

Lung Cancer Screening Task Force



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Note Taker: Hanna Snyder

Next Meeting: **Complete This Poll to Determine New Meeting Dates**

Meeting Minutes

Time	Topic	Notes
5 mins.	Welcome / Introductions	Attendees: Hanna Snyder (VTAAC), Dana Bourne (VDH, Tobacco Control Specialist), Brenda Shattuck (VT Department of Corrections), Chelsea Mulheron (NMC, Breast Care Nurse Navigator), Leigh Sampson (American Cancer Society), Michael Flaherty (Comp Cancer Analyst, VDH), Michelle Thompson (VT Radon Program), Kate Strotmeyer (UVM Cancer Center), Emma Vanacore (UVM Cancer Center)
30 mins.	Vermont Radon Program Presentation by Michelle Thompson, VDH, VT Radon Program <i>Overview and opportunities to collaborate/cross-promote</i>	<p>Please see presentation PDF from Michelle and other meeting materials on the LCS Taskforce webpage. You can learn more about the program at https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/healthy-homes/radon.</p> <p><u>Vermont Radon Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy's Story (video) • Radon Mitigation Funding Assistance Flyer (this is being updated, but will give a sense of programs available and eligibility requirements) • Radon and Smoking: A Risky Combination • Testing for Radon in Your Home (we just had this translated into Arabic, Dari, French, Spanish, Swahili, but they are not posted yet) • Fixing Radon in Your Home (we just had this translated into Arabic, Dari, French, Spanish, Swahili, but they are not posted yet) <p><u>Highlights from presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools are now required to test for radon. • Must test to know if radon levels are too high. • Radon and smoking both cause lung cancer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Radon and smoking don't add up, they multiply. • Recommended testing for radon every 5 years unless you have major changes to home structure or heating/ventilation then you'd want to test

		<p>after that construction is done. If you have a mitigation system, you may want to test a little more often like ever 2-3 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VT Radon Program distributes about 3000 free radon tests each year. Vermont residents can request a free test by fill out an online form or by calling 800-439-8550 (toll-free in VT). ● Radon problems can be fixed. Mitigation type depends on a home’s structure, radon level and the homeowners’ goals. Radon mitigation systems cost about \$2,000 to fix. ● Radon Mitigation Funding Assistance Flyer - VDH sends this out with those who have higher radon levels. ● Primary care visits serve as a key point to talk about testing your home for radon. <p><u>Places to collaborate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase radon awareness and encourage testing and mitigation. ● Researchers are using radon data to develop recommendations for lung cancer screening based on radon exposure ● Support policy initiatives that reduce radon risk ● Collaborate with 802Quits and other smoking cessation efforts ● Asking people if they have tested their home for radon during the lung cancer screening process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adding the radon fact sheet to the quit bag at NMC ○ Michelle could add some funds to new radon grant to add money for more flyers. ● Would need to have an education session with providers to better understand radon and testing for radon. Something NMC would like to do when they have more capacity. ● UVM Cancer Center community outreach team could use flyers. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharon, Hanna, Dana, Michelle could create a flyer to put together information in a one-pager about 802 Quits, Radon, VTAAC, etc. ● Michelle open to do training for providers! Something this group can help support in the future. ● Michelle to send radon flyers and other information to Hanna and Hanna will include with minutes. ● Hanna to connect Michelle and Kate Strotmeyer. ● Hanna to add Michelle to taskforce list moving forward.
10 mins.	National Lung Cancer Screening Day 2025	<p>The taskforce is looking to add at least two new screening locations for this November’s Saturday National Lung Cancer Screening Day. We are looking for appropriate contact people at the following hospitals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copley Hospital - Central Vermont Medical Center

	Support finding two new sites to participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt. Ascutney - North Country Hospital - Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital <p>Leigh will connect with Amy Deavitt at ACS for possible contacts.</p> <p>Please email Hanna if you have any contact leads!</p>
10 mins.	New Data Brief: Vaping-Related Lung Injury in Vermont: Documenting the Harms	<p>The latest Tobacco Control Program Data Brief: looking at vaping-related lung injury. This is really interesting, and concerning, and leads us to believe we may see vaping-related lung cancer in the future. Of note is the age of these injuries: many are 18-24, which is very shocking!</p> <p>https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/document/hpdp-tcp-vaping-related-lung-injury-in-vermont.pdf</p>
5 mins.	Next Steps / Closing	<p><u>Partner Updates:</u></p> <p>VT Department of Corrections: Challenges still exist with collecting data on lung cancer screening referrals and appointments. Turnover makes it hard to keep workflow consistent. Trying to collect data for all screenings. Medical Director is continuing to provide education around lung cancer screening and tobacco cessation.</p> <p>UVM Cancer Center: Emma Vanacore just joined their Community Outreach team. Has been creating a database of low-dose CT scans for UVMCC's catchment area using VTAAC's lung cancer screening page as a beginning guide.</p> <p>Hanna to send out meeting poll to find a better time for more members to join.</p>