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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## TCN Action Items

- Nominate your state or territorial tobacco control program manager to be featured as a tobacco control leader on the TCN website and in a future *TCN News* by reaching out to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).
- See what's new on the TCN Forum! Program managers and Funders Alliance can join the [TCN Forum](#), a password-protected section of the TCN website, to engage in dialogue and share new resources with colleagues. Please see the [Forum guide](#) and [How-To video](#) for more information.

## Partner Announcements

- **ASTHO** [published](#) a legislative policy analysis brief detailing case studies, lessons learned, and implementation barriers for state and territorial Tobacco 21 policies.
- The **National Network of Public Health Institutes** [announced](#) that registration is now open for the August 2019 National Conference on Tobacco or Health in Minneapolis.
- The **Public Health Law Center** published a [state policy map](#) and an [informational report](#) on heated

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### Upcoming Events

[LGBTQ Youth & Tobacco: A Dangerous Liaison](#) – Human Rights Campaign Foundation  
Oct. 16, 12-1 PM  
ET|*Registration Required*

[9th National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention](#) – Health Education Council  
Sacramento, CA  
Oct. 16-18|*Registration Required*

[SCRIPT Training Workshop](#) – Society for Public Health Education  
Washington, D.C.  
Oct. 22|*Registration Required*

[Tobacco Product Application Review Public Meeting](#) – FDA  
Center for Tobacco Products  
Rockville, MD  
Oct. 22-23|*Registration Required*

tobacco products.

- The **Big Cities Health Coalition** [published](#) a blog post written by **CDC's** Office on Smoking and Health researcher Brian King on the importance of addressing JUUL use in schools.
- A report from the **Canadian Cancer Society** [details](#) cigarette package health warnings worldwide, noting that the United States is not among the 118 countries that currently require graphic visual warnings.
- **FDA's** Center for Tobacco Products [released](#) new print and web materials for schools, businesses, and other organizations to educate guests about tobacco use.

## Happy Anniversary!

In the first newsletter of each month, TCN will recognize anniversaries of state and territorial tobacco program managers to thank them for their leadership in tobacco control and public health more broadly. Thank you and congratulations to the following program managers!

- **Sally Herndon (NC)** – 28 years.
- **Sharon Biggers (SC)** – 16 years.
- **Benjamin Jacquez (NM)** – 7 years.
- **Lila Johnson (HI)** – 6 years.
- **Jerilyn Oshel (IA)** – 4 years.
- **Laura Oliven (MN)** – 4 years.
- **Neil Charvat (ND)** – 4 years.
- **Amy Winter (MS)** – 3 years.
- **Laura Corbin (FL)** – 1 year.
- **Portia Vallo (LA)** – 1 year.
- **Paul Alee (RMI)** – 1 year.

[APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo](#) – American Public Health Association  
San Diego, CA  
Nov. 10-14|*Registration Required*

[Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Annual Meeting](#) – Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco  
San Francisco, CA  
Fe. 20-23, 2019|*Save the Date*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes  
Minneapolis, MN  
Aug. 27-29, 2019|*Registration Required*

### Funding Opportunities

[PAR-17-218 – U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities \(R21\)](#)

**Deadline: June 15, 2020**

NIH published an open-funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing health disparities in tobacco use in the United States. The FOA is intended to stimulate scientific inquiry focused on innovative tobacco control policies.

### Job Listings

[Program Content Manager  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
Washington, DC](#)

[Evaluator \(Half-Time\)  
National LGBT Cancer Network  
Providence, RI](#)

[Director, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program](#)

## Circulating Help Your Peers Requests

### Funding Methodologies for Local Health Departments

**Deadline:** Oct. 12

Oregon is gathering information about formulas or conventions used by other state tobacco control programs in the administration of local health department grants or contracts. They would appreciate hearing from states about their methodologies and formulas for funding distribution to local health departments. It would also be helpful to have contextual information about the amount of annual funding for the state tobacco control program and/or the proportion of that funding that is provided or passed through to local health departments. Thank you!

*If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org) and we will forward your response to the person who submitted the request.*

## State News

- **California** Gov. Jerry Brown [vetoed](#) two bills that would prohibit smoking on state beaches and parks, making it the third time that such policies have made it to the governor's desk without receiving his signature.
- New **Washington, D.C.** policies [took](#) effect on Oct. 1, including a \$2 tax increase on cigarettes, a tax increase on other tobacco products such as e-cigarettes based on wholesale pricing, and a change of the tobacco purchase age from 18 to 21.
- In **Montana**, the tobacco industry is [contributing](#) to efforts opposing an upcoming ballot measure that would increase tobacco taxes to help fund a permanent expansion of state Medicaid.

[\(Requisition #20180236\)](#)  
[University of California](#)  
[Oakland, CA](#)

### 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 network of tobacco program managers and staff from state and territorial health departments as well as Funder's Alliance organizations, and 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 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.

## In the News

- President Trump [signed](#) a \$855 billion FY19 spending bill that includes level funding of \$210 million to the CDC Office on Smoking and Health as part of HHS appropriations.
- Several items about emerging tobacco industry products have made national news:
  - FDA [conducted](#) a surprise inspection of the San Francisco headquarters of JUUL Labs, seizing thousands of documents from the company that now holds 73 percent of the nation's e-cigarette market.
  - A *Reuters* report [alleges](#) that a series of USB-style vaping products mimicking the popular JUUL devices appeared on the market after FDA's August 2016 deadline for tobacco products to be sold in the United States without pre-market review.
  - Philip Morris International [anticipates](#) a steep increase in global sales for its iQOS heated tobacco products as it partners with dentists, pharmacists, hotels, and life insurance providers.
  - In an interview with *Tech Crunch*, JUUL Labs co-founder James Monsees [shared](#) that removing flavors from JUUL products is under consideration amid growing pressure from FDA to curb underage access to e-cigarette products.
  - Imperial Brands, the manufacturer of Winston cigarettes, [announced](#) it would continue development of its blu e-cigarette products and [expressed](#) interest in investing in the global legal cannabis market.



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## Research

- E-cigarette sales data [published](#) in *JAMA* found that between 2016-2017, JUUL product sales increased 641 percent, culminating in a 29 percent e-cigarette market share in Dec. 2017.
- A survey of 605 postsecondary educational institutions published in the *American Journal of Public Health* [found](#) that 53.7 percent of such institutions do not have any smoke- or tobacco-free policy in place, with private institutions being most likely to have no established policy.
- A *Tobacco Control* laboratory study [concluded](#) that iQOS heated tobacco products emit significantly fewer carcinogenic tobacco-specific nitrosamines than combustible cigarettes, but significantly more than e-cigarettes.
- A *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* analysis of annual survey data [found](#) that non-daily cigarette use doubled from 2005 to 2014.

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