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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Happy Anniversary!

In the first newsletter of each month, TCN recognizes 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!

- **Miranda Spitznagle (IN)** – 8 years.
- **Patricia Henley (MA)** – 7 years.
- **Emily Carlson (AZ)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- The following items relate to efforts from **ASTHO** to educate public health stakeholders on tobacco control policy:
 - The latest ASTHO *Public Health Review* podcast [discusses](#) the recent federal regulations on tobacco products and what states can do to further address the youth e-cigarette epidemic.
 - An ASTHO blog post [examines](#) the states considering flavored tobacco restrictions at the start of their 2020 state legislative sessions.
 - ASTHO Chief Medical Officer Dr. Marcus Plescia was [featured](#) in a *Pew* story summarizing e-cigarette legislative options

*The twice monthly **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

[Public Advisory Committee Meeting of the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products
Silver Spring, MD
Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ET
| [Save the date](#)

[The Vaping Debate and Health: Evidence and Unknowns](#) – Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Reuters
Feb. 14, 12-1 p.m. ET | [Save the date](#)

[Tobacco Control Programs' Roadmap for Health Systems Change: The Million Hearts® Tobacco Cessation Change Package](#) – American Lung Association
Feb. 26, 2-3 p.m. ET
| [Registration Required](#)

[Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco 26th](#)

and oppositions by the e-cigarette industry.

- The **American Lung Association** [published](#) its annual State of Tobacco Control report, which provides letter grades to the nation as a whole and to individual state for their tobacco control policies.
- **FDA** made the following announcements related to tobacco product regulation:
 - FDA [sent](#) a warning letter to Smart Toothpicks LLC for several violations regarding sales of the company's nicotine-containing toothpicks.
 - FDA published an update to the Modified Risk Tobacco Product applications filed by 22nd Century Group Inc. for its [low nicotine cigarettes](#) and by Philip Morris Products SA for its [IQOS products](#).
- The **American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation** [published](#) its Smokefree Lists and Maps quarterly update, which details tobacco control policies across states and municipalities.
- **CDC** [reports](#) that, as of Feb. 4, it has identified 2,758 cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) across the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and two U.S. territories, including 64 associated deaths across 28 states and Washington, D.C. CDC notes that THC and vitamin E acetate appear to be associated with EVALI, but that there may be more than one cause of the outbreak.
- **Action on Smoking and Health** [published](#) a report analyzing how the tobacco industry influences public policy in the U.S. and recommending ways to combat industry influence.
- **Washington University in St. Louis** [released](#) an online program assessment tool to help tobacco control programs evaluate and improve their

[Annual Meeting](#) – Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco
New Orleans
March 11-14 | *Registration required*

[11th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit](#) – National Indian Health Board
Omaha, NE
March 17-19 | *Registration required*

[Public Comment Opportunity: Achieving Health Equity in the Advancement of Tobacco Control Practices](#) – CDC
March 23 | *Comment deadline*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use Mid-Atlantic Summit](#) – University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA
April 13-14 | *Registration required*

[The 14th Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Alexandria, VA
April 19-21 | *Registration required*

[Nicotine Dependence Conference & National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention 2020](#) – Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN
May 18-20 | *Registration required*

[2020 NNPHI Annual Conference](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes
New Orleans
May 19-21 | *Registration required*

[State of Black Health Conference](#) – National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
Charlotte, NC

sustainability.

- The **University of Maryland Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy** [updated](#) its 50-state survey of tobacco retailer licensing requirements.
- **Nuestras Voces** published new [English](#) and [Spanish](#) language one-pagers on the importance of cervical cancer screening.

State News

- A new campaign in **Utah**, “The Tobacco Talk,” [focuses](#) on educating adults on data relating to youth use of flavored tobacco products in the state.

In the News

- On Feb. 6, FDA’s [policy](#) prohibiting sales of most pod-based e-cigarette flavors [went](#) into effect, leaving other flavored e-cigarette products on the market.
- On Feb. 5, executives from the five leading e-cigarette manufacturers [testified](#) before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, defending their marketing practices amid the youth e-cigarette epidemic.
- *The New York Times* reports that high school students are [transitioning](#) from JUUL to other flavored e-cigarette products that are exempt from FDA regulations.

Sept. 1-3 | *Registration required*

Funding Opportunities

If you are aware of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please reach out to tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

[Western Regional Director](#)
Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation (Tobacco 21)
Remote Employment

[Manager of the Center of Excellence for Health Systems Improvement](#)

CAI (Cicatelli Associates Inc.)
New York City, NY

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

Research

- A Truth Initiative survey analysis of 15-to-34-year-olds published in *JAMA Pediatrics* [concluded](#) that JUUL use increased across all age groups between 2018 and 2019, and was highest among those aged 18 to 20, with 23.9 percent of that age group reported ever using JUUL in 2019.
- A CDC analysis of National Health Interview Survey Data published in *Preventing Chronic Disease* [found](#) that between 2000 and 2015, Hispanic adult smokers were consistently less likely to receive cessation advice and use evidence-based cessation methods to quit than non-Hispanic white smokers.
- A randomized controlled trial of people with serious mental illness published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [found](#) that telephone outreach calls, mental health tailored phone counseling, and help obtaining nicotine replacement therapy was associated with equal likelihood of making quit attempts and greater cessation success than a control group.
- A *Toxics* laboratory analysis of 38 EVALI case-associated cannabinoid-containing fluid samples [found](#) that 64 percent of the samples contained vitamin E acetate, and that some of the fluids had low cannabinoid content and high concentrations of diluents.

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