

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	MAYLung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting
Date	05/20/2025
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. Brenda Anastasio
 - i. Reminder of PPC Quarterly Meeting June 12th
 - 1. [Sign up here](#)
 - ii. Waiting to hear about federal funding for this Fiscal Year beginning July 1
 - iii. Waiting to hear about Colorectal Cancer Grant Funding
 - iv. Anyone interested in cochairing Lung Health Workgroup with Susan Porambo
 - 1. Reach out to banastasio@pa.gov or jennifekin@pa.gov
- b. Jennifer King
 - i. Pink and Pearl Campaign for 2025
 - 1. Collab with wellspan
 - 2. Goal to have a Pearls of Wisdom Webinar
 - a. Have breast and lung cancer experts discuss; open to public to get word out about lung cancer screening

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 \(pacancercoalition.org\)](#)

- a. **Julia Barry – American Lung Association; Health Promotions Coordinator**
 - a. Had a successful Day at the Capitol
- b. **Kristi Steele – Breathe PA**
 - a. No Updates
- c. **Patrick Loftus – Program Administrator for Division of Health; Chair of Mens’ Health Workgroup**
 - a. No Updates
- d. **Meredith Bigger American Lung Association in Northcentral PA**
 - a. Attended Jaime Flick’s Community Health Fair
 - i. Distributed radon kits and shared information about radon, saved by the scan, and tobacco cessation
 - b. Plans to attend Family Fun Fair in Centre County; LGBTQ+ Pride Month event
 - c. Will be attending LGBTQ+ Health Summit in Allentown
 - d. Nicotine Replacement Therapy Presentation for Regional PA Tobacco Free Coalitions coming up in June
 - e. In two weeks: Lewisburg Prison Tobacco Cessation Presentation for adults and youth to the inmates
 - f. Has been in contact with Allenwood Federal Prison’s Health and Recreation Teacher
 - i. He helps with certificate programs that inmates can take and leave the prison with
 - ii. Will be training him as a Freedom From Smoking (FFS) Facilitator to help colleagues and inmate with cessation
 - iii. Planning on have inmates certified to have inmate led cessation programs
 - iv. Will offer inmates the chance to be certified as FFS Facilitator so they can leave with this certificate
- e. **Jennifer Moss – Associate Professor at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey**
 - a. First meeting
 - b. Met with Jennifer and Brenda a couple of weeks ago talking about research and outreach activities around radon
- f. **Nate Burden – President of Indoor Environment Association**
 - a. Webinar with Cancer Bridges in Pittsburgh on radon and lung cancer at 6pm
 - b. May 31st: Partnering with Hillman Cancer Center Outreach Program and presenting to cancer patients on radon and the effects of radon on people undergoing lung cancer treatments

- c. Indoor Environment Association and Women for Healthy Environment have two active school bills
 - i. Senate Bill by Devon Robinson (Senate Bill 760) for mandatory radon testing for schools
 - ii. HB 259 with Representative Briggs; also mandatory radon testing for schools
 - iii. The bills are not worded exactly the same; slightly different but cover the exact same thing
- d. June 10th: Partnering with Women for Healthy Environment for a Harrisburg Day
 - i. Doing presentations to senators and representatives on the radon school bill
- g. Tiara Parker – Hillman Cancer Center on Community Outreach and Engagement Team; Patient Navigator**
 - a. Will be attending a lot of events in the summer
 - b. Will be starting their own tobacco cessation program
 - c. Just attended an event at the Latino Health Fair on May 17th; discussed at their table effects of radon and lung cancer
 - d. Will be attending Good Neighbor Day on June 11th; will be discussing the effects of radon and lung cancer
 - e. Will let her nurse that is a certified tobacco cessation counselor that she should consider incorporating radon information when speaking to clients
- h. Ron Myers – Thomas Jefferson University; Director of Center for Health Decisions and part of the Comprehensive Cancer Center**
 - a. With Commonwealth of PA Cure Funds; completed and submitted final report on Lung Cancer Screening and Primary Care and the Impact of Patient Outreach in Primary Care Settings to Health Systems
 - i. Identified primary care patients who were potentially eligible for lung cancer screenings through EMR databases in health systems
 - ii. Reached out to those patients and found that 75% of those patients are actually not eligible for lung cancer screenings
 - 1. These patients were not eligible because information on pack years and quit years were inconsistent and inaccurate in the medical record
 - 2. Should consider how to help PCPs identify who is eligible
 - iii. The 25% that were eligible billed to two outcomes:
 - 1. Referral or order for lung cancer screenings
 - 2. Completion rate
 - iv. Their intervention was focused on trying to guide patients through a shared decision-making telephone conversation about lung cancer screenings
 - 1. Found that 65% of those patients actually received a referral for a lung cancer screening
 - 2. Achieved a 45% lung cancer screening rate
 - v. Concluded that patient outreach is quite effective in increasing lung cancer screenings in health systems
 - vi. Discussion: Could eligibility be inclusive of high radon areas?
 - 1. Answer is no for now because insurance does not include this as a billing guideline to cover for Lung Cancer Screenings
 - b. Moving into 4th year of 5 years of NCI funded study; testing patient outreach in comparison to provider support, and the combination of these two things
 - i. Study is ongoing, but optimistic that the integration of patient outreach and provider support could make a difference in lung cancer screening
 - c. National Lung Cancer Round Table is in the process of identifying interventions/materials/methods that can be shared with all states for the November Lung
 - i. Discussion: Has there been talk about encouraging more PA screening facilities to participate in National Lung Cancer Screening Day?
 - 1. Has not been raised previously, but will raise this issue in the next meeting Ron attends.

- d. Discussion: Articles about CT scans and the concern that they may be contributing to more cancer than what was originally thought
 - i. Needs more research for this study and needs to differentiate between low-dose CT scans and CT scans for lung cancer screenings
 - ii. Should eventually be addressed
- i. **Sean McCormick – Latino Connection; Associate Director of Public Health Programs**
 - a. Had a Better Breathing for All event in Harrisburg
 - i. Combined asthma/respiratory health with information on tobacco/vaping prevention and resources
 - ii. Community based event with a great turn out!
 - b. [Webinar](#): Youth Vaping, Environmental Justice, and Human Rights
 - i. New useful message to help young people to stop using vapes
 - ii. Initiative for their coalition (Advocates for Tobacco and Vape-Free Communities)
 - iii. If interested in joining this initiative send Sean an email
 - 1. smccormick@latinoconnection.org
 - c. [Webinar](#): The Rise of Vape Shops and Tobacco Outlets in Delaware County
 - i. Will talk about the 500+ vape shops in Delaware County and the details on those stores
 - ii. Hoping to bring in elected officials to talk about tobacco/vape shops to change densities and definitions in local governments
- j. **Stacy Sowers – DEP**
 - a. Reached out to Child Care Professional Network located in Springfield
 - i. Took information to provide as a resource to members in their group
 - ii. Received 12 requests for radon testing kits and 4 test backs
 - b. Updated flyers for radon test kit outreach in hospitals for new born parents
- k. **Denise Bleiler – DEP**
 - a. If you need test kits, send email to dbleiler@pa.gov
 - i. Will not be able to send as many as she did in the past
- l. **Susan Porambo – American Lung Association; Health Promotions Specialist**
 - a. Successful Day at the Capitol 2025!
 - i. 40 youth groups
 - ii. Over 500 youth participants
 - iii. Over 150 adult advocates and chaperones
 - iv. 110 legislative visits
 - b. Turquoise Takeover in PA
 - i. May was the annual Turquoise Takeover and Lung Cancer Action Week celebration (May 5th-11th, 2025)
 - ii. Have businesses, building, places turn turquoise for awareness
 - iii. LVHN Tobacco Treatment Program hosted an education table
 - iv. Harrisburg YMCA, Capitol, Walnut Street Bridge, Lincoln Financial Field participated
 - c. Presentations on Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
 - i. June 5th [registration](#)
 - ii. June 10th [registration](#)
 - iii. June 12th [registration](#)

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
- 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 \(pa.gov\)](https://www.dep.state.pa.us/radon/)