

## 1 Meeting Logistics

<b>Item</b>	<b>JAN Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	01/15/2025
<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	
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.
- Engage Tobacco Cessation Providers to incorporate radon information when speaking with clients.

## 2. PCC Updates:

- a. Brenda Anastasio
  - i. Next PCC Quarterly meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Wrapping up reporting for CDC; reporting include work from Workgroups
  - iii. Applying to Colorectal Cancer Grant; busy writing reports
  - iv. ASK: Please include population of who we are outreaching to; need numbers if it is available
- b. Jennifer King:
  - i. Pink and Pearl Campaign will be happening again this year; expanding and looking for partners
    1. Would like to host a webinar featuring breast and lung cancer experts that would be open to the public

## 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 \(pacancercoalition.org\)](https://www.pacancercoalition.org)

### A. Kristi Steele - Breathe Pennsylvania; Lung Health Program Manager

- a. Tuberculosis Virtual conference: March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon; about recognizing TB and its prevalence (still increasing); professional credits pending; [Home | Breathe PA](#)

### B. Meredith Bigger – American Lung Association in PA:

- a. Hosted multiple quitline trainings
  - i. One at the UPMC Nurse Partnership Family and Maternal Health; talked about Radon testing kits and how it is part of the work done in PA to prevent lung cancer
- b. Tony Delonti, Meredith, and NCAHEC have been attending presentations at schools disctricts in NC PA; vaping presentations for youth and meets with administrator to talk about school policy changes and quitline trainings
- c. Preparing for Youth Risk Behavior Survey and planning Day At The Capitol 2025

### C. Dr. Khadijah Mitchell – Fox Chase Cancer Center; Professor in Cancer Prevention and Control

- a. Working on menthol smoking cessation in North Philadelphia
  - i. African American and Hispanic residents
  - ii. Held a community education event in October
    1. 100 attendance; community and politicians
    2. “Ted Talk” style with people who were successful with smoking cessation
  - iii. Community survey and focus groups with people that successfully quit or reduced smoking in Philadelphia
    1. Have a larger population that smoke compared to the state and national average
    2. Writing a policy debrief with this information
    3. Helping people sign up for healthcare for access to programs where a nurse practitioner can help with quitting
  - iv. Community-based smoking cessation project
    1. Partnering with a church to use as the site
- b. Started radon health equity workgroup in the PA DOH Office of Health Equity
  - i. Launch a radon lending library coupled with discounted mitigation that focuses on environmental justice areas
  - ii. Working with DOH Environmental Epidemiology

### D. Dr. Nico Polanco – Latino Connection

- a. Hosting an event in Harrisburg in May

- i. TRU groups will be involved
        - ii. Free community event
        - iii. Will include lung cancer screening at the event
        - iv. Reached out to Delaware County Coalition to possibly hold this event in Delaware County as well
        - v. Event details are coming soon; vendor opportunity will be available
      - b. Will have lung screening at the event; let him know if anyone wants to be involved
      - c. Task force: Advocates for Tobacco and Vape Free Community
        - i. Anyone can join
        - ii. Think tank for new initiatives
      - d. Email [npolanco@latinoconnection.org](mailto:npolanco@latinoconnection.org) for any questions or to join the Task Force
  - E. Ron Myers – Thomas Jefferson University; Director of Center for Health Decisions and part of the Comprehensive Cancer Center**
    - a. Has a NCI Funded Grant that focuses on increasing lung cancer screening in primary care
      - i. Recruited 28 primary care practices across four health systems: Jefferson, Lehigh Valley, Penn State and Christiana Care (Delaware)
      - ii. In the process of recruiting patients for the study using Electronic Medical Records of the four health systems to identify patients who are potentially eligible for lung cancer screening
      - iii. Reaching out to patients on a weekly basis to verify eligibility and enroll in the study
        - 1. Selected 3600 patients for contact; able to reach 68% by telephone; 25% were actually eligible for screening; 40% patients consented and were enrolled
      - iv. 1/3 of the way through for recruiting patient population
      - v. Will update as study continues
- F. Stacy Sower – PA DEP Radon Division**
  - a. Received a request from the division chief of certification services with Human Services and Education for information about the PA Radon Child Care Program to put in the PA Early Ed news; sent to list serv and received 19 requests for radon test kits
  - b. DEP stand at the farm show; connected with health care consultant with Community Connections
    - i. Hoping to do a virtual presentation in March to provide information for PA Radon Child Care Program
- G. Kate Veiga – American Lung Association in PA**
  - a. April 8<sup>th</sup>: Lung Cancer Survivors Luncheon at Sheraton University City
    - i. Flyers will be shared with the group
    - ii. Pushing for more former or current smokers that are also lung cancer survivors to attend
  - b. New Save by the Scan Campaign will be coming out soon
- H. Denise Bleiler- PA DEP Radon**
  - a. January is National Radon Action Month
    - i. Governor proclamation was put out;
    - ii. PA Department of Environmental Protection on social media
  - b. DEP Farm show stand; 200 test kits handed out
  - c. Target survey with the American Lung Association is underway
    - i. Mailed out letters to 7 townships so far about the radon test kit giveaway
  - d. Hoping to have a joint press conference with the secretaries from the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Protection
    - i. In the works and hoping to have more information coming soon
  - e. TV event next Wednesday Jan 22; on ABC 7:30-8pm
- I. Susan Porambo – American Lung Association in PA**
  - a. Creating Motivational Quit Cards
    - i. Playing deck of cards that will have motivational sayings for each week in the year
  - b. [Addressing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults](#)

#### 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

#### 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 \(pa.gov\)](#)