



## TOBACCO FREE KANSAS COALITION

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### Summer 2022

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## President's Corner

### **Registration Now Open: TFKC 2022 Annual Meeting!**



We are very excited about the program for the 2022 Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition Annual Meeting coming June 21, 2022 from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. We will once again be virtual and this year, we are pleased to bring in a speaker from the Public Health Law Center on Synthetic Nicotine. This will be very timely and informative, and we consider this our keynote presentation of the meeting.

We are also excited to once again welcome members of the Youth Council from Resist for a 2022 Chapter Check In. In addition, we will hear from Rick Cagan from the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Kansas and Carol Cramer from the Tobacco Use Prevention Program at Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Rick will address the Kansas Strategy Session for Tobacco Recovery and Carol will provide an update on the Kansas Tobacco Control Strategic Plan which went into effect at the beginning of 2022.

All of this plus updates from the 2022 Legislative Session, an update on Project Echo: Vaping Cessation Strategies For Youth in a School Setting and a presentation from the Kansas Health Institute on a report released in 2021 on Tobacco Retail Licensing and Zoning in Kansas.

**REGISTER TODAY:** Registration is open for the 2022 TFKC Annual Meeting. Cost is \$25 per members. Scholarships are available for youth. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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Stay Safe!



Sara Prem, TFKC President

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## 2022 TFKC Annual Meeting

### Tentative Agenda

June 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

#### **Business Meeting**

Sara Prem – TFKC President and Director of Advocacy, American Lung Association of Kansas and Greater KC. Welcome, New Officer Elections, Budget and Financial Update.

#### **Program**

#### **2022 Legislative Session Recap/Overview of Proposed FDA Regulation of menthol**

Deegan Word – TFKC Policy Committee  
Government. Relations Director Kansas  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

#### **Kansas Tobacco Control Strategic Plan**

Carol Cramer - Program Manager  
Tobacco Use Prevention Program - Kansas Department of Health and Environment

#### **Kansas Strategy Session for Tobacco Recovery**

Clark Cagan – Behavioral Health Tobacco Project Director  
National Alliance on Mental Illness - Kansas

#### **FDA regulation of Synthetic Nicotine**

Stacie Hemmerich, J.D., M.P.H.

#### **REAK**

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**RESIST Chapters Check In**

Erica Johnson – Interim RESIST Coordinator  
Manager of Community Health & Wellness - Wilson Medical Center

**Tobacco Retail Licensing and Zoning in Kansas**

Manisha Shah MPH  
Senior Analyst – Kansas Health Institute

**Project Echo: Vaping Cessation Strategies for Youth in a School Setting –  
Evaluation and Outcomes**

Mark Thompson PhD – Education Program Consultant Health & Physical  
Education  
Kansas State Department of Education

**Closing Remarks**

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[Register for the TFKC Annual Meeting today!](#)

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**Board Member Elections: Don't forget to Vote!**

Voting is now open for new Board Members and other  
positions. Please [CLICK THIS LINK](#) to cast your ballot today! (All  
positions are unopposed but we still need your votes!)

Thank you!

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**Kansas Tobacco Control Strategic Plan**

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The Kansas Tobacco Control Strategic Plan (“the plan”) is the culmination of collaborative processes undertaken by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP) and its state and local tobacco control partners including the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition (TFKC).

The plan outlines a series of goals, objectives, and priority strategies that will help guide partners in Kansas as they work together to decrease tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure among youth and adults in Kansas, especially among populations disproportionately impacted by tobacco. The plan is a roadmap for success that is intended to provide direction and focus for state staff and partners, while providing a framework to align statewide public health initiatives.

Implementing evidence-based, environmental change in tobacco use can be achieved. Science and experience have identified proven, cost-effective strategies that prevent youth and adults from tobacco use, aid in quitting tobacco use, and protect everyone from secondhand smoke. We know what works, and if we endeavor to fully implement the following proven strategies, we can prevent the devastating effects tobacco has on individuals, families and communities in Kansas.

To read the Kansas Plan, visit this link: [KS-Strat-Plan-Narrative-FINAL-11-1-21.pdf \(tobaccofreekansas.org\)](#)

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## In The News

### **June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

For decades, LGBTQ+ Pride Month has been celebrated in June across the United States. It is a celebration of the diversity, accomplishments, and trailblazers of equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQ+ Americans.

Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition prioritizes addressing health disparities and is committed to addressing the health inequities experienced by those in the LGBTQ+ community, including recognizing the disproportionate levels of tobacco-related lung diseases due to decades of direct targeting by Big Tobacco.

During the month of June, we encourage our members to take action by visiting one or all

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of these links.

American Heart Association [Pride With Heart](#) webpage

American Lung Association [Pride Month](#) webpage

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### AMPLIFY OUR VOICE: Share TFKC Membership with Friends and Colleagues

Since the early 1990's, the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition and partner organizations have worked on strategies and policies to reduce the economic and physical harm caused by tobacco use in the state of Kansas. Our members are committed to reducing health disparities and the health cost burden caused by tobacco use in Kansas. Over the past 20 years, our statewide network has helped develop programs and pass policies that reduce the prevalence of tobacco use for Kansas adults and youth.

We need to grow our voices in Kansas communities. Please share this link to our membership application – it is free to join! **JOIN TFKC TODAY!**

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