

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	FEB Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting
Date	02/19/2025
Time	2:00-3:00 PM
Location	Microsoft Teams Call
Purpose/Focus	Team will work to meet the following goals identified by PCC
Notetaker	Susan Porambo

2 Agenda

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

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

3 Notes

- **Workplan for 2024-2025 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.
- Engage Tobacco Cessation Providers to incorporate radon information when speaking with clients.

2. PCC Updates:

- a. Jennifer King
 - i. Pink and Pearl Campaign – Breast Cancer and Lung Cancer Awareness Screening
 1. Hoping to partner with Wellspan to increase outreach
 2. If anyone is interested in partnering with this campaign, please contact jennifekin@pa.gov

3. Member/Other Updates:

Ask members to review Updated Workgroup Action Plan on the Coalition website here: [Lung Health Workgroup — Lung Cancer in Pennsylvania, Reducing Tobacco Use, Abating Radon Exposure \(pacancercoalition.org\)](#)

Review the following new resource: [Radon Reduction Toolkit for Healthcare Providers |](#)

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a. Jackie Nixon - President of CR3

- a. Next magazine issue for womens and black history combined will be released March 5th
 - i. Anything you want to submit to be included in the issue, get in right away
 - ii. May is the Medical issue
- b. Kids Radon School Calendar (Sept – August), will be released in English, French and Spanish
 - i. released around June or July
 - ii. To be shared with your local school classrooms

b. Kate Veiga – Senior Development Manager with ALA

- a. April: Lung Cancer Survivor Luncheon in Philly
- b. Lung Force Walk will be moved to the Philadelphia Zoo

c. Kristi Steele – Breathe PA

- a. TB Conference March 12th and 13th ; virtual event, 10am – 12pm

d. Shannon Mason – UPMC Central PA

- a. 2025 Flyer for virtual support group; Attached to email
 - i. Meets once a month
- b. Email: masons13@upmc.edu

e. Meredith Bigger – Health Promotion Specialist in NCPA; ALA

- a. Sharing info at events including: adult quit resources, radon, and save by the scan
- b. Please reach out to Meredith.Bigger@Lung.org for any contacts that may be looking for quit information

f. Nate Burden – President of the Chapter of Indoor Environment Association and works at CR3

- a. Worked with the Women for Healthy Environment
 - i. Did 2 webinars on radon in child care facilities
 - ii. Planning to do again through Women for Healthy Environment for all of the daycare centers
 1. Goal is to have radon as a standard of care initiative for all childcare centers to be tested for radon
- b. In Jan – met with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia
 - i. PADEP provided 30 radon test kits to them with the idea of renovating low income homes
 - ii. Also have a program where they are doing radon testing
 1. Have mitigators in the area that have agreed to donate 2-5 radon mitigations probono at no cost to any low income property that have elevated radon levels from that testing
- c. Sent 100 radon detectors to Women for Healthy Environments in Philly and Pittsburgh

- d. Radon bill 1328 – Requires radon testing in all public schools in PA and for new schools being built to have radon resistant new construction
 - i. sponsored by Senator Robinson; will be meeting with him to reintroduce the bill to be voted on the by the PA Legislature and hope to have it passed by the middle of this year
 - ii. wanted to make sure that was not an unfunded bill
- e. Working with the ALA and their Freedom From Smoking program that is directed at radon workers, chemical vapor intrusion workers, and their families;
 - i. ALA pays for Freedom For Smoking program for anyone that wants to stop smoking
 - ii. Have a good percentage of this population that still smoke
- g. Mia Ray – Penn State College of Medicine; Human Research Technologist**
 - a. Radon Work
 - i. How vulnerability affects exposure to radon as well as access to testing
 - ii. Affiliated with CR3
 - b. Created minimodules for students at various schools
 - i. Learning modules about air quality and the effects on your lungs and how that affects the likelihood of childhood cancers and other diseases
 - ii. Used indoor air quality sensors to have the students start asking questions about air quality
 - c. Work with Penn State University’s Environmentor Program
 - i. Program for underserved students to get involved in environment and health research projects
 - d. Research volunteer with Dr. Khadijah Mitchell at Fox Chase Cancer Center
 - i. Involves radon and tobacco smoke exposures
- h. Marisa Santanna – PADOH in the office of Operational Excellence, Public Health Program Manager in Health Plan Development**
 - a. Provides management for the State Health Improvement Plan
 - i. Have several different goals that align with the goals of this workgroup
 - ii. One goal is reducing impact of tobacco and nicotine use
 - iii. Another goal is focused on improving air quality
 - iv. Goal team also focuses on health outcomes of chronic disease management and decreasing cancer deaths
 - b. State health improvement plan dashboard will be released that has data on all the different goals just mentioned above
 - c. Annual report in June/July that will show all the different activities of the goal teams
- i. Susan Porambo – Health Promotions Specialist at the ALA**
 - a. RELEASED! [Talking to Your Child About Vaping: A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers](#)
 - b. Upcoming Regional PA Tobacco-Free Coalition meetings in March
 - i. Email Julia.Barry@Lung.org for more information
- j. Denise Bleiler – DEP**
 - a. Just finished up radon action month
 - b. Working with targeted surveys with the American Lung Association
 - i. Contacted 11 townships and their residents are requesting free radon testing kits
 - c. Jan 22nd; DEP live event on ABC; Radon Report
 - d. Jan 28th, Bob presented the Role of Health Centers and Reducing the Burden of Radon Enduced Lung Cancer through the National Center for Health and Public Housing
 - e. ALA introduced the radon reduction toolkit for health care providers; please share!
 - i. [Radon Reduction Toolkit for Healthcare Providers | Powered by Box](#)
 - f. Stacy will be presenting at a daycare event in March
- k. Ron Myers – Thomas Jefferson University; Director of Center for Health Decisions and part of the Comprehensive Cancer Center**
 - a. American Society for Preventaive Oncology (ASPO) meeting in April
 - i. [2025 Annual Meeting - American Society of Preventive Oncology](#)
 - ii. Championing cancer prevention and control research for a long time
 - iii. Annual meeting will be held Philly on April 6th - 8th

- iv. One session will be on lung cancer and lung cancer screening
- v. Thomas Jefferson's research team will be presenting 6 posters at the meeting on April 7th

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. <https://www.lung.org/research/state-of-lung-cancer> State of Lung Cancer 2024
- d. [State of Lung Cancer Report](#) 2023
- e. [Radon Reduction Toolkit for Healthcare Providers | Powered by Box](#)

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
- 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#!/
- 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 \(pa.gov\)](#)