

PCC Workgroup/Subcommittee/Collaborative

Name of Workgroup: Lung Health Workgroup

Action Plan Date: 3/24/2026

This group is working on these Objectives to reach the following 2023-2033 Pennsylvania Cancer Control Plan goals:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1:1 HEALTH EQUITY: Reduce cancer-related disparities and risk factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4.1 Increase the availability of and access to high-quality cancer diagnosis and treatment services Strategies: <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Participation in Cancer Clinical Trials <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Availability of and Access to Cancer Genetic Counseling and Testing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.2 Increase the number of coalition members who represent underserved populations and communities	<input type="checkbox"/> 5.1 Improve the Quality of Life of Survivors: <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric, <input type="checkbox"/> Adult, <input type="checkbox"/> Caregivers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.1 Strengthen public protection from environmental carcinogens and cancer risk factors	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Increase Participation in Cancer Clinical Trials
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 Increase the vaccination rates for vaccines shown to reduce the risk of cancer: <input type="checkbox"/> HPV, <input type="checkbox"/> HBV, <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Increase Availability of and Access to Cancer Genetic Counseling and Testing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3.1 Increase screening for and early detection of these cancers: <input type="checkbox"/> Breast, <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical, <input type="checkbox"/> Colorectal, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lung, <input type="checkbox"/> Prostate <i>And/or</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informed Decision Making <input type="checkbox"/> Colorectal, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lung, <input type="checkbox"/> Prostate	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. OTHER:
Population: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combined Male and Female, <input type="checkbox"/> Male, <input type="checkbox"/> Female, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pediatric, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian/PI, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Young Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEFINE FOR this EBI:	Geographic Location: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statewide, <input type="checkbox"/> NE, <input type="checkbox"/> SE, <input type="checkbox"/> NC, <input type="checkbox"/> SC, <input type="checkbox"/> NW, <input type="checkbox"/> SW <i>(Check all that apply)</i> County/City/Municipality:

(Example, definition of young adult for HPV, versus definition of young adult for colon cancer)

Other:

Fill in all the EBIs the Workgroup/Subcommittee/Collaborative is working on.

<p>1. Evidence-based Interventions/Strategy/Activities from Cancer Plan: Expand the promotion of lung cancer screening education, activities, resources, and tools to include not only Primary Care Physicians, but also health clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), patient navigators, community health workers, and care coordinators from the insurance industry.</p>	<p>1. Target/Measure/Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink and Pearl Campaign; bring awareness to both breast and lung cancer screenings • Thomas Jefferson University- NCI Funded Study that is working with four health systems. Ultimate goal is to increase shared decision-making and lung cancer screening.
<p>Success/Progress made in working toward Plan EBIs/Strategies:</p> <p>Many events were attended where lung cancer screening resources were distributed. Thomas Jefferson University has an initiative to increase shared decision making and lung cancer screening.</p>	
<p>Barriers:</p> <p>List barrier, and what can be done to remove it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of response from organizations when attempting to make a partnership 	<p>2. Target/Measure/Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALA met with individuals who are incarcerated at the Allenwood Federal Correctional Institute. Meredith discussed tobacco/vaping cessation, the health effects of smoking, and the money that can be saved when you quit. • Thomas Jefferson University working with North American Quitline Consortium to develop a shared-decision training program for Tobacco Treatment Specialists across the country • American Lung Association created a Veterinarian Toolkit to educate veterinarians and their clients on
<p>2. Evidence-based Interventions/Strategy/Activities from Cancer Plan: Promote activities, programs, and initiatives to decrease adult and youth tobacco and vaping usage.</p>	

	<p>how smoking/nicotine products are bad for pets' health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Lung Association's Day at the Capitol; Tobacco Resistant Youth Advocacy groups participate to advocate in front of PA legislatures. American Lung Association created a Parent vaping education online training that teaches parents how to have conversations with their children on vaping topics
<p>Success/Progress made in working toward Plan EBIs/Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many events were attended by our coalition members where tobacco/vaping resources were distributed. American Lung Association was able to assist Bucknell University to go tobacco free across the entire campus 	
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<p>3. Evidence-based Interventions/Strategy/Activities from Cancer Plan: Reducing radon exposure through PSE (Policy, Systems, and Environment) changes with a focus on communities who experience social adversity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on testing for radon and installing pro-bono mitigation systems. Focus on assisting communities to locate funding sources for mitigation systems. 	<p>3. Target/Measure/Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEP and DOH met with the Department of Community and Economic Development's Housing Program on 11/16/2023. Discussions on radon testing and mitigation, grant work or incorporating radon testing education into their programs. Fox Chase Cancer Center, CR3, and PA AARST chapter forming Radon Health Equity workgroup. CR3 magazine available in Spanish June 2024 Several webinars to mitigation assistance shared with group (ALA, HUD)
<p>Success/Progress made in working toward Plan EBIs/Strategies: Since these goals set there have been set resources have been made available to non-governmental groups to use to apply for grants to assist with mitigation funding.</p>	

<p>Barriers: Grant work takes time and patience- sometimes limited by resources and time to get a grant application submitted for this assistance.</p>	
<p>4. Evidence-based Interventions/Strategy/Activities from Cancer Plan: 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase capacity of providers to assess and discuss environmental risks such as radon exposure with patients through education. b. Disseminate data and radon education to policy influencers: PA Cancer Caucus, PA House of Representatives and the PA Senate c. Engage Women for a Healthy Environment to address schools and daycares across PA. d. Engage Tobacco Cessation Providers to incorporate radon information when speaking with clients. 	<p>4.Target/Measure/Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEP sent letters to daycares- Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. • DEP and DOH -presented and distributed test kits during following programs: PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, PA School Nurse and Practitioner Association event, Health Equity Summit, OCDEL Conference- Pa Keys, ECELS Roundtable • Tobacco Cessation groups incorporating Radon literature: ALA NC, ALA Central, UPMC, Suburban Community Hospital, Latino Connection, Harrisburg YMCA
<p>Success/Progress made in working toward Plan EBIs/Strategies: : DEP has worked with WHE to engage daycares with their radon work/education. Radon literature and kits have slowly been introduced with tobacco cessation when possible</p>	
<p>Barriers: Tough to get into the Senate/House with this information. Non-governmental groups would have to take lead. There is an increase/push for LCS and hope that radon will fall in line with that when it comes to the healthcare field/physicians Tobacco Cessation is a sensitive area and a bit overwhelming for folks- each rep can decide if introducing radon during their discussion.</p>	

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New organizations to engage goal achievement: <i>How can this organization assist?</i>
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Who did the workgroup disseminate the 2023-2033 Pennsylvania Cancer Control Plan to (who was the audience, what health/hospital system or organization?)
