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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Oct. 1 marked the start of a new year-long term for the TCN Executive Committee. Members of the 2020-21 Executive Committee are [listed](#) on the newly updated Officers page.
- The first of four TCN virtual deskside briefings, featuring a presentation from Traci Kennedy at ANR on encouraging tribal and commercial casinos to adopt smokefree policies, is now [available](#) on the TCN website. Registration for the second virtual deskside briefing is now [open](#).

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!

- **Sally Herndon (NC)** – 30 years.
- **Sharon Biggers (SC)** – 18 years.
- **Benjamin Jacquez (NM)** – 9 years.
- **Lila Johnson (HI)** – 8 years.
- **Jerilyn Oshel (IA)** – 6 years.
- **Laura Oliven (MN)** – 6 years.

*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

[Thirdhand Smoke: What Every Property Manager Needs to Know](#) – Thirdhand Smoke Resource Center Webinar
Oct. 15, 5-6 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Nicotine Dependence Conference & National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention 2020](#) – Mayo Clinic Virtual Conference
Oct. 18-20 | *Registration required*

[Smoke-Free Tribal Casinos: A Policy Discussion](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar
Oct. 20, 12-1 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Legal Centers and Cross-Sectional Collaboration to Drive Policy Change](#) – Action

- **Neil Charvat (ND)** – 6 years.
- **Amy Winter (MS)** – 5 years.
- **Porsha Vallo (LA)** – 3 years.
- **Paul Alee (RMI)** – 3 years.
- **Liz Johnson (TN)** – 2 years.
- **Elizabeth Hoyt (ID)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- A *Tobacco Control* communication co-authored by Brian King of the **CDC Office on Smoking and Health** [highlights](#) the role of the retail tobacco environment in the Tobacco Control Vaccine and its potential to reduce tobacco use and address disparities.
- A new report published by **Truth Initiative** [details](#) the global marketing, regulation, and use of IQOS, the Philip Morris International heated tobacco product available in 52 countries.
- The National African American Tobacco Prevention Network [rebranded](#) itself as **The Center for Black Health & Equity**, launching a new website.
- The **Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation** [published](#) a guide detailing effective implementation of comprehensive tobacco retail licensing at the city, county, or state level.
- The **American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation** [updated](#) its list of hospitality and gaming venues nationwide that have voluntarily reopened smokefree.
- The **American Academy of Pediatrics** [launched](#) a new e-cigarette and vaping curriculum that focuses on addressing youth e-cigarette use.

on Smoking and Health
Webinar
Oct. 22, 1:30-3:15 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[State Tobacco Policy Updates from ASTHO and TFK](#) – Tobacco Control Network Webinar
Oct. 26, 4-4:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[State of Black Health Conference](#) – The Center for Black Health & Equity
Charlotte, NC
March 2-4, 2021 | *Registration required*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes
New Orleans
June 28-30, 2022 | *Save the date*

Funding Opportunities
[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program](#)
Truth Initiative
Deadline: Dec. 1, 5 p.m. ET

Job Listings
Reach out to tcn@astho.org with any job opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs and their partners.

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

- **Action on Smoking and Health** [continues](#) to update its archive of webinars convened on the intersection of smoking and COVID-19.

State News

- Researchers at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free kids [estimate](#) that the anticipated 22-month delay in the implementation of the **California** flavor restriction while the tobacco industry challenges the policy via ballot referendum will result in \$1.1 billion in industry revenue from menthol cigarettes and 37,000 additional high school e-cigarette users.
- The **North Carolina** tobacco control program [published](#) a series of flyers using COVID-19-related messaging to encourage tobacco cessation.
- Park MGM in Las Vegas, **Nevada** [became](#) the first casino in the city to institute a smokefree policy in nearly 30 years upon its reopening from a March 18 closure.

In the News

- A *Philadelphia Inquirer* op-ed written by Ryan Coffman, program manager for the Philadelphia tobacco control program, [argues](#) that a tobacco industry lawsuit seeking to repeal the city's flavor restriction policy would disproportionately harm residents of color.

Research

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.



- A commentary published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [argues](#) that the menthol exemption to flavored cigarette restrictions in the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act is a policy failure, and that prohibiting the sale of menthol tobacco products would improve short- and long-term health for communities of color.
- A meta-analysis of smoking cessation studies involving e-cigarettes published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that nicotine-containing e-cigarettes may be more effective in smoking cessation compared to non-nicotine e-cigarettes or nicotine replacement therapy, but higher quality evidence is necessary.
- A randomized control trial of a smartphone application based on acceptance and commitment therapy published in *JAMA Internal Medicine* [concluded](#) that study participants had 1.49 times the odds of quitting after a 12-month follow-up compared to participants that used an application based on clinical practice guidelines.
- An *Addictive Behaviors* analysis of 2017 and 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data [found](#) that among young adults aged 18 to 24, daily and former e-cigarette users were 1.42 and 1.17 more likely, respectively, to report sleep deprivation than those who never used e-cigarettes.

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