

**Lung Cancer Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department

November 14, 2018

1:30-3:00pm

**In attendance:**

Nathaniel Johnson-Unity Point

Jim Emanuels-Peoria Radon

Gloria Linnertz-Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction

Ev Neavear-Tazewell County Health Department

Julie Angle-Tazewell County Health Department

Melissa Goetze-Tazewell County Health Department

Jessica Johnson-Hult Center

Katie Traenkenschuh-Tazewell County Health Department

Andrea Ingwersen- Woodford County Health Department

Diana Scott-Peoria City/County Health Department

**Call-in:**

None

**Radon Updates:**

-Gloria Linnertz, founder/president of Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction (CR3) presented to the group. Gloria founded the CR3 after her husband died from radon induced lung cancer.

-Gloria presented to the group about radon, radon testing and told her personal story about being involved in the creation of the Radon Awareness Act. MO and MN have copied the Illinois Radon Awareness Act.

-Gloria also worked with Dr. Bill Field to create a radon awareness guide aimed at the medical community and asked the group to help distribute. She also has a message on YouTube and a newsletter. More details about Gloria’s personal story and to sign up for her newsletter, visit citizensforradioactiveradonreduction.org

**90 day implementation plan (Radon):**

-Ev reported to the group that she is still waiting for IEMA about changing the existing radon grant; requesting more funds and changing deliverables to include Peoria and Woodford counties under the Partnership scope.

-Katie reported that the deadline is March 1st for radon awareness poster contest, she is working with TC after-school programs. She is also creating a toolkit to supply to schools for the poster contest and incentives for teachers to participate. She is also creating radon outreach toolkit to be utilized at different events.

-Jim spoke with the radon test kit company, air check. They are willing to provide kits to every student that attends TCHD EH Education Day next year (October 2019).

-The group discussed creating a position statement, much like the breast cancer committee is working on, to promote radon testing. The news release from last year for January, Radon Awareness Month, could be utilized as the position statement, and could also be used in newsletters (WCHD, TC Employees). A letterhead can be created for the radon testing position statement, much like the one created for breast cancer committee. \*see attached for last year’s news release re: radon awareness, it will be updated for 2019.

-TCHD will have a booth at the home show and sell radon test kits

-Radon prize pack was given away through AOK 0-5 Network newsletter.

-TCHD (?) participating in Tazwood resources fair; will reach renters and low-income households and educate them on radon testing-

**Tobacco Updates:**

**\*90 day implementation for Tobacco was not discussed, needs to be addressed at next meeting**

**-**Nathan reported that he will have an information table and some interactive activities at Unity Point for GASO. Further discussed GASO posts through Healthy HOI FB and individual health department’s social media.

-Julie reported that she followed up on discussion form last meeting with athletic directors/schools testing for tobacco. Her findings are as follows: Pekin, Tremont and Delavan don’t do random drug testing.

Morton does 10 random drugs tests a week but does not test for nicotine.

WCHS-coaches/staff discretion on testing, do not test for nicotine

DeeMack did not respond

EPCHS is the only school in TC that tests for nicotine, does 20 random drug tests a month.

-discussion took place about reaching out to schools to recommend they test for nicotine, and give educational information about vaping. Will discuss further.

-Diana reported to the group her efforts to secure an intern to increase participation in 2020 IYS is still ongoing.

-Diana updated the group about the Quitline reports and her suggestions form the reginal grantees to the state about how they report calls and data; explained why the reports need to be changed so the data can reflect grantee efforts to promote the Quitline.

**ITFC grant updates:**

The Illinois Tobacco Free Communities grantees met after the committee meeting to coordinate efforts and update each other as time ran out because of the presentation.

-Diana, Julie A. and Andrea discussed each individual HD’s website and that all 3 needed to have same information listed, as it is a regional grant.

-Discussed creating a regional list and post on websites and social media, “Tobacco (or Smoke) free places to Live, Work and Play in the tri-county area: Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties.”

-What the document, “Live, Work and Play” would look like, how it would get disseminated, etc. was generally discussed; use Cook County website as an example.

**Next Meeting Quarterly:** Both Breast and Lung Cancer Committee-December 18th 2:00-3:30pm at Tazewell County Health Department

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