

## 1 Meeting Logistics

<b>Item</b>	<b>APR Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	04/24/2024
<b>Time</b>	2:00-3:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	Microsoft Teams Call
<b>Purpose/Focus</b>	Team will work to meet the following goals identified by PCC
<b>Notetaker</b>	Susan Porambo

## 2 Agenda

ID	Description	Owner	Time
1	Introductions and Roll Call ***	Denise Bleiler	2:00 PM
2	PCC Updates	Brenda A / Jenn K	
3	WorkPlan/Member/Other Updates	Work Group	
4	Adjourn		3:00 PM

Attendees: **New participants , please introduce yourself \*\*\***

## 3 Notes

- **Workplan for 2023-2024 Updates:**

**Goal 1:**Expand the promotion of lung cancer screening education, activities, resources, and tools to include Health Systems and their Primary Care Physicians, health clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), patient navigators, community health workers, and care coordinators from the insurance industry. We will use a health equity lens to identify and then focus efforts on those individuals/groups who are placed at a higher risk and who are experiencing disproportionate effects.

**Goal 2:**Promote activities, programs, and initiatives to decrease adult and youth tobacco and vaping usage. We will use a health equity lens to identify and then focus efforts on those individuals/groups who are placed at a higher risk and who are experiencing disproportionate effects.

**Goal 3:** Reducing radon exposure through PSE (Policy, Systems, and Environment) changes with a focus on individuals/communities who are placed at a higher risk and who are experiencing disproportionate effects.

- Testing for radon in areas with historically high radon levels and historically low testing rates, as well as environmental justice areas.
- Installing low-cost or pro-bono mitigation systems.
- Assisting communities to locate funding sources for mitigation systems

**Goal 4:** Educating and working with larger professional groups, such as Legislators, Physicians, School Administrators, and Builders, on the health risk associated with radon exposure and smoking.

- Increase capacity of providers to assess and discuss environmental risks such as radon exposure with patients through education.
- Disseminate data and radon education to identified policy influencers: PA Cancer Caucus, PA House of Representatives and the PA Senate
- Engage Women for a Healthy Environment to address schools and daycares across PA.

- g. Engage Tobacco Cessation Providers to incorporate radon information when speaking with clients.

## 2. PCC Updates:

- a. Brenda Anastasio
  - i. Applied for their year 3 grant continuation from the CDC; waiting to hear back
  - ii. Got word that they will have a site visit in PA from their CDC project officer during the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>; she is interested in meeting some of the coalition members and partners; will be working on an agenda and reaching out to different people to meet
- b. Jennifer King
  - i. Next coalition quarterly meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm
    - 1. Focus will be on Health Equity
  - ii. Pink and Pearl Campaign – Combines breast cancer and lung cancer screenings
    - 1. Intern will be assisting
    - 2. Will be starting this project over the summer
    - 3. Will include provider and community based education

## 3. Member/Other Updates:

- a. Victoria Baumert – DOH in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
  - i. Interested to see what the commonwealth is doing with lung cancer work
- b. Barabara Fickel – DOH Director of Tobacco Prevention and Control
- c. Nick Gourousis – Delaware County Health Department
  - i. First Meeting!
- d. Julia Barry – American Lung Association
  - i. First Meeting!
- e. Kristy Steele – Lung Health Manager for Breathe PA
  - i. First Meeting!
- f. Jacquelyn Nixon – Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction
  - i. CLEHRx Network Webinar: May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12pm
    - 1. Respiratory Health and Environmental Concerns
    - 2. Register for free in the CLEHR Network here: <https://clehr.vfairs.com>
    - 3. Featured Speakers:
      - a. Climate Change, Air Pollution & Cancer: Joan H. Schiller, MD, FACP, Oncology Advocates United for Health, Lung Cancer Research Foundation, Co-Founder & Chair of OUCH International (OUCH)
      - b. Measuring Radon Environmental Health Literacy Among Health Council Participants in Northeast Tennessee: Kawther Al Ksir, DrPH, MHS, RN, President of Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reducation (CR3)
  - ii. Next calendar will be available by the end of June
    - 1. Will be available in Spanish and English
  - iii. Next magazine will be out May 1<sup>st</sup>
    - 1. Will be about climate change, health, and radon: radon equity
- g. Patrick Loftus – DOH Division of Cancer, Men’s Health Workgroup, Respiratory Therapist
  - i. No Updates
- h. Mona Mazaffarian – Dentist, Chief Dental Officer of PA
  - i. She is a big advocate for dental providers on tobacco cessation
    - 1. Research out there that shows patients struggle with their connection between the health of their lungs and their oral health – she works to bridge the gap
- i. Shannon Mason – UPMC Central PA Cares Team

- i. Provides tobacco cessation services, staff education, luncheon learns, health fairs
  - ii. Vaping has been a big topic from the schools; are doing some school presentations
  - iii. Partner with drug and alcohol coalitions in their area
- j. Michael Glantz – American Lung Association
  - i. Currently planning and prepping for their advocacy day: Day at The Capitol on May 7th
    - 1. Tobacco Resistant Youth Advocacy groups participate to advocate in front of the legislatures
  - ii. Will be updating their enforcement and tobacco cessation programs
  - iii. Veterinarian Toolkit
    - 1. Integrate tobacco cessation conversations with people that have pets and how it impacts them
  - iv. Availability to enroll in being a Freedom From Smoking Facilitator Training
    - 1. Go to <https://www.lung.org/> to sign up
    - 2. Mike will be hosting a training on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm
- k. Dr. Khadijah Mitchell – Assistant Professor in the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the Fox Chase Cancer Center
  - i. Looking at radon education and awareness in racial, ethnic, and minorities throughout the commonwealth
  - ii. Interested in genetic risk factors and how well someone can fix their DNA damage after radon exposure
  - iii. Smoking cessation
    - 1. Looks at behavioral and biological determinants
    - 2. Specifically looks at menthol cigarettes smoking in cancer patients
    - 3. Interested in smoking cessation for cancer patients so that they can have the best treatment outcomes
- l. Ron Myers – Director of the Division of Population Science at Thomas Jefferson University
  - i. Working with the American Cancer Society and National Round Table in inviting members with the Pa Academy of Family Physicians to complete an online training course in shared decision making about lung cancer screening
    - 1. Invite went out April 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending June 15<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. 4,300 providers invited across the commonwealth of PA
    - 3. Looking to get a message from the common wealth of PA to support the training, but had no success so far
    - 4. Will be able to report after June 15<sup>th</sup> how many PAFP members completed the course
  - ii. On going, large scale NCI funded research study involving Thomas Jefferson University, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Penn State Health, and Christiana Care
    - 1. Focuses on primary care practices in each of those health systems
    - 2. Aiming to test both provider and patient interventions in terms of how impactful they are along the lines of shared decision-making and lung cancer screenings
    - 3. 2 years into this 3 year project
    - 4. Just contacted 4,500 patients over a period to see what impact those interventions have had
  - iii. Getting ready to launch a center for health decisions at the Sydney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson
    - 1. The center will deal with decisions to lung cancer screenings
    - 2. Also addresses important decisions that patients will have to make; any health decision that has options that patients may have uncertainty in
- m. Sean McCormick – Senior Project Manager at Latino Connection
  - i. Have 3 virtual learning opportunities coming up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/latino-connection-50146162053>
    - 1. Vaping Presentation in Spanish
    - 2. School Staff- bring together people that work in schools to talk about the vaping issue in their schools and how are they handling it

3. Webinar: Intersecting identities and how different populations have risk factors that converge to create high risk situations
- n. Katie Sneeringer – Epidemiologist Supervisor in the Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology at the PA Department of Health
  - i. Environmental health capacity grant
    1. Integrating various activities related to radon in this grant
    2. Feb/March- attended a few different outreach events and gave out free radon test kits
      - a. PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics – 30 kits
      - b. PA School Nurse and Practitioner Association – 40 kits
      - c. Health Equity Summit
    3. In the process of completing the continuing application for their grant
      - a. Hopes to revamp radon activities in the new grant cycle
      - b. In the beginning stages of collaborating with Dr. Khadijah Mitchell
  - ii. Looking to fill an open epidemiologist position on their team; will then be able to get back to more indepth data analysis projects
- o. Stacie Sowers – PA DEP in the Radon Division
  - i. Jan 25, 2024 – Stacy presented on radon basics and our PA daycare program in Women for a Healthy Environment schools and daycare webinar – about 20 daycare staff attended. Lorna Rosenberg is the WHE contact.
  - ii. Stacy worked with Nathan McCray, Epidemiologist with DOH. We gave 50 radon test kits and literature for their **OCDEL Conference- Pa Keys** in Hershey- March 25-26, 2024. Office of Child Development and Early Learning.
  - iii. March 4, 2024 - Stacy presented on radon basics and our PA daycare program at the **ECELS Roundtable** virtual event (Early Childhood Education Linkage System). This was through Marcia Banze, RN, training coordinator with the PA chapter of Am. Academy of Pediatrics. They address health and safety concerns for those working with childhood providers in PA.
  - iv. Feb 5- Provided details for the newsletter that Marcia Banze of ECELS Training/Technical Assistance Coordinator, Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics sends to childcare facilities.
  - v. Provided 30 radon health kits to Women for a Healthy Environment in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Regions
  - vi. Was able to reach out to PA Childcare Radon Testing Program to listed as a resource for childcare facilities on the regional center for children environmental health website
  - vii. Sent out letter for Spring 2024 to 143 daycares to see about interest in radon testing at their facilities
- p. Denise Bleiler – PA DEP in the Radon Division
  - i. Updates from NRAM ( National Radon Action Month)
    1. 8000 test kits claimed within 2 days of ALA free campaign. Staff fielded over 3000 calls and emails and have also sent out over 230 test kits to residents.
    2. PSA announcement on TV- ran end of January into February
    3. Billboards in Central PA – ran end of January into February
  - ii. Work to address High Areas in state
    1. Letter to 1800 residents in Weisenberg Twp- late February – low response
    2. 28 Townships received 10 test kits in January (offer extended to 40 Townships)
  - iii. Feb 29- March 3, 2024 – staff Home and Garden Show – through Home Builders’ Association – distributed 100 test kits. Last year’s rate of return on kits was 22%.
  - iv. Reach out to Denise if in need of radon literature or test kits
- q. Susan Porambo – American Lung Association
  - i. Add on to Mike’s comment about the Veterinarian toolkit
    1. Should be wrapping up fairly soon and will be happy to share the finished product
    2. Toolkit includes information on how second hand smoke can impact pets and resources on how owners can quit; will be shared with veterinarian clinics

#### 4. Other Resources:

- a. ALA Lung Health
  - <https://www.lung.org/clean-air/at-home/indoor-air-pollutants/radon/radon-basics>
  - i. <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/saved-by-the-scan>
  - ii. <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/ct-scan>
  - iii. <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/saved-by-the-scan/resources>
- b. ALA State of the Air Report - [State of the Air](#)
- c. [State of Lung Cancer Report](#) 2023
- d. [State of Lung Cancer 2021](#)

#### 5. CDC Resources:

- Lung cancer site page: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/>
- USCS DataViz: <https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/DataViz.html>
- Stat Bite: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/uscs/about/publications.htm>
- Feature (with syndicated content):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/lungcancer/>
- Survivorship podcast: <https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/media/id/303911>
- Infographics: [https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/basic\\_info/infographics.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/basic_info/infographics.htm)
- Screening quiz: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/quiz/>
- Medscape screening video: <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/870462>
- Simulations (including tobacco cessation):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/simulations.htm>
- Blogs: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/cancer/category/lung-cancer/>
- Citation Search Tool (can select lung cancer): [https://nccd.cdc.gov/DCPC\\_SCS/index.aspx#!/](https://nccd.cdc.gov/DCPC_SCS/index.aspx#!/)
- Annual Report to the Nation (trends): <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/annual-report/index.htm>
- Tobacco Cessation Change Package: <https://millionhearts.hhs.gov/tools-protocols/action-guides/tobacco-change-package/index.html>
- CDC Radon Resource: [Additional Radon Resources | NCEH | CDC](#)
- CDC Radon Resource (Spanish option) : [Protect Yourself and Your Family from Radon | NCEH | CDC](#)

#### • Additional Resources:

- Healthy People 2030 Objectives. C-03 Lung cancer screening. 2020. Available at: <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/browse-objectives/cancer/increase-proportion-adults-who-get-screened-lung-cancer-c-03>
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Decision Memo for Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) (CAG-00439N). 2015. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?NCAId=274>
- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Lung Cancer: Screening. Draft Recommendation Statement. Update in progress. 2020. Available at: <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/draft-update-summary/lung-cancer-screening-2020>

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. 2017 Questionnaire. Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/questionnaires/>
- American College of Radiology. Accredited Facility Search (Search Modality: Computed Tomography and Designation: Lung Cancer Screening Center).
  - Available at: <http://www.acraccreditation.org/accredited-facility-search>
- American College of Radiology. Lung Cancer Screening Registry (LCSR) State Level Comparisons. Available at:
  - <https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/Registries/Lung-Cancer-Screening-Registry>
  - (Note: To see Excel files with State Level Comparisons, click on the text “State Level Comparisons” located about half way down the Web page between the links for “Core Documents” and “Related Resources”)
- American Cancer Society. National Lung Cancer Roundtable Task Groups. Available at: <https://nlcrt.org/> (Note: Task Groups are located under the Menu for “About”)
- American Cancer Society. National Lung Cancer Roundtable Resource Center. State-based initiatives. Available at: <https://nlcrt.org/resource-center/#1583351864253-bf5f48e5-33e0>
- LuCa National Training Network. Available at: <https://www.lucatraining.org/>
- DEP Radon in the Home : [Radon in the Home \(pa.gov\)](#)