

## 1 Meeting Logistics

<b>Item</b>	<b>JUN Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	07/19/2023
<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>	Jennifer King

## 2 Agenda

ID	Description	Owner	Time
1	Introductions and Roll Call ***	Denise Bleiler	2:00 PM
2	Workplan Updates	Work Group	
3	Member/Other Updates	Work Group	
4	PCC Updates	Jennifer King	
5	Adjourn		3:00 PM

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

## 3 Notes

- **Workplan for 2023 Updates:**
  - Strategy 1. Plan for Regional Tobacco Cessation Providers to begin discussions about radon training to introduce the discussion about “testing home for radon” when conversing with public about smoking cessation. This combination approach of reducing lung cancer through smoking cessation and fixing homes with elevated radon levels was a new approach in 2020 and has been ongoing since then.
    - Updates/Progress:
    - Next Steps:
  - Strategy 2. Year-round radon awareness campaign/attempt to move from real estate driven to cancer concern driven option. Increase media attention, not only during national radon action month (January), but to year-round. Consider Health System Approach via cancer committee to adopt smoking/radon as part of lung health.
    - Updates/Progress:
    - Next Steps:
  - Strategy 3. Identify and promote Lung Cancer Screening education, activities, resources and tools to smoking cessation providers and lung health stakeholders throughout Pennsylvania to raise awareness and increase referrals and access to lung cancer screening services for eligible individuals in need.
    - Updates/Progress:
    - Next Steps:
- **PCC Updates:**
  - **Brenda Anastatio- Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Director**

- Cancer plan should be finished, final edits are completed. Planning on having it posted to the website, cancer page. Brenda will be following-up with this in the next few weeks, discussing the revised Workgroup Action Plan, this follows the new cancer plan.
  - The State budget impasse is affecting the Cancer Control Plan, although this is federally funded, we are still being impacted. All contract work is on hold. Mandatory programs such as WIC are unaffected. Dr. Debra Bogen's name was recalled for PA Health Secretary [Gov. Josh Shapiro withdraws nomination of Debra Bogen as Pa. health secretary | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.](#)
  - Tracie Gray has moved into a new position with Breast and Cervical Cancer. Brenda and Patrick are working together on the newsletter. Tracie's position will be posted externally beginning July 21<sup>st</sup>.
  
- **Member/Other Updates:**
  - **David Huber- American Lung Association**
    - No updates, in the middle of a three month grant extension with DOH.
    - Continuing tobacco cessation and policy work in the Southcentral region.
  
  - **Jackie Nixon- Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction (CR3)**
    - Radon calendar will be available no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, cost is approximately \$13. CR3 is encouraging organizations to purchase 30 or more calendars to be distributed to local classrooms. Jackie is looking for other channels of distribution, if you have ideas please contact [jackie@citizens4radonreduction.org](mailto:jackie@citizens4radonreduction.org).
    - The latest CR3 magazine will be out in September, this edition will feature Radon, Children, and Schools [CR3 News Magazine | Joomag Newsstand.](#)
    - The Premier Youth Ambassadors (PYA) will attend and present at the AARST Radon Symposium.
    - Recruiting for new PYA youth who are interested in the legislative side of radon. Youth who are ages 15 and older (including college-age) are welcome to apply. For more information [Youth And Education | Premier Youth Ambassadors For Radon Reduction \(radonreimagined.org\).](#)
    - **Brenda asked Jackie if the calendars are available in Spanish, they are not at this time. Brenda is going to work on getting them translated!**
    - CR3 is also selling t-shirts that feature their environmental superheroes, average cost is \$11.
  
  - **Patrick Loftus- Department of Health**
    - Patrick stated that a member of the Men's Health Workgroup who works at the Latino Connection is a translator and may be able to help translate Jackie's calendar into Spanish.
    - Continuing to partner with Tobacco Prevention and Control, working with them on adding a short video to the Quit Line that promotes lung cancer screening.
  
  - **Lynn Heyman**
    - Just finished up grant period.
    - Lynn continues her cessation work, assembling Quit Kits for distribution. Lynn asked if Denise would send her more of the radon pamphlet that she has been adding to the Quit Kits. **Denise emphasized that she will be happy to send out the radon pamphlets to anyone who is interested but there may be a delay due to the budget impasse.**
  
  - **Shannon Mason- UPMC Central PA**
    - No updates, continuing to host tobacco cessation programs for all ages across the state. Meeting with her team members to discuss areas of focus, how they can improve upon programs. Shannon received radon kits from Denise, she would also like to have some of the radon pamphlets.

- National Night Out is on August 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be out in the community's disseminating information. [National Night Out \(natw.org\)](http://natw.org)
- **Meredith Bigger- American Lung Association**
  - Meredith would like some of the radon pamphlets, she will use them in her Quit Kits.
- **Mike Glantz- American Lung Association**
  - Due to the budget impasse, state funding for contractors is in a holding pattern.
  - American Lung Association in PA would love to collaborate/partner with individuals/organizations who are PCC members. Please contact [michael.glantz@lung.org](mailto:michael.glantz@lung.org) for more information. You can also visit the Regional Pennsylvania Tobacco-Free Coalition [website](#) to learn more about what we do and become a member!
- **Khadijah Mitchell- Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple University**
  - Khadijah is settling into her new position at Temple University, no updates to report right now. Currently focusing on stigma in smoking with cancer patients, smoking disparities (particularly menthol), and making connections in the Philadelphia area.
- **Nate Burden-**
  - Nate will be attending the Radon Region 3 Stakeholder meeting that will be held September 25-26 at the Hershey Lodge. For more information [Course Schedule | Radon Courses](#). The Premier Youth Ambassadors for Radon and the American Lung Association will be attending as well.
  - Working with state senators and representatives to get Radon Bill passed that will mandate radon testing in schools.
  - Working to get the National Radon Action Plan recognized. This is sponsored by the American Lung Association [The National Radon Action Plan 2021–2025 \(lung.org\)](http://lung.org). Nate asked the question, could the NRAP be incorporated into PCC?
  - Nate is creating a training course for kids that teaches how the lungs work, and how to protect your lungs. This training is geared towards elementary school children, Nate is hoping to get this program into public schools throughout the state.
    - Jennifer suggested discussing this with the [Byrnes Health Education \(byrneshec.org\)](http://byrneshec.org). This is a health education center located in York, PA that teaches to all age levels, but focuses primarily on children.
    - Lynn asked if Nate has viewed the American Lung Association's video on how the lungs work? Access the video on this webpage [How Lungs Work | American Lung Association](#)
- **Amy Phillips- UPMC Central PA**
  - No updates, continuing lung cancer screenings, UPMC's numbers are up from last year. Working on a collaboration with Bell & Evans in Fredericksburg, trying to get their employees to sign up for lung cancer screenings. This group has a high Hispanic population with many smokers.
- **Jamie Ruminski- PA DEP**
  - Working on the PA DEP's student radon poster contest, hoping to get into the schools in September. [Radon School Poster Contest \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov)
- **Katie Sneeringer- Supervisor, Environmental Health, Epidemiology PA DOH**
  - No major updates, still working on preliminary results of data analysis, finalizing methodology. Met with the American Lung Association to discuss their data analysis.
  - Patrick mentioned a great free website that generates QR codes that can tell you how many people have scanned your QR code and you can embed your logo into the code as well as change the shape and colors [QR.io: QR Code Generator | Create QR Codes](http://qr.io)
- **Stacy Sowers- Radon Division, PA DEP**

- Working on hospital contact information for a newborn program that provides information to new parents.
- Continuing to get more interest from childcare facilities about testing for radon.
- Budget impasse is restricting getting more radon test kits out into communities.
  - Denise added that there is some federal funding that can be used to help get radon test kits out to childcare facilities.
- **Denise Bleiler- Radon Protection Program Supervisor, PA DEP**
  - Working on an event that will provide radon test kits to legislators so that they can test their own homes.
  - The three fall events that are scheduled will still be taking place despite the budget impasse, these events have already been paid for.
  - Working on Region 3 Radon Stakeholders Meeting -Sept 25-26

#### Other Resources:

- ALA Lung Health
  - <https://www.lung.org/clean-air/at-home/indoor-air-pollutants/radon/radon-basics>
  - <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/saved-by-the-scan>
  - <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/ct-scan>
  - <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/saved-by-the-scan/resources>
- ALA State of the Air Report - [State of the Air](#)
- [State of Lung Cancer 2021](#)
- **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 \(pa.gov\)](#)