

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	SEPT Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting
Date	10/15/2025
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 ***	Jen King	2:00 PM
2	PCC Updates	Jen King	
3	WorkPlan/Member/Other Updates	Work Group	
4	Adjourn		3:00 PM

No meeting in November! Next Meeting: TBD

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.

- g. Engage Tobacco Cessation Providers to incorporate radon information when speaking with clients.

2. PCC Updates:

- a. Jennifer King:
 - i. Pink and Pearl Campaign: combines breast cancer and lung cancer screenings in one campaign.
 - 1. Reach out to Jen for toolkit and flyers
 - ii. Request for the governor to proclaim November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month
 - iii. Men's Health Workgroup in hosting a discussion this November on prostate cancer screening in PA
 - 1. [Register here](#)
 - iv. Looking for a co-chair for the Lung Health Workgroup!
 - 1. Little commitment; need a lead to moderate meetings

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. **Megan Roy: Nurse Navigator for Lung Cancer Patients at Penn Medicine**
 - a. First meeting!
- b. **Meredith Bigger: Health Promotions Specialist; American Lung Association in Northcentral PA**
 - a. Federal prison staff member trained for Freedom From Smoking (FFS) Cessation Facilitator
 - i. Will give FFS classes to employees and inmates to help them quit smoking
 - ii. Inmates will also be given the chance to be trained as an FFS Facilitator to building their skills for when they are released.
 - b. Shares cessation resources for youth and adults; pass along any leads you that could benefit from this information
 - i. Meredith.bigger@lung.org
- c. **Katie Sneeringier: Epidemiologist Supervisor in the Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology at the PA Department of Health**
 - a. Received all grants for Epidemiology for another year!
 - b. Recently got an indoor air quality training approved
 - i. Planning to put on train PA and linking on their webpage
 - ii. Interactive training where you follow someone through their house and identify indoor air quality risks
 - c. Partnering with DEP, ALA, and EPA where the epidemiologist is finishing up a data analysis and manuscript
 - d. Planning to distribute a large number of radon testing kits to community and municipal health departments
 - i. At a hold with this for now until the state budget is passed to be able to pay for shipping
 - e. Planning to receive more radon test kits and take them to the PA Farm Show
- d. **Kate Veiga: Senior Development Manager with American Lung Association**
 - a. Free Lung Cancer Survivor Celebrations
 - i. Philadelphia: Nov 12th
 - 1. Parking covered
 - ii. Pittsburgh: Nov 7th
 - 1. Parking covered
 - iii. Harrisburg: Nov 14th
 - b. Lung Force Walk in Hershey: Nov 1st at the Hershey Gardens
 - c. Lung Cancer Awareness Pins created to promote awareness and Saved By the Scan program
- e. **Nate Burden: Chapter President of the Indoor Environment Association**
 - a. Mandatory radon testing for schools; two school bills - one for Republicans and one for Democrats

- i. Each bill had over 20 sponsors; good chance of getting these bills introduced!
 - ii. Met with the Governor's office and they saw no problem with providing the funding for the mandate
- b. Partnered UPMC Hillman Cancer Center on a webinar on radon and the importance of testing your home of radon
- c. Possibly putting together a grant testing lung cancer treatment patients and radon level exposures to see if there is any negative impact where we would have to worry about the patient's exposure
- d. Partnering with the American Lung Association to come up with a free smoking cessation program for workers in the radon mitigation industry; noticed that a lot of these workers are exposed to radon and are smoking as well
 - i. Nate will eventually make a flyer for this program to share out
- f. Lisa Pareson: UPMC Washington and Greene; Rural Health Manager**
 - a. Having representatives from UPMC's tobacco cessation team and a lung cancer nurse navigator presenting to local rotary club about lung cancer screenings
- g. Susan Porambo – American Lung Association in PA; Health Promotions Specialist**
 - a. November 5th RPTFC Meeting
 - i. [Registration](#)
 - ii. Presentation on Cannabis
 - b. Clean Air School Challenge –CASC provides schools with a structured path to develop, implement and maintain an Energy Efficient Indoor Air Quality Management Plan, an effective tool in maintaining good indoor environments.
 - i. Looking for school participants who may be interested
 - ii. Putting together outreach list of schools in PA

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 \(pa.gov\)](#)