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Director's Note

We're all back from the 6th **LGBTQ Tobacco Control Summit** and holy kibbles, it was amazing! Yes, the crazy rumors are true; we had 137 people in Kansas City for this event, even without a larger tobacco conference to help draw folks. And the energy in those rooms was wonderful, yah, there was a lot of great information, but there was also so much cheering. (Being a hallway dweller, I'm hoping someone will tell me what all that cheering was about?) So big thanks to the many people all around the country to worked to make this event the wild success it was, and if you didn't get to this one, mark your calendars for June 9th and 10th 2009, cause we're already an ancillary meeting for next years **National Conference on Tobacco or Health** in Phoenix. And rumor has it, we might even have a **Michael Woodward's** transgender rock band as part of the entertainment! So many folks were really impressed with the conference, at times the energy just led folks to say wild stuff, the two most amazing comments I heard were, 1. "This is better than Creating Change." and 2. "If I ever moved out of Hawai'i, I'd want to move here to Missouri, everyone has been so nice." Woah, (laughing) really?

So now it's back to work for many of us, with fewer interruptions from the many conference calls to organize the Summit. But watch out, the **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association** is having a plenary updating their membership on the latest in tobacco interventions at their national conference in Seattle on October 24, and next week we know there's going to be at least ten LGBTQ tobacco presentations at the **American Public Health Association** meeting in San Diego. So if you're at either of these events stop by and see us, maybe by then I'll know the secret of why there was so much cheering at the Missouri Summit.



Current Opportunities

Rhode Island – Eliminating Disparities in Tobacco Use RFP – Due October 14th, awards up to \$15k each, see RFP at <https://www.purchasing.ri.gov/RIVIP/StateAgencyBids/7143877.PDF>. Plus **Tobacco Control Mini-Grants** Due October 20th ranging from \$500- \$5000, see RFP <http://www.health.state.ri.us/rfp/index.php>.

2009 National Conference on Tobacco or Health Call for Abstracts – This is the place to take your lessons learned to the largest possible tobacco control audience, so submit submit submit! http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2009/Call_Abstracts.html Never done this before? Hit us, we can help you write a winning abstract, lgbttobacco@gmail.com.

2009 National Conference on Tobacco or Health Call for Reviewers – What better way to make sure the conference is diverse than helping to decide the content. Sign up here <http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2009/conference/program/abstractreview.cfm>

Leave No Funds Behind Project – If you are a state or national grantmaker who will soon be putting out tobacco control funds that are open to local LGBT groups – we need you! We are testing models to generate a better pool of applicants for these funding opportunities, so please contact **Vanessa Oddo** at voddo@fenwayhealth.org and you could become a demonstration site for this free technical assistance.

Project and Resource Highlights

Hey, the biggest information resource available now was clearly the Summit, so let me give you a few more highlights from it.

People attended from 34 states, 45 scholarships were awarded, and 24 people from Missouri attended. Buckets of thanks to our three co-chairs who made this happen, **Susan Hollinshead, Blue, and Dean Anderson!**

Our indefatigable youth co-chairs, **Ernesto and Cree**, helped bring 24 youth in for the event, from as far away as Hawai'i. The pix from their youth photo contest were amazing.

With 44 speakers, four plenaries, and eight breakout sessions, there were buckets of great information presented. Unfortunately, we don't yet have a way to capture all this if you weren't there, we'll work on that but again, save the date for next year, June 9th and 10th. And calling all presenters, send in your PowerPoint's for the resource library!

News From the Field

- Congratulations to **Jeff Crist** and all at the Covenant House in **West Virginia** for getting one of the first ever WV LGBT targeted tobacco control awards. Read more about their coming tobacco awareness art show here - <http://www.wvgazette.com/>





getting one of the first ever WV LGBT targeted tobacco control awards. Read more about their coming tobacco awareness art show here - <http://www.wvgazette.com/News/200810030015>. Way to innovate!

- Congratulations to **Blue Cross Blue Shield from Minnesota** for finalizing a sharp new tailored quitguide to send to LGBT quitline callers. We'll see if we can get an online copy soon, and we hope to later create a generic one any state can use if they want.
- Congratulations to **Project 10 East** in Cambridge Massachusetts who received funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This mini grant supports groups working with marginalized communities to curb the influence of tobacco companies and bring awareness to how tobacco companies target them.
- **Naphtali Offen** of San Francisco, CA and **Eugene Beronilla** of San Diego, CA, were the Network scholarship winners for the recent Gay Men's Health Leadership Academy. Naphtali led a terrific discussion of gay leadership and participation in the anti-tobacco movement, see his comments on it at <http://gmhla.blogspot.com/2008/09/including-tobacco-in-queer-health.html>. For more information about the Gay Men's Health Leadership Academy, see their blog at <http://gmhla.blogspot.com/>.

Congratulations also to our past **Stump the Scientist Contest** winner, **Joseph Lee**, for his new job at the **UNC Tobacco Prevention and Evaluation Program**, which provides comprehensive program evaluation services for large statewide programs, small-scale community interventions, and media campaigns. So if you need a good evaluator, contact him at Joseph Lee, MPH, Social Research Specialist, 919/966-8948, jose.lee@unc.edu, <http://www.tpep.unc.edu>.

News From the Network

I know they've been going like gangbusters for months but we want to formally welcome all the new staff working at the Network now. We are very pleased to have **Amari Sokoya-Pearson** doing technical assistance work for us, some of you might remember her for conducting the first **National Black Lesbian Health Survey**, or for creating **Delicious Lesbian Kisses**, back at **Mautner Project**. We are also very pleased to have **Vanessa Oddo** on as our new **Leave No Funds Behind** manager, she comes to us from the Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research where she focused on understanding the factors affecting health service disparities. And most importantly, we are quite pleased to have the current board chair of Boston's **Somas Latinos**, **Ms. Lisa Harrison**, join us as our new anchor and leader, the network project manager. This team has been really amazing as they pulled together instantly to dig right into that summit, and smooth out so many rough details.

Thanks to **Rebecca Fox from National Coalition for LGBT Health** and **Barbara Warren from The Center in NYC** for putting together an amazing **Congressional Briefing** on LGBT data collection on Sept. 10. We were so pleased at the turnout and yay to **Rep. Tammy Baldwin** for stopping by to lend her support. I was presenting on the need for tobacco data and the new LGBT inclusive tested surveillance question, cause we never want those trannys to be left out, do we?

Oh yah, thanks to **National Association of Gay and Lesbian Addiction Professionals** for gracing me with their **President's Award** for 2008. I am truly honored.... and obviously confused, because I showed up a day late to get it, arg!



The New Network Staff. From left to Right, Amari, Vanessa, Scout, and Lisa

What's On Our Calendar?

October 11, **National Coming Out Day!**

October 16-18th, **CentreLink 2nd Annual LGBT Community Centers Executive Director Summit**, in Las Vegas NV. We won't be there, but Terry Stone will be keeping them updated on all these tobacco opportunities. www.lgbtcenters.org.

October 22-25th, **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Annual Conference** in Seattle. Scout (uh me) will be there giving a plenary about LGBT tobacco interventions. www.glma.org.

October 25-29, **American Public Health Association Mtg** in San Diego. Like we said, maybe 10 or more LGBT and tobacco presentations, yay! www.apha.org.

November 9-11, **National Coalition for LGBT Health** annual meeting in Washington, DC. We'll be there repeating the Congressional Briefing on LGBT data collection, for those of you who didn't happen to be at the Capitol last month to hear it the first time. Register now to go www.lgbthealth.net.

November 20. **National Transgender Day of Remembrance**. Watch for local vigils to honor people killed by anti-trans violence in the past year. In 2007, we paused to honor the eleven known people who died as a result of anti-trans violence over the year.



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January 28th – Feb 1, **Creating Change** in Denver. This is the flat out biggest gathering of LGBTQ community leaders anywhere, come on down to meet 2500 vibrant advocates and activists. http://www.thetaskforce.org/events/creating_change.

March 8-12th, World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai India. Naphtali Offen is definitely going and wants to get all the LGBTQs together. And we actually have 2 accepted presentations on LGBT tobacco, so if we can stow away on some flight, we

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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 617-927-6451.

Peace,



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