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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.
- We are excited to announce the newest members of the TCN Executive Committee! **Sarah Wylie (OR)** will serve as the Western Region Co-Representative and **Meredith Hennon (FL)** will serve as the Southeastern Region Co-Representative.

Partner Announcements

- [A recent CDC analysis](#) of 2018 and 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey data, published in *Preventing Chronic Disease*, concluded that after implementation of FDA's rule requiring all e-cigarette packages to have a health warning, the percentage of current tobacco users and e-cigarette users among middle and high school students who reported any and high exposure to e-cigarette warning labels increased.
- The following announcements are from **Public Health Law Center**:

*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.*

Job Opportunities

[Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Manager](#)
Utah Department of Health and Human Services
Salt Lake County, UT

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

Upcoming Events

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

[Leveraging Trauma-informed Motivational Interviewing in Tobacco Treatment and Control](#) – National Behavioral Health Network (NBHN) Webinar

- Public Health Law Center convened [a panel of public health experts](#) to discuss whether and to what extent “e-registry” bills advance public health goals or if, as some critics claim, they help consolidate the market for big tobacco companies while diverting attention from proven public-health strategies.
- As of now, the FDA has authorized the sale of 23 e-cigarette products. Public Health Law Center’s [recent commentary post](#) briefly describes these products and emphasizes that regulators should continue to rely on credible scientific evidence to safeguard public health.
- Public Health Law Center’s new publication, “[Cooking with Smoke](#),” highlights the similar dangers and parallels between methane gas and commercial tobacco, while providing ways in which governments and public health advocates can combat the gas industry to protect public health.
- According to [research](#) from **Truth Initiative** published in the [American Journal of Health Promotion](#), U.S. college students reporting a mental illness diagnosis within the past year had a 33% higher risk of currently using e-cigarettes when compared to those without past-year mental health conditions.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products updated their tobacco compliance webinar, “[Using the ‘Compliance Check Inspections of Brick and Mortar Tobacco Product Retailers’ Database](#),” which provides an overview on how to access and utilize the database of brick-and-mortar tobacco compliance check inspections.
 - The EPA and FDA’s **Emerging Technology Program** collaborated

April 2, 3 – 5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tips From Former Smokers@: New Stories and Implementation Strategies for Local Health Departments](#) – NACCHO
Webinar
April 3, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use New Jersey Summit](#)
Lakewood, NJ
April 3 | *Registration Required*

[2024 Webinar Series Part 4: Pathways to Health Equity: Expanding Community-Clinical Linkages to Improve Health Outcomes Among Low-Income Populations Nationwide](#) – SelfMade Health Network
Webinar
April 10, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[The Cost of Access: Raising the Price of Tobacco Products](#) – Public Health Law Center
Webinar
April 10, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use National Summit](#)
Houston, TX or Virtual
April 10 – 11 | *Registration Required*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit Houston, TX and Richmond, VA](#)
April 11 | *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

If you know of any funding

on [a fact sheet](#) about safe individual disposal of e-cigarettes.

- The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** released an [informational bulletin](#) to highlight strategies that states have used to improve the delivery of tobacco cessation services to help more Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries quit smoking.
- **Jump at the Sun Consultants, LLC** released its new [Profits Billion Kills Millions Social Media Campaign](#) that discusses menthol, youth initiation, flavored tobacco, targeted marketing, and other crucial topics.

State News

- The **Massachusetts** Supreme Judicial Court [upheld the town of Brookline's ban on the sale of tobacco products](#) to anyone born on or after January 1, 2000.
- The **Colorado** House Business Affairs and Labor Committee [defeated a bill that would allow counties to regulate or prohibit the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products](#). The bill had previously passed out of the Senate.
- The House Finance and Policy Committee in **Minnesota** [approved a bill that would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products](#). It now moves to the House Commerce Committee for consideration.

In the News

- Dr. Adam Goldstein, director of Tobacco Intervention Programs at the UNC School of

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 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

Medicine, [sits down with NC Health News to discuss the vaping issue](#) in **North Carolina** and how the JUUL Settlement funds could help as long as they are prepared to pivot based on incoming data.

- A recent *NPR* article discusses how [tobacco companies are launching new "non-menthol" products](#) which mimic traditional menthols, amid a long-awaited federal ban on menthol cigarettes and cigars.

in state-based public health practice.

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Research

- A [systematic review published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*](#) found that 24% of menthol those who smoke cigarettes quit smoking after a menthol ban, 50% switched to non-menthol cigarettes, 12% switched to other flavored tobacco products, and 24% continued smoking menthol cigarettes.
- [An *Addiction* analysis](#) of Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health study data and a state-year database on tobacco and ENDS policies concluded that among youth, residing in a state with a comprehensive vaping ban was associated with 18% lower odds of ENDS initiation.
- [A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis](#) of electronic vaping products which were found or confiscated from a convenience sample of 16 public high schools in California, concluded that substances with known adverse health effects among youth, including nicotine (98.1%) and cannabinoids (90.1%), were widely found in these products.

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