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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- TCN elections are underway! Program managers and Funders Alliance organization leads should reference the email sent the morning of Aug. 5 to submit nominations for vacancies in the 2021-2022 Executive Committee. Any questions about elections or TCN governance can be sent to tcn@astho.org.
- In anticipation of the upcoming 2021-2022 TCN term, the current TCN Executive Committee adopted changes to both the [TCN Strategic Map](#) and the [TCN bylaws](#). Most notably, the Executive Committee adopted a new regional reorganization of TCN to fully align with the in-person policy meetings convened by Public Health Law Center and Rede Group, and created two new officer positions. Both updated documents are available for reference on the [About Us tab](#) of the TCN website.

Help Your Peers Request

Department of Corrections Pilot Program

Deadline: Aug. 16

RI is exploring a pilot program in partnership with their Department of Corrections, which would include sharing

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Upcoming Events

[Community-Led Efforts: Current Trends of E-cig/Vaping & Youth](#) – APPEAL Network and Nuestras Voces Webinar
Aug. 11, 2-3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program: Five Year Evaluation](#) – National Native Network and the IHS Clinical Support Center Webinar
Aug. 18, 3-4 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing: Basics and Best Practices](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar
Aug. 26, 12-12:45 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

information about the state quitline as well as a limited amount of NRT at release from prison or jail. They know that re-entry can be an especially triggering time and even those who may have ceased smoking during incarceration due to tobacco-free policies relapse shortly upon release. However, they have not found very much literature in the way of best practices for cessation in this population. It would be helpful to know if any other states partner with their DOC to work with justice-involved smokers. If so, what does your partnership look like? RI is especially interested in interventions around re-entry or integrating NRT into MAT programs at prisons. Any lessons learned, suggestions for implementation, or best practices on type and amount of NRT to dispense at re-entry would be helpful.

If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to tcn@astho.org and we will pass your insights along to the person who submitted the request and to other TCN members interested in learning more.

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!

- **Natalya Verscheure (CO)** – 7 years.
- **Amanda Mortensen (NE)** – 6 years.
- **James Kerrigan (WV)** – 6 years.

Partner Announcements

- An **ASTHO** policy blog overviewing recent public health legislation from the **U.S.** territories and Freely Associated States [describes](#) the legislative strategies some islands are considering to increase

[Health at any Age: Supporting Cessation Later in Life](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center

Virtual Training
Aug. 31, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[The Way Forward: Sustaining and Amplifying Tobacco Cessation Strategies](#) – ASTHO

Webinar
Sept. 2, 2:30-4 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) –

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Sept. 28-30 | *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) –

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Nov. 8-10 | *Registration Required*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National

Network of Public Health Institutes
New Orleans
June 28-30, 2022
| *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

If you know of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please send those to us at tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

[Marketing & Coordinator Specialist](#)

Nebraska Department of

the retail price of cigarettes.

- **WHO** [reports](#) that 84 countries have not adopted any MPOWER measures (e.g., raising taxes on tobacco, enforcing bans on tobacco advertising) to protect from unregulated proliferation of electronic nicotine delivery systems.
- **ALA** [launched](#) a new web-based cessation program called NOT for Me designed to provide teens with resources to quit tobacco use.
- The **Public Health Law Center** [describes](#) the tobacco industry's historical and recent use of predatory tactics targeting at-risk populations to maintain political access and shape policies that serve its corporate interests.
- The following announcements come from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A Truth Initiative article [shares](#) five key takeaways on actions needed to reverse the youth e-cigarette epidemic.
 - A Truth Initiative blog [overviews](#) the increasing evidence on the harms of thirdhand smoke and how to reduce the risks it poses.
- **FDA Center for Tobacco Products** [sent](#) a warning letter to Visible Vapors, LLC with a request that the firm removes unauthorized products from the market.
- The **Alliance for Health Policy** [released](#) a recording of its July 21 webinar about potential bans on menthol cigarettes, as well as the disparate impact of flavored tobacco products on various populations, especially communities of color.

State News

Health and Human Services
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Tobacco Cessation Educator](#)
Nebraska Department of
Health and Human Services
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Director of Local Policy and
Program Development](#)
North Carolina Department of
Health and Human Services
Raleigh, North Carolina

[Senior Manager, Advocacy –
Tobacco Control](#)
American Lung Association
Brookfield, Wisconsin

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

- An investigation by *The Colorado Sun* [concluded](#) that Proposition EE, which increased the tax on cigarettes to \$1.94 from 84 cents in **Colorado**, generated more than \$34 million in the first five months of it taking effect, revenue which will be split between the state's K-12 education fund, rural schools, and housing assistance.
- A **Hawai'i** tobacco cessation advertisement, The Real Ripoff, was [associated](#) with significant increases in overall Quitline enrollment, and even stronger enrollment among historically underserved groups like native Hawaiians and individuals with mental health challenges.
- An analysis of **California** adolescent vaping data published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that transgender adolescents were far more likely to report vaping than cisgender peers who identify as the same race or ethnicity, with disparities ranging from a 1.20 odds ratio among White adolescents to 6.05 among Black adolescents.

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

- Philip Morris International has [called](#) on the U.K. government to ban cigarettes within a decade, with public health stakeholders accusing tobacco companies of positioning themselves as part of the solution to a smoke-free world, while continuing to sell and promote lethal products.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of young adult e-cigarette use data and state e-cigarette taxation policies [found](#) that the presence of a state-level e-cigarette products tax was associated with a 36% reduced odds of current e-cigarette use compared to states without such a policy between the 2014-2015 and the 2018-2019 survey waves.
- A comprehensive tallying of tobacco product retailers in the United States published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [estimated](#) that there were 317,492 tobacco product retailers in 2000, which increased to 412,536 in 2009 before falling to 356,074 in 2017, representing a net gain of 12% during the study period.
- A Truth Initiative study of tobacco product use among U.S. youth and young adults aged 15-21 published in *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* [concluded](#) that ever JUUL use and current e-cigarette use generally were risk factors for the initiation of cigars, little cigars, or cigarillos between 2018 and 2019.
- A *Tobacco Control* experiment of pictorial cigarillo warnings [found](#) that among study participants aged 18-29, pictorial warnings elicited greater negative emotional reactions and perceived message effectiveness than a control group of text-only warnings.

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