploring Social Determinants of Health through Public Health Law Lens – Network for Public Health Law and CDC's Public Health Law Program](#)

July 14, 1-2:30 p.m.
ET|Registration Required

Pharmacy Collaborative Practice Agreements

Deadline: July 26, 2016

Colorado is interested in learning how other states have created pharmacy collaborative practice agreements (CPAs) for tobacco cessation pharmacotherapies so that they can learn more about that topic. CPAs are formal relationships between a pharmacist and another health care provider that specify what patient care services can be provided by the pharmacist ([learn more here](#)).

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.

Partner Announcements

[Registration Open for 2017 National Conference on Tobacco or Health \(NCTOH\)](#)

National Network of Public Health Institutes

NCTOH registration is now open. The conference will take place March 22-24, 2017, in Austin, TX. This premier gathering of the U.S. tobacco control movement will bring together leaders and practitioners from across the country to learn and strategize ways to reduce tobacco use and its impact. Participants are encouraged to register early as space is limited. An early bird rate is available until September 1, 2016. A Call for Abstracts is expected to open in mid-July.

[FDA Celebrates Seventh Anniversary of Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act](#)

FDA

FDA Center for Tobacco Products recognizes the public health milestones achieved since the Tobacco Control Act was signed into law in 2009. This anniversary underscores the Center's accomplishments in enforcing tobacco sale and

[2016 National Association of County and City Health Officials Annual Conference](#)

Phoenix, AZ

July 19-21|Registration Required

[Approaches to Promoting Medicaid Tobacco Cessation: A Focus on Providers – Smoking Cessation Leadership Center](#)
July 25, 2-3 p.m.
ET|Registration Required

[News from the Front: State and Local Regulation of E-Cigarettes – Tobacco Control Legal Consortium](#)
July 26, 1-2 p.m.
ET|Registration Required

[Working with Public Housing Authorities: Addressing Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing Implementation Challenges – Tobacco Control Training Collaborative](#)
July 27, 3-4:30 p.m.
ET|Registration Required

[2017 National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#)
Austin, TX
March 22-24, 2017|Registration Required

Funding Opportunities

[Truth Initiative Announces Grant Opportunity for Smoke-Free Community Colleges](#)

Deadline: July 15

Truth Initiative is now accepting

marketing regulations, launching youth-targeted national public education campaigns, executing a scientific premarket review process for marketing of new tobacco products, and finalizing the deeming rule. The Center is committed to continuing its work to create product standards, explore comprehensive nicotine regulatory policy, and strengthen existing monitoring, enforcement, and education activities.

[FDA Releases New Webinar: "Timing and Tips - Newly Deemed Tobacco Product Applications"](#)

FDA

The latest webinar in FDA's series is now available to help manufacturers understand the timeline for submitting applications for premarket reviews. It also highlights the compliance periods for each premarket pathway and offers tips for application submission. The full list of FDA's webinars, including links to recordings and slides, is available on their [tobacco compliance webinar webpage](#).

State News

[Tobacco Price Increase Approved in West Virginia \(WV\)](#) –

On June 17, West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin signed a budget bill that included an increase in cigarette excise taxes from \$0.55 to \$1.20 per pack. Additionally, the bill includes an increase on other tobacco products from 7 percent to 12 percent of the wholesale price and a \$0.075 per milliliter tax on e-cigarette liquids, whether or not the liquid contains nicotine. This bill brings West Virginia into the [list](#) of 34 states and territories that have a state cigarette tax rate of at least \$1.00 per pack.

[Cigarette Litter Reduction Pilot Study in South Carolina \(SC\)](#)

– *South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)*. The DHEC Office of Ocean and Coastal

grant applications from community colleges to help them work towards comprehensive smoke-free policies. Community colleges that do not have a 100% smoke-free policy are eligible for a grant and technical assistance. Interested community colleges should apply by July 15 to receive a \$7,500 grant.

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Calls for Proposals for Research to Build Culture of Health](#)

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Evidence for Action program has an ongoing call for proposals to address gaps in knowledge and test innovative programs, policies, and partnerships, in addition to evaluating measurements of health determinants and outcomes.

Job Listings

[Senior Associate, Tobacco and Cancer Prevention](#)

[Geographic Health Equity Alliance](#)

[Alexandria, VA](#)

[Manager, Tobacco Control Initiatives \(Grant Funded\)](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

[Elk Grove Village, IL](#)

[Program Specialist V Texas Department of State Health Services](#)

[Austin, TX](#)

Resource Management is collaborating with the Charleston Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation and Folly Green on a pilot study to reduce cigarette litter on Folly Beach in Charleston County, South Carolina. The study, which began in 2015, is designed to enhance awareness through educational materials and to promote proper cigarette litter disposal on the beach with the installation of receptacles. Post-implementation monitoring will take place in September 2016. The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are funding the project.

[Case Study on Minneapolis Flavored Tobacco Restrictions and Minimum Price \(MN\)](#) – *ClearWay Minnesota*. ClearWay Minnesota published a case study telling the story of the grassroots advocacy efforts that led to the Minneapolis City Council unanimously passing an ordinance limiting the sale of flavored tobacco products to 25 out of the 350 city-licensed tobacco retailers. The ordinance also requires cigars to be priced at a minimum of \$2.60. Local youth were actively involved in educating council members and the community on the benefits of reducing the availability of inexpensive, flavored tobacco products. States can learn from the lessons in the case study when exploring options to reduce youth access to tobacco in retail settings.

In the News

[E-cigarettes go Tobacco-Free with Synthetic Nicotine](#) – *Wired*. Next Generation Labs is making synthetic nicotine targeted toward vaping liquid companies. This tobacco-free nicotine is 13 times more expensive than nicotine from tobacco plants and has a cleaner flavor than tobacco-derived nicotine, requiring fewer sweeteners. Over a dozen brands are using this product. The company is assessing where it fits into FDA's deeming rule given that their product

[Senior Research Implementation Science Fors Marsh Group Arlington, VA](#)

[Senior Evaluator – Experience in Tobacco Control Preferred Professional Data Analysts, Inc. Minneapolis, MN](#)

[Research Public Health Analyst – PhD Center for Health Policy Science and Tobacco Research Washington, D.C.](#)

About the Tobacco Control Network

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 a peer group of the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO) on behalf of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

About ASTHO

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is the national nonprofit association representing the state and territorial public

is synthetic, though they received guidance from FDA that the products will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

[LGBT Community Faces Higher Health Risks](#) – *HealthDay*.

A new study finds that lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals face additional health risks given an increased likelihood of smoking, drinking heavily, and experiencing psychological distress. This study, which looked at results from the 2013 and 2014 National Health Interview Surveys, reinforces earlier research finding that there are higher smoking rates among LGBT individuals. Though the research does not determine why the LBGT community faces higher risks, the study suggests that stigma and discrimination may play a role.

health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and to ensuring excellence in state-based public health practice.



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Research

[Tobacco Use and 12-Month Suicidality among Adults in the](#)

[United States](#) – *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. **Key**

Findings: An analysis of data from 325,800 adult participants in the 2008-2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that people who reported past-year use of cigarettes and other forms of tobacco were at a significantly elevated risk of suicide ideation, suicide planning, and suicide attempts in the same time frame. Initiating tobacco use at younger ages was associated with increased risk of suicide ideation and planning, while increased frequency of cigarette and cigar use was associated with increased risk of attempting suicide. Future research should assess the value of tobacco use questions in mental health and suicide risk screening tools.

[Common State Mechanisms Regulating Tribal Tobacco](#)

[Taxation and Sales, the USA, 2015](#) – *Tobacco Control*.

Key Findings: This study indexed laws and other legal opinions and proceedings for all 50 states and D.C. to

better understand how state laws address tobacco sales on sovereign Native American tribal land. Of 34 states with tribal land, 20 have laws addressing tribal tobacco sales. Fifteen states have laws governing tribal tax stamps, and 12 require prepayment of tobacco excise taxes, with regulations varying substantially. Researchers conclude that more consistent and formalized policies can help states increase tax revenue from non-tribal consumers purchasing tobacco on tribal lands.

[What is Included with Your Online E-Cigarette Order? An Analysis of E-Cigarette Shipping, Product, and Packaging Features – Tobacco Control](#). Key Findings: Researchers analyzed the contents of 125 online orders of e-cigarette products from 86 different brands. Sixty percent of orders included product information, 38.4 percent included an instruction manual, and 44.6 percent came with a health warning. Some e-liquids and batteries were found leaking on arrival. Study authors recommend federal regulation of e-cigarette manufacturing, packaging, and labeling.

[Estimating the Impact of Raising Prices and Eliminating Discounts on Cigarette Smoking Prevalence in the United States – Public Health Reports](#). Key Findings: This CDC report estimates the impact that three price scenarios would have in reducing the prevalence of cigarette use: 1) a \$0.94 federal tax increase per pack of cigarettes (as recommended in the fiscal year 2017 President's Budget); 2) a \$10 per pack retail prices with discounts permitted; and 3) a \$10 per pack retail price with discounts disallowed. Tobacco use prevalence is estimated by state and by age group for each of these scenarios. Researchers estimate that a \$10 per pack retail price without permitting price discounts could be associated with approximately 12.5 million fewer smokers nationwide.

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