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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

Nominations are underway for the 2022-2023 TCN Executive Committee elections! Program Managers and Funders Alliance leads should refer to the email sent to them on Aug. 1 for instructions on how to submit nominations, which are due by COB Aug. 12. Please reach out to tcn@astho.org with any questions.

Help Your Peers Requests

Grants and Partner Reporting Platform

Deadline: August 22

Utah's contract with their current reporting platform for grants and partner reporting is ending. If other states utilize a third party platform for grantee reports, contract management, technical support, and training, they would love to hear any recommendations. Utah would also benefit from any example RFPs.

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

*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

[Breathe Easy NC: Becoming Tobacco Free](#) – QuitlineNC
Virtual Training
Aug. 24, 9:30-3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Policy and Opportunities for Advocacy in the US: How We Got Here and What You Can Do](#) – American Academy of Pediatrics
Webinar
Sept. 20, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Livestream Training and Certification](#) – Mayo Clinic
Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Event
Sept. 20-22 | *Registration Required*

[3rd National Menthol Conference](#) – The African American Tobacco Control

- **Natalya Verscheure (CO)** – 8 years.
- **Amanda Mortensen (NE)** – 7 years.
- **James Kerrigan (WV)** – 7 years.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements come from **CDC/OSH**:
 - CDC/OSH, in partnership with the **Center for Public Health Systems Science**, published a [“Tobacco Where You Live” guide](#) that provides strategies on reducing commercial tobacco control use and disparities among American Indian and Alaska Native populations.
 - According to a CDC/OSH analysis of survey data published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, \$184.9 billion of morbidity-related productivity losses can be [attributed](#) to cigarette smoking in 2018.
- [A perspective letter](#) written by **FDA Center for Tobacco Products** Director Brian King provides an update on the agency’s commitment to regulating the marketing and retailing of tobacco products.
- [An advocacy toolkit](#) published by **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America** gives guidance on how to educate legislators on the importance of substance use prevention programming, policy, and funding.
- The **Smoking Cessation Leadership Center** released their [“Tobacco-free Toolkit for Behavioral Health Agencies”](#) that provides numerous resources, strategies, and methods of support for addressing the burden of smoking for the clients they serve.

Leadership Council
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 28-30 | *Registration Required*

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

[Agents of Change Summit 2023](#) – Rescue Agency
San Diego, CA
March 6-7, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[30th Annual Nicotine Dependence Center Conference](#) – Mayo Clinic
Phoenix, AZ
March 27-28, 2023
| *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Grant](#) – Truth Initiative
This program is offering up to \$20,000 to colleges and universities to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco and vape-free campus policy. All colleges and universities that do not already have a 100% tobacco/vape-free policy are eligible to apply.
Deadline: October 12

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
[President/CEO](#)
North American Quitline Consortium

- A new resource from the **Public Health Law Center** overviews [opportunities to regulate areca nut and betel quid](#), which are popular to consume in many Asian and Pacific Island communities in the United States, and frequently combined with tobacco.
- [A Truth Initiative study](#) finds sales of e-cigarettes in “cooling” flavors, such as menthol, ice, cool, frost, or freeze, rose by nearly 700% between 2017 and 2021. Its U.S. market share also doubled to 55% in this period of time.

State News

- **Michigan** Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a [Tobacco 21 legislative package](#) into law that raises the minimum age of purchase from 18 to 21 in retail settings, prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from entering a tobacco retail store, and prohibits tobacco purchases through mail to anyone under the age of 21.
- **Hawaii** Governor David Ige [vetoed a bill](#) that would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, citing an industry-supported amendment that would limit the state's ability to enforce this policy.
- Legislation recently signed by **New York** state Governor Kathy Hochul will [prohibit smoking](#) in all state-owned beaches, boardwalks, marinas, playgrounds, recreation centers, and group camps.

In the News

- After over 20 years with FDA, [Matt Holman resigned](#) from his role as the director of the Office of Science within FDA's Center for Tobacco

Remote Position

[Tobacco Program Manager](#)
Community Health Center of
Southeast Kansas
Fort Scott, KS

[Tobacco/Cannabis Researcher
\(Assistant or Associate
Professor in the University
Tenure Line\)](#)
Stanford University School of
Medicine
Stanford, California

[Research Project Coordinator](#)
Washington University in St.
Louis
St. Louis, MO

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

Products effective immediately and accepted a position at Philip Morris International.

- A federal appeals court ruled that [FDA did not wrongly deny applications](#) from Triton Distribution and Vapetasia LLC after the companies challenged the agency's August 2021 marketing application denials.

Research

- *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* published a systematic review of [smoking cessation interventions in indigenous North Americans](#) which concluded that interventions categorized as phone and web tools, cultural tailoring, and inclusion of Indigenous study personnel were consistently effective at influencing smoking cessation.
- According to a *Tobacco Control* [analysis of tobacco product sales data](#) in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, the sales of menthol cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and all flavored cigars decreased following the implementation of a menthol ban, while menthol e-cigarette sales increased due to retailer exemptions in the law and/or retailer non-compliance.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of the U.S. Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) [survey data from waves one through four](#) (2013-2018) concluded that, during the study period, the relationship between tobacco product use (e-cigarette, cigarette, and dual use) and hypertension onset differed between men and women.
- An [analysis of PATH data from waves one through five](#) published in *Tobacco Control* found that the rate of discontinuing cigarette use increased from 16% to 18% from 2013 to 2019, while the rate of e-

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cigarette use decreased from 62% to 44% over that time period.

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