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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Join a TCN Workgroup! Click [here](#) to learn more about the Policy, Health Equity, and Membership Engagement workgroups. Please email tcn@astho.org with any questions and to express your interest in joining.

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)** – 15 years.
- **Allison Sullivan (CT)** – 2 years.
- **Rosemar River Hiraldo (PR)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- In a [recent CDC Preventing Chronic Disease analysis](#) of 1999 – 2018 National Health

*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

For more Tobacco Control Network events and deadlines, please visit the [TCN Events](#) page!

[Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use: Evidence-Based Treatment and Prevention](#) – Wake AHEC Webinar
April 15, 5:30 – 8:45 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Nicotine and ADHD: Understanding the Connection](#) – Nicotine Dependence Education Program at the Mayo Clinic Webinar
April 16, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Teaching Cannabis Awareness & Prevention Conference: Cannabis, Tobacco/Nicotine, and](#)

and Nutrition Examination Survey data, it was found that the prevalence of menthol use among adults who smoke increased on average by 3.8% annually with non-Hispanic Black adults having the highest average prevalence of menthol cigarette use (73.0%) and Mexican American adults having the highest average annual increase in menthol cigarette use (7.1%).

- As part of the annual **Moment of Action** with [truth](#), the national public education campaign from **Truth Initiative**, [youth and young adult activists met with the White House and decision makers on Capitol Hill](#) to encourage the Biden Administration to finalize and implement the FDA's menthol and flavored cigar rules.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA announced the [issuance of warning letters](#) to 61 brick and mortar retailers for selling unauthorized e-cigarette products. These warning letters cite the sale of disposable e-cigarette products marketed under brand names Elf Bar/EB Design and Lava.
 - FDA [launched the Searchable Tobacco Products Database](#), a new user-friendly list of tobacco products—including e-cigarettes—that may be legally marketed in the United States. The [database](#) is designed to serve the public—especially retailers—by providing this key information in a single location, with easy-to-use search capabilities.
- **The National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control** announced the [CARE \(Cancer, Acceptance, Resilience, Empowerment\) ECHO Series](#). Alongside faculty and subject-matter experts, ECHO participants will learn to address psychosocial considerations in mental health and substance use populations across the cancer care continuum. The series will cover tobacco-related cancer screening and

[Vaping](#) – Stanford Medicine REACH Lab
Virtual Event
April 17 – 18, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
ET | *Registration Required*

[Empowering Change: Using Brief Motivational Interviewing for Tobacco Cessation in Oral Cancer Prevention](#) – Smoking Cessation Leadership Center at UCSF & American Dental Hygienists' Association
Webinar
April 17, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Virtual Community Conversation on the Youth Vaping Epidemic](#) – American Heart Association
Webinar
Apr 25, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Beginning to Tackle Alcohol Use for Cancer Prevention in the U.S.](#) – National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control
Webinar
April 25, 2 – 3 p.m. ET |
Registration Required

["It's About A Billion Lives" Annual Symposium on Tobacco Control](#) – UCSF
San Francisco, California
April 26, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
ET | *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

[Program Manager](#)
Montana Tobacco Use
Prevention Program
Helena, MT

[Surveillance and Evaluation Specialist](#)
Indiana Department of Health
Indianapolis, IN

[Tobacco Community](#)

assessment, access to cancer care, and survivorship and thrivership.

The [application](#) deadline is **Friday, April 12 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

State News

- The Jacksonville City Council in **North Carolina** [unanimously approved placing restrictions](#) on where vape and tobacco shops can be located.
- Mayor Scott of Baltimore, **Maryland** [signed into law legislation to prohibit all tobacco and nicotine products](#) in city stadiums.
- Governor Cox of **Utah** [signed into law a bill](#) that will: prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes that have not received marketing authorization or are pending marketing authorization from the FDA; prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes with more than 4% nicotine; prohibit the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, except for tobacco and menthol flavors; and create a registry for e-cigarette products.
- **Vermont** Governor Phil Scott [vetoed S.18, which would have ended retail sales of all flavored e-cigarettes, e-liquids, and oral nicotine pouches](#). The bill would also end the sale of all menthol-flavored tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and smokeless tobacco by January 1, 2026.

News

- In a recent press release, Yolonda C. Richardson, President and CEO of Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of

[Partnership Liaison](#)

Utah Department of Health & Human Services
Salt Lake County, UT

[Tobacco Program Manager](#)

Action for Healthy Kids®
(AFHK) and RMC Health
Colorado (remote)

[Manager, Health Promotions](#)

American Lung Association
Phoenix, AZ

[Coordinator, Health](#)

[Promotions](#)

American Lung Association
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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.

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

NAACP, released [a statement expressing disappointment that the Biden Administration has missed yet another deadline](#) to issue a final FDA rule eliminating menthol cigarettes.

- The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council, Action on Smoking and Health, and the National Medical Association, represented by Christopher Leung of Leung Law PLLC, have [filed a second lawsuit against the FDA](#) for the agency's inaction on issuing a final rule banning menthol cigarettes.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [analysis of Instagram posts by tobacco-brand-owned accounts](#) between January 1, 2021 – February 14, 2022 and samples from Mintel's Comperemedia Omni database, concluded that only 12.8% of posts were fully compliant to FDA warning labels requirements.
- An [online survey analysis](#) published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* found that over 25% of adults with any past 30-day tobacco use reported dual-vaping nicotine and cannabis in the past 30 days. Identifying as male and self-rated anxiety were associated with higher odds of dual-vaping.
- A *Tobacco Control* [analysis examining oral nicotine products \(ONPs\) advertisement expenditures by ONP brand and media outlet](#) concluded that Velo spent the most on ONP advertising (89.8%), followed by Zyn (5.7%) and Black Buffalo (1.2%). Velo encompassed the majority of TV (98.1%), radio (99.9%) and mobile ad spend (87.3%); Zyn was the leader for online display (46.2%) and online video (71.1%); and Black Buffalo accounted for 100% of print ads.

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.



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