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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

NCTOH Ancillary Meetings Calendar

Are you aware of any ancillary meeting opportunities taking place in New Orleans in conjunction with NCTOH? Are you a tobacco control partner planning to host one? If so, please email us at tcn@astho.org so that we can build an ancillary meetings calendar in future editions of *TCN News*. A TCN luncheon for program managers will tentatively take place at noon on Tuesday, June 28. More information will be shared with program managers via email.

Help Your Peers Request

Tobacco Retail Licensure Requirement Deadline: Apr. 7

Wyoming currently does not have a Tobacco Retail Licensing Requirement and is exploring options to have it run by the State. We would like some feedback on the cost associated to start running the licensure at the state level, what the ongoing costs associated with keeping it have been, and some lessons learned on implementing state tobacco licensing. Any resources and feedback would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to <u>tcn@astho.org</u> 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

2022 National Summit – Eliminate Tobacco Use April 20 – 21 | *Registration Required*

National Tribal Tobacco

<u>Conference</u> – Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN May 16 – 17 | *Registration Required*

Clear the Vapor 2022 -

Parents Against Vaping ecigarettes May 24 – 25 | *Registration Required*

National Conference on

<u>Tobacco or Health</u> – National Network of Public Health Institutes New Orleans June 28 – 30 | *Registration Required*

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!

- Jennifer Ullman (MT) 13 years.
- Patti Migliore (WA) 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- FDA <u>authorized</u> several tobacco-flavored ENDS products from Logic Technology Development LLC after the agency's review that the likely benefits for adult smokers who significantly reduce their cigarette use outweigh the risk to youth.
- A recent CDC MMWR report <u>shares</u> that the prevalence of overall tobacco product use, combustible tobacco product use, cigarettes, ecigarettes, and use of two or more tobacco products decreased from 2019 to 2020.
- The Community Guide <u>released</u> findings on evidence-based interventions in public health to control tobacco use.
- Truth Initiative reports that teachers and administrators who worked in schools with ecigarette policies had 3.9 times higher odds of recognizing e-cigarettes and 3 times higher odds of talking to students about avoiding e-cigarettes, compared to those without policies and trainings.
- ALA <u>published</u> evidence that young adults who used e-cigarettes had a greater incidence of selfreported respiratory issues, such as wheezing and

3rd National Menthol

<u>Conference</u> – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council Washington, D.C. Sept. 28 – 30 | *Registration Required*

<u>3rd International Symposium</u> to Advance Total Worker <u>Health®</u> – NIOSH and the Center for Health, Work & Environment Oct. 11 – 14

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

Prevention Equity & Social Justice Coordinator Washington State Department of Health Tumwater, WA

Youth Prevention Coordinator South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Columbia, SC

Regional Manager, Region II The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living Baton Rouge, LA

Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Media Campaign Coordinator Utah Department of Health Salt Lake County, UT

Policy Technical Assistance Coordinator University of Wisconsin-Madison dry cough, within 12 months of use.

- In preparation for No Menthol Sunday on May 15, The Center for Black Health & Equity will <u>release</u> a downloadable toolkit to spread awareness about how tobacco flavors are impacting the African American community.
- The Tobacco Education Resource
 Library is offering free smoking cessation education posters—available in English and Spanish—which you can request to co-brand with your organization's logo.
- The Federal Trade Commission <u>released</u> its firstever report on surging e-cigarette sales. The report revealed total e-cigarette sales increased more than six-fold from \$304.2 million to \$2.06 billion between the years 2015 to 2018.

State News

- St. Paul, Minnesota passed a set of point-of-sale pricing policies to improve health equity and reduce youth tobacco use, including minimum floor prices, a discount ban, menthol sales restriction, and increased retailer penalties.
- Muriel Bowser, mayor of Washington,
 D.C., <u>presented</u> her Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Financial Plan to the Council of the District of Columbia, which includes an investment of \$750,000 to enforce a new ban on flavored tobacco sales.
- The Santa Ana City Council in California voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance that prohibits the sale of all flavored tobacco products.

Madison, WI

Resource & Web Development Coordinator University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI

Senior Tobacco Control Evaluator Professional Data Analysts Minneapolis, MN (remote)

Tobacco Cessation Educator

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Lincoln, NE

Research and Writing Assistant Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, MO

Health Systems Change Specialist Optum Eden Prairie, NM (telecommute)

About the Tobacco Control Network

The TCN's mission is to improve the public's health by providing education and statebased 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 <u>Association of State</u> and Territorial Health <u>Officials</u> (ASTHO) on

In the News

- President Joe Biden <u>signed</u> the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, which closes the synthetic nicotine loophole and puts synthetic nicotine products under FDA's Center for Tobacco Products regulatory authority.
 - A Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids factsheet <u>underscores</u> the importance of being able to regulate these products.

Research

- A Nicotine & Tobacco Research analysis revealed what perceptions participants from focus groups conducted in Atlanta and San Francisco held related to policies aimed at reducing nicotine, including that FDA has ulterior motives and that the nicotine would have to be replaced with other chemicals if removed. The analysis looked at 16 focus groups made up of individuals with different smoking statuses.
- A Nicotine and Tobacco Research analysis of data collected from the Cancer Patient Tobacco Use Questionnaire <u>found</u> that among 34% of current smokers who quit at cancer diagnosis, those with smoking-related cancers were more than 11% more likely to quit.
- A JAMA Network analysis of cross-sectional data collected from children at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center <u>found</u> that the number of tobacco users with whom a child had contact was significantly associated with nicotine detection on the hands.
- A Nicotine & Tobacco Research randomized control trial of a smoking cessation intervention <u>demonstrated</u> that overlooking cigarette relighting may underestimate nicotine

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.



dependence and overestimate the rates of those who have made meaningful changes in smoking behavior.

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