

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	October Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting
Date	10/21/2026
Time	2:00-3:00 PM
Location	Microsoft Teams Call
Purpose/Focus	Team will work to meet the following goals identified by PCC
Notetaker	Cody Aspril

2 Agenda

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

Next meeting Wednesday November 18th at 2pm.

3 Notes

- **Workplan for 2026-2027:**

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:

3. Member/Other Updates:

Nate Burden: president of Indoor Environment Association,

- Nate is available to be a speaker on Radon
- Working with Kevin Stuart for outreach programs in school districts on how to do radon testing and current standards.
- Just finished doing training in Erie and Union counties, will be doing testing for school districts in these counties next month. Bucks county, looking to focus on northern pa counties.
- In Philadelphia, working with Hispanic communities. There is hardly any outreach right now for these communities. Working with 3 churches, 2 mitigators, and setting up a webinar in English and Spanish for the churches. Next phase for this project is radon mitigation.
- Continuing to provide radon mitigation for low-income areas. Working on getting funding for radon test kits.
- Another program, combining radon risk reduction outreach along with tobacco cessation programs. Working with ALA on this project.
- Radon action month in January, looking for collaboration to do activities.

Meredith Bigger: American Lung Association,

- Shares information with the community and partner with organizations about nicotine products. Provides prevention/cessation education and quit programs.
- Meredith works on the PADOH Tobacco Prevention and Control grant.

Susan Porambo: American Lung Association

- Upcoming Regional Pennsylvania Tobacco Free Coalition meeting
 - o November 12th 10am-11am.
 - o Two guest speakers presenting on polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and radon
 - o [Register here](#)

Denise Bleiler: Radon Division, PA DEP

- Got awarded 3 year grant EPA, did funding for next year State Indoor Radon Grant
- Sent some radon test kits to Shannon from UPMC and Meredith from ALA
- Working on projects to send letters to veterinarian offices to see if they would want radon tests.
- Project: Making available to homeowners long term test kits, have a link on the website and mitigation checklist forms. Any homeowner with mitigation system in their house would fill out the form for long term test kits.
- If anyone needs a bulk in radon, please reach out to Denise.
- Renewed contract with ALA, Kevin Stuart, will have link opened when the project is in place.

Kristy Steele: Lung Health Manager for Breathe PA

- Focus is on all adult lung health
- Looking to collaborate with community members.

Tiara Parker: UPMC Home and Cancer Center, Patient navigator,

- Provide cancer awareness, screening, including for uninsured/underinsured
 - o If you know any community members who need support, please reach out to Tiara
- Runs cancer support program, share any information for cancer survivors to use.

Jessica Ruth Thompson: Penn State

- Continuing to distribute radon test kits at the lion mobile clinic
- Did 3 events so far, 5 more over the next few months.

Amy Grove: Community member

- Does a lot of lung health advocacy
- Part of Greater Philadelphia Lung Cancer Survivor group, having awareness campaigns in Philadelphia.
 - o Looking to get radon test kits for upcoming event on November 29th.

Stacy Sowers: PA DEP

- Working with daycares, working on a program to get daycares tested.
- Looking to reach younger people who have homes, pets, live alone etc.
- Veterinarian initiative

- Providing radon testing for clients at the offices. 7 offices interested so far in tests.
- Sending out additional letters to see if there are any more interest.
- Any more information needed reach out to Stacy.

Kate Viega: American Lung Association

- Pittsburgh December 2nd, doing a combo lung cancer survivors celebration and providers in the area to
- Spring 2027, lung cancer survivor events in Philadelphia and Harrisburg
- Lungforce walk at Hershey gardens November 7th. [LUNG FORCE Community Walk - Hershey, PA](#)

Cody Aspril: American Lung Association

- Radon Best Practices for test kit distribution webinar November 18th at 1pm. [Radon | American Lung Association](#)
- Freedom From Smoking: My Glory My Journey facilitator training is available. Tailored for providing cessation services for the black community. [Addressing Tobacco Use in the Black Community](#)

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 \(pa.gov\)](#)