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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Requests

Collaboration Between Tobacco and Substance Use Programs

Deadline: Feb. 10

Do states have examples of robust health department/divisional collaboration (e.g. budget sharing) between tobacco and substance use programs?

Identifying Tobacco Systems Change Coalitions

Deadline: Feb. 21

The Center for Black Health & Equity is interested in identifying:

- 1) Coalitions that have a great infrastructure, solid decision-making protocols, and examples of well-written strategic/action plans.
- 2) Coalitions that have successfully implemented an action plan that led to the adoption of an evidence-based policy, system, or environmental change.

Once coalitions are identified, they wish to have these coalitions present to a group of newly developed coalition leaders on how they derived to be successful in their advocacy.

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.

*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

[Emerging Opportunities to Watch in 2022](#) – Action of Smoking & Health Webinar

Feb. 10, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Use Behavior among Race and Ethnic Populations](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar

Feb. 10, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[FDA's Rulemaking Process & Upcoming Tobacco Product Standards](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products Webinar

Feb. 10, 2-3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Smoke-free Tribal Housing Policies](#) – Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's National Native

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)** – 10 years.
- **Patti Henley (MA)** – 9 years.
- **Emily Carlson (AZ)** – 3 years.
- **Tanya Wells (VT)** – 2 years.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements come from the **American Lung Association (ALA)**:
 - ALA [released](#) its 20th annual State of Tobacco Control, which evaluates states and the federal government on the proven-effective tobacco control laws and policies necessary to eliminate death and disease caused by tobacco use.
 - The **American Lung Association** is looking for states to highlight whose Medicaid programs have implemented policies to allow cessation via telehealth. For more information, please contact Anne DiGiulio at anne.digiulio@lung.org.
- A **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** map of state funding for tobacco prevention [revealed](#) that many states severely underfund tobacco prevention and cessation programs designed to prevent kids from using tobacco products and help tobacco users quit.
- The following announcements are from the **FDA Center for Tobacco Products**:

Network
Webinar
Mar. 30, 3-4 p.m. | *Registration Required*

[National Tribal Tobacco Conference](#) – Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
May 16 – 17, 2022
| *Registration Required*

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

[3rd National Menthol Conference](#) – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council (AATCLC)
Washington, DC
Sep. 28 – 30, 2022
| *Registration Required*

[3rd International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health®](#) – NIOSH & the Center for Health, Work & Environment
Oct. 11 – 14, 2022

Funding Opportunities

[Request for Proposal - Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Learning Collaborative: Improving Hypertension Through Equitable Change](#) – ASTHO/CDC
Up to seven states will be awarded a minimum of \$100,000 each. The project will support innovative and sustainable state heart disease and stroke prevention projects that focus on improving hypertension through equitable change.

Extended Deadline: Mar. 4

- FDA Center for Tobacco Products is [hiring](#) a director responsible for planning, managing, and coordinating major tobacco program objectives to implement the Tobacco Control Act and related regulations.
- FDA [remains](#) on track to advance healthy equity by way of two proposed tobacco product stands: prohibiting menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes, and prohibiting all characterizing flavors in cigars.
- **Nuestras Voces**, in collaboration with **APPEAL**, [released](#) a bilingual infographic listing cessation strategies and resources on social support and quitting for individuals who aim to quit smoking this new year ([Spanish](#) version).
- **Truth Initiative** [shares](#) that sales restrictions on all flavored tobacco products are gaining momentum at the local and state level, with 344 localities and three Native American tribes having placed some type of restriction on flavored tobacco products.
- In a recent report to Congress, **HHS** [found](#) that tobacco use disorder was the most commonly treated substance use disorder treated in Medicaid beneficiaries nationwide. 2.5 million, or nearly 5%, of Medicaid beneficiaries, were treated for this condition.

State News

- The **Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust** [celebrated](#) 20 years of reducing tobacco use and improving preventative health in Oklahoma, with its adult smoking prevalence dropping from 28.6% to 19.1% since the beginning of TSET's work in 2001.

[Become a Host Site](#) – CDC Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) PHAP, a two-year, competitive, paid, on-the-job training program for early-career public health professionals, is accepting host site applications. Deadline: Feb. 18

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

[Director, Center for Tobacco Products](#)

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD

[Youth Commercial Tobacco Prevention Coordinator](#)

Washington State Department of Health
Tumwater, Washington

[Tobacco Prevention and Control Media Campaign Coordinator](#)

Utah Department of Health
Salt Lake County, UT

[Tobacco Cessation Educator](#)

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Lincoln, NE

[TPC Data Analyst](#)

Indiana Department of Health
Indianapolis, IN

[Coordinator of the Chronic Disease GIS Network](#)

Children's Environmental Health Initiative, University of Notre Dame
South Bend, IN

[Senior Manager, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning](#)

- The **Nebraska** Multi-Unit Housing Smoke-Free Policy Survey [reports](#) that the percentage of multi-unit properties with a comprehensive smoke-free policy increased, while the proportion of respondents suggesting enforcement of smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing decreased.
- According to a new fact sheet, one-in-four teens in **Alaska** [used](#) e-cigarettes in the prior 30 days, increasing the need for schools to consider alternatives to suspension programs for tobacco and investment in support staff.

In the News

- *Nature* [reports](#) that six international health bodies have banned researchers directly funded by tobacco companies from publishing papers in their journals after tobacco company Philip Morris International acquired a healthcare firm that produces inhalers.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of 2015 through 2019 National Youth Risk Behavior Surveys [indicated](#) a 50% increase in state spending on tobacco control during the time of the surveys would have been associated with a 7.46% lower high school student vaping prevalence rate than what was observed.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* study using cross-sectional data from the 2020 Health Information National Trends Survey [found](#) that an estimated 69.9% of U.S. adults supported pictorial warnings on cigarette packages to portray the negative health effects of smoking, 9.1% opposed, and

Louisiana Public Health Institute
New Orleans (temporarily remote)

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.

20.9% neither supported nor opposed them.

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of a convenience sample [reported](#) that perceived lung cancer risk in participants who smoke was higher in conditions that communicated mortality effects of very low nicotine content cigarettes compared to non-smokers.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of African American and Latinx adult smokers randomized to the e-cigarette group of a harm reduction clinical trial, [concluded](#) that marijuana use contributed to elevated CO levels, reflecting greater exposure to toxic combustion products, beyond the effects of cigarette smoking.



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