



Southcentral Tobacco-Free Coalition Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Virtual Meeting
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Roll Call: Caitlin Cluck, Chelsey Hildebrand, Derek Leshak, Julie Davis Bartol, Shelly Cree, Yvonne Kuhenbeaker, Molly Pisciotano, Adam Bennett, Eric Rothermel, Pamela Miller, Karen Johnston, Leah Neiderer, Stacey McCole, Bonnie Clark, Maggie Progin, Nancy Miles, Shay Elkins, Kelly Frizen and Ginny Lewis-McLaugh

Welcome & Introductions

American Lung Association Covid-19 Updates- All links to the information below can be found in the attached Covid-19 document, or by visiting the ALA website.

- **Covid-19 Action Initiative:** This action initiative will be used to:
 - Provide free lung health education and masks to those in need
 - Protect Public Health by advocating for COVID and flu vaccines in underserved communities of color
 - Prevent future outbreaks by investing in respiratory virus research

- **Covid-19 Town Hall Series**
 - Next Webinar is Wednesday, December 9th from 3pm-4pm CT-[Register here!](#)
 - Additional save the dates can be found on the website or the attached Covid-19 document

- **Covid-19 Resources**
 - Factsheets, videos, webcasts, podcasts, blogs, and other credible resources are available.

- **Covid-19 and Tobacco Discussion**
 - Looking to partner with Covid-19 test sites to provide tobacco resources and programs at these locations such as pharmacies.
 - Barriers include the potential difficulties providing

additional tobacco information along with an already difficult and new testing experience along with the physical barrier.

- Moving forward we will be working to develop ideas to integrate important tobacco education material and resources at these locations as it relates to Covid-19.
- Successful attendance and promotion of online clinics include continued advertising, promotion, and practice of social distancing, use of screening and PPE. Health risks due to the correlation between tobacco use and Covid-19 may also play a role in those becoming interested.

- **Tobacco Initiatives During Covid-19**

- Buy 2 masks, give 2 masks campaign can be found clicking [here](#).
- Eric, YMCA, mentioned: the YMCA is attempting to put together a YMCA health equity tour in the next few months. The tour would be a way for them to provide Covid-19 education, hand out PPE and provide Tobacco Education, including Quitline Referrals, to the underserved population around YMCA sites.
- Karen, HCP, explained: Franklin county is mainly focusing on COVID testing. Karen may do a radio push within the next few months. Wellspan has been a good partner to them.
- Currently, paper distribution has been difficult. Many schools and facilities are not allowing paper copies of any kind to be distributed. Eric, from YMCA, said he found a way around this when providing food and during a blood drive to the community. He provided pamphlets during these events.
- Karen, HCP, is hearing from several clients that they are too stressed to quit.
- Leah, Wellspan, is seeing a surge of referrals being sent to them. She thinks they are coming from providers such as the Spine Surgery.
- Seek ways to educate providers to increase referrals.

- Ginny, LFHS, location sends out a physician newsletter every quarter. It has some success with providers. Bonnie Clark send out covid and tobacco use literature. Wil send it to you and in the minutes.
- **Q&A**
 - Bonnie Clark asked for Covid and tobacco use literature.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** ALA staff will send it out with the minutes.
 - Karen asked Nancy about the timing of the YBRS, being moved to Fall 2021. This is the same time that the PA Youth Survey (PAYS) will be distributed. Nancy said she has a meeting about the YBRS timeframe.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Nancy will get back to Cait with more information to the group regarding the timetable when available.

Workgroup Updates

- **Directory Update:** Here is the [directory link](#) to update information and to view all resources and services everyone provides.
- **Prevention**
 - Shelly, the staff lead, provided a prevention policy update for workgroup lead, Amy Lauver from the YMCA. Amy sent out an email inquiry in the beginning of November.
 - The prevention group should be on the lookout for a follow-up email from Amy.
 - No official meetings have been held.
- **Cessation/Policy**
 - Maggie Progin, Lebanon Family Health Services, is the lead with the Cessation workgroup. Julie Davis Bartol is the ALA staff lead.
 - No meetings have been held.
 - Please keep a lookout for Maggie's email to gain insight on your participation interest level.
- **Action Plan and list of members for each workgroup**
 - Please see attachments

- An email was sent out several months ago assigning participants to workgroups. **ACTION PLAN:** Contact Cait if you have not received this email.
- Leah did not receive this email and agreed to be on any workgroup. **ACTION ITEM:** Cait will send the email out to Leah soon.

Closing Remarks

- ALA was awarded the DOH contract for all three regions with the upcoming focus being on Disparate populations, Rural Health, LGBTQ, as well as the teen vaping epidemic. Providers will be contacted regarding their budgets and contracts.
- Nancy Miles from the DOH explained there are several focuses. They include the following:
 - Disparate Populations
 - Behavioral Health
 - LGBTQ Community
 - Rural Health Populations
 - Teen Vaping - Educating the young for prevention or to quit.
 - ALA is working on these newer DOH direct initiatives. The workgroups will help to cover teen vaping.
- Check out our new regional coalition [here](#) where we continue to work on adding ALA resources.
- Reach out to Julie Davis Bartol at Julie.Bartol@lungorg to be featured in the monthly regional coalition newsletter.
- A survey link for the meeting will be forthcoming.

Additional Resources:

DDAP:

- DDAP is currently hosting PA Psychostimulant Symposium Dec 2-3. Link can be found here: https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Pages/PA_PS_Symposium.aspx
- The 2020 Vaping Summit, a joint DDAP and DOH project facilitated by ALA, went off very well with over 300 participants!
 - Recorded sessions available at <https://pactonline.org/2020-vaping-summit/>
 - Presenters and topics were:

The Evolving Landscape of Vaping and Strategies to End the Tobacco Epidemic	Jennifer Folkenroth, BA, CTTS, NCTTP, NDS National Senior Director, American Lung Association
Vape Lung: Emerging Evidence and Growing Public Health Concerns	Frank Leone, M.D., M.S., Director, Comprehensive Smoking Treatment Program, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Use in 2020	Kar-Hai Chu, PhD, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh
'And Vaping too': The Inclusion of Vaping Products in Comprehensive Tobacco-Free Behavioral Health Policies	Ryan Coffman, MPH, CHES, CTTS-M Tobacco Policy and Control Program Manager, Philadelphia Department of Public Health
E-cigarettes: Linking Policy and Prevention with PACT and TRU	Niki Knopsnyder, Pennsylvania Advocacy Specialist and Molly Pisciotano, MHA, Director of Advocacy PA, WV, American Lung Association

- The DDAP Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup has released 3 recent reports that may be of interest
 1. [Health disparities in substance use among Pennsylvania youth](#)
 2. [Health disparities in substance use among Pennsylvania adults](#)
 3. [Do students who feel safer at school use substances less and report less symptoms of depression?](#)
- Two infographics with state-level data on the Student Assistance Program were released that include data on numbers of screenings, assessments, referrals, and recommendations. The data gives a pulse check on where PA students are in need and how the SAP process responds.
 - 2018-2019 PA Student Assistance Program Liaison Services
 - Pennsylvania Student Assistance Programs 2019-20, PA Network for Student Assistance Services (PNSAS)
 - Available on the SAP website: <http://pnsas.org/Data>

Pennie Insurance Program:

<https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Coverage/Pages/State-Based-Exchange.aspx>

Links to the FAQ section for Lung Association and FDA Related to Covid-19 and Tobacco Use:

- <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/covid-19/faq>
- <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-frequently-asked-questions#general>

Request for Information and Information Related to Insurance:

- The American Lung Association has resources to help individuals sign up for quality and affordable health coverage at www.lung.org/openenrollment. We have added information on healthcare coverage during COVID-19, translated some of our key materials into Spanish, and developed new infographics for patients with lung disease. Please feel free to share these resources widely.
- Finally, the Lung Association is seeking insights from individuals who have been impacted by a challenge with their healthcare, especially:
 - Someone who has been denied health insurance because of a pre-existing condition or has been denied for treatments.
 - An experience (positive or negative!) in signing up for healthcare coverage – whether that be on Healthcare.gov or through Medicaid programs.
- If one or all of the above applies to you, would you be willing to **participate in a 30-minute phone interview** with a member of the American Lung Association? If so, please email champions@lung.org with your **name, phone number and the best time to talk**, and you can share your important story with us to help our nation's leaders understand why quality and affordable healthcare coverage is so important.