

NEWSLETTER

June 2009

Director's Note

Happy **Pride** month everyone! For those who don't know, all around the country LGBT communities are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising this month, which is popularly thought to be the start of the LGBT equal right movement. Importantly for us in tobacco control, it's a time when LGBT community members come from all over to gather, which means it's a great time to reach people with health messages, especially people who might live in rural areas. If you've been doing local Pride tobacco control work, email us about it so we can tell others what you did.

We, of course, are still mostly slumped over after all that work to convene the 7th **National LGBTQ Tobacco Control Summit** in Phoenix early this month. Thanks again to excellent Summit Chairs, **Blue, Loretta Worthington and Sunshine**. Rumor has it this Summit was just as good as ever, people kept stopping by our table at the main conference telling us how much they liked the LGBTQ summit. And in honor of Pride month, we took it on ourselves to stage a tiny pride march of our own, as all 128 of us trooped over to say hi to the state tobacco control managers meeting in a nearby room.

So just remember, the Network links you with local LGBTQ expertise, so please tell us when you need that hookup. But beyond all the great info at the many workshops, the day was really carried by the keynote on tobacco and social justice, by ever-insightful **Dr. Cheryl Heaton**, and then the rousing finale of having René Hicks perform her standup comedy at our reception that

even. **René Hicks**, as an openly black person (who's also a lesbian) and lung cancer survivor, can do what no one else can, have us laughing about Big Tobacco for hours. So if you missed that, sorry, and if we saw you there, great to see you! There's lots more that happened but we might have to spread that out over months, because there's other things going on in tobacco now too, so sally forth dear reader.



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Current Opportunities

- [2010 National Association of Chronic Disease Directors](#) call for proposals is now open.

Project and Resource Highlights

Is internet-radio the wave of the future when it comes to cessation. We sure think it's cool. Why? Because LGBTs in both urban and rural areas who trying to quit or get more information will be able to access population specific resources. And what about those without internet? No problem, they can receive the information through telephone lines, so its accessible to virtually everyone.

We learned about all of this from **John Craig** with Invova Health System. John recently conducted an Internet-radio interview with a researcher at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Erik Augustson. The dialogue touched issues such as: Male and female archetypes in the powerful marketing cigarette companies have produced (i.e. the Marlboro Man cowboy and Virginia Slims "liberated woman"), Depression as an addictions trigger in various sub-groups, including GLBT youth and adults and the use of telephone outreach and the Internet in smoking-cessation.

[Check out this interview and others](#). Search the upper dialog box for "John Craig" and a number of his interviews will come up. Or head to our [website](#) where we'll continue to post interviews.

News From the Field

- A big congrats to **Kristen Degan of NYAC** who will begin to formalize a National Young Adult Tobacco Working Group to support sexual minority youth tobacco initiatives. This Group will develop and implement a national LGBTQI young adult tobacco needs assessment and will be funded by American Legacy Foundation.
- Congratulations are also in order for **Naphtali Offen**, president of the Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health (CLASH) and University of California, San Francisco tobacco documents researcher. Naphtali is the recipient of the 2009 American Lung Association's *C. Everett Koop Unsung Hero Award*.
- A shout out to **Joseph Lee** on his recent letter published in the [Journal of Nicotine & Tobacco Research](#). This letter to the editor contains the most up-to-date list of states that collect sexual orientation BRFSS data and that ask sexual orientation during Quitline intake that has been peer-reviewed and published.
- Yaaaaa to [Equality North Carolina](#) who endorsed proposed comprehensive clean indoor air law this year in North Carolina. If you're working on clean indoor air laws, get your state's LGBT rights organizations involved!
- Be sure to order your FREE copy of [A Movement, Not a Market](#). The New Mexico Media Literacy Project has put together an awesome tobacco and alcohol prevention resource for the LGBTQI community.

News From the Network

NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

The Network has been busy and touring the U.S.! Scout was on the road meeting with folks in Minnesota, Virginia, Rhode Island, and D.C. In D.C. Scout was spreading the good word on LGBT data collection. In Rhode Island, Scout along with several allies convinced Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) to lead a "Dear Colleague" letter about LGBT data collection for other Senators to sign on and support. With the help of many activists and the National Coalition for LGBT Health, **8 Senators ultimately ended up signing this letter calling for full LGBT data collection.**



In June, we took the whole Network on the road heading to hot and sunny Arizona for this year's Summit. We were thrilled to have 128 people in attendance. Many thanks to all the presenters (some pictured below) and participants for making the 2009 Summit the best yet!

The Network wrapped its U.S. Tour at the National Conference on Tobacco or Health where Vanessa and Scout presented a poster revealing the challenges and successes of the *Leave No Funds Behind* project. The Team is now working on finalizing the year long project. Look for our findings and products on our website later this summer!



We're now back in Boston and have worked hard to put out our new [Pride Ad](#) that will be featured at Pride in Chicago. Jealous? Don't be. You too can have a shiny one of your own! [Contact Us](#) and we'll help you personalize for your Center or local Pride.



What's On Our Calendar?

- **August 14 -18, 2009** the [LGBTI Health Summit](#) heads to Chicago. Be sure to check out Lisa and Scout who will be part of a plenary session discussing LGBTs and Data Collection on August 17 from 11:30 am to 12:45 PM.
- **September 5-7, 2009** in Seattle, [Gender Odyssey](#)
- **September 22-27, 2009** in Atlanta, check out the [Southern Comfort Conference](#)
- **October 18-25, 2009** the [Fantasia Fair](#) , a week-long transgender event, will be in Provincetown, MA.
- **November 7-11, 2009** check out Philly and the [APHA Meeting](#)
- **January 12 -17, 2010** [First Event](#) in Boston. Come visit us!!!

Help Us Keep You Informed

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Is there anything you want us to put in our next newsletter? News from the field? Opportunities? Some resource you want to highlight? Please hit us at lgbttobacco@gmail.com or 617-927-6452.

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Happy Spring everyone! It continues to be an exciting time for LGBT tobacco on many levels. Since our last newsletter we've gone to the **Healthy People 2020** mtg on tobacco and we banded with the directors of the 5 other [tobacco disparity networks](#) to present a joint priority statement to the head of CDC's **Office on Smoking and Health** and the head of the **National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities**. Do you think our assessment of the top priorities in tobacco makes sense? See the joint statement [here](#) and please give us [feedback](#).

One of the big challenges in LGBT tobacco has always been that the major federal health surveys do not collect LGBT data. Happily, the **National Coalition for LGBT Health** has been doing some great work to change that. Matter of fact, they have an **Action Alert** out about it right now. At this point, the best info we have about LGBT smoking comes from a variety of state and independent surveys, it would be so great to just once and for all, get solid federal data on this health disparity.



2009 Alaska Tobacco Control Conference

We're happy to report that work on LGBT tobacco is happening even in the North Pole! Thanks to Wilbur Brown, I got to present at the **Alaska Tobacco Control Conference**, where I had some fascinating talks about LGBTs and tobacco control in Alaskan Native communities. While we're all talking about [Twitter](#) and social media down here, some places in Alaska are doing tobacco control work by CB. Pretty different, eh? Big yay to Tom Rachal and his new recruit Julie, who are pioneering LGBT tobacco work in Anchorage.

But the big news now is still preparation for the next LGBT Tobacco Control Summit, June 9th in Phoenix, AZ. Are you coming? Have you [registered](#)? Or want to help plan the [event](#)? Come on down and get active.

Best,
Scout

p.s. And remember, follow us at @lgbttobacco on [Twitter](#)!



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Current Opportunities

Missouri—Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Initiative:

<http://www.mffh.org/tobaccoabout.htm>

South Dakota—Community Tobacco Coalition Grant Application:

<http://dhs.sd.gov/ada/documents/FY2010TobaccoGrantApplicationforWeb.pdf>

Department of Health and Human Services—Learn how you can receive recovery money in your state: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>

Check out the RFP Database <http://www.rfpdb.com/> for current tobacco RFPs!

Project and Resource Highlights

**National LGBTQ
Tobacco Summit**

Registration and Scholarship opportunities are now open

For more information, please visit:
<http://2009summit.googlepages.com/>

With the Summit only a month and a half away we have been working to solidify the programming for the June 9th event. We're thrilled to have topics that will reach all of our communities including *Tobacco in the LGBT Latino Community*, *Tobacco in the Native American Community*, & *Tobacco in Rural Communities*. New to the Summit this year - we will incorporate skills building opportunities with presentations such as *Evaluation on a Shoestring Budget* & *Working with the Business Community*. Finally, as we recognize the immense benefit of collaboration, we will invite Summit participants to learn about more about *Substance Abuse and Tobacco Control* and *Tobacco and People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)*

We are also please to announce that our evening entertainment will be international comedian **René Hicks**! René is an out stand-up comic who has appeared on NBC, Comedy Central, and MTV. René is a lung cancer survivor, a disease she developed from second-hand smoke in comedy clubs. We are thrilled to have her presence at the summit and for her to share her insight and humor on tobacco, and life itself

Please enter yourselves into our Project Directory, an online guide to who's who in tobacco control and LGBT's. To register, please visit: <http://lgbttobacco.org/reachout.php>

News From the Field

The DC Center has launched a new website, www.outtoquit.org, and is launching a new ad campaign featuring GLBT community members in D.C. who have quit smoking in the past year. They hope to kick off our first 'Freedom From Smoking' class in May.



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Joseph Lee of UNC Department of Family Medicine's Tobacco Prevention and Evaluation Program, questions Human Rights Campaign's perfect rating of Reynolds Tobacco Company in QNotes, Carolinas' premier LGBT publication. Lee contended that his main opposition to Reynolds' perfect 100 score stems from evidence of the company's history of marketing has increased tobacco use among LGBT people. Study after study confirms that disproportionate numbers of lesbian and gay adults and youth smoke. Check out the full article <http://www.q-notes.com/2009/03/21/stamp-of-approval/>

A new article has been published in the American Journal of Public Health highlighting smoking rates of male-to-female transgenders in New York City. Sanchez NF, Sanchez JP, and Danoff A. reported on the health care utilization, barriers to care, and hormone usage among male-to-female transgender persons in New York City. They reported a 49.5% smoking prevalence for MtoF transgender people recruited at three sites in New York City in 2007. You can find an abstract of the article [here](#).

News From the Network



Sasha and Lisa presented at the True Colors Conference at UCONN last month on tobacco control and its effects on GLBTQ Youth. We were lucky to have a youth from Youth Pride Rhode Island come speak with us to give a youth perspective on what it is like to be a former smoker. The crowd of youth were engaged with the presentation and we are hoping this leads to further opportunities with youth.

On March 24th The Network cosponsored the Fenway Boundless event. The Network is happy to report that we had a full house and this was the best attended Boundless event for this past year. Executive Director for the New Mexico Media Literacy Project, Andrea Quijada, gave an amazing presentation on how tobacco and alcohol companies are using marketing to target the LGB community. Her presentation explored particular companies marketing towards LBT's, what specific alcohol and tobacco companies are targeting LBT's, and presented several counter marketing campaigns designed by health organizations and/or LGBT organizations. We would also like to encourage folks to contact Andrea at the NMMLP or check out their website for more information at: <http://www.nmmlp.org/>. Thank you to Andrea, and the Fenway Institute for making this event such a large success!



L to R: Sasha, Lisa, Andrea, Vanessa

What's On Our Calendar?

April 29th & 30th– Scout will be presenting at the 2009 Young Adults Conference: Prevention Connections in Virginia. Scout will be discussing Tailored Strategies to Impact Young Adults in the LGBT Community. More information can be found at: <http://www.preventionconnections.org/conference.shtml>

May 13th– Equality Cares conference in New York City. This first-of-its-kind conference will address how LGBT consumers of mental health, mental retardation and developmental disability, and alcoholism and substance abuse services can receive the affirming, culturally competent care that they deserve and need. For more information, please visit: <http://www.rainbowheights.org/>

May 15th– Last day to get your special conference hotel rate for the 2009 NCTOH: http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2009/Lodging_Travel.html

May 28th & 29th– Unite with Minnesota tobacco control advocates at *Expanding the Movement: Power in Unity for Tobacco Control*. This conference will highlight critical tobacco control issues in Minnesota's priority populations. For more information, please visit: <http://www.mnprioritypopulations.org/>

June 9th– Join us in Phoenix, AZ for the 7th annual LGBTQ Tobacco Control Summit! For registration and more information, please visit <http://2009summit.googlepages.com/>

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