

# Action Steps from KCC Lung Cancer Network meeting

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

## **Priority areas for 2018**

- Reducing Barriers to Tobacco Treatment (#1)
- Local Smoke-free (#2 - tied)
- Tobacco Tax (#2- tied)

## **Reducing Barriers to Tobacco Treatment:**

- Continue to work in groups focused on health professional and consumers
- Look for upcoming webinar/conference call opportunities
- KET videos highlighting smokers who have successfully quit smoking
  - <https://www.ket.org/smoking/ken-kurtz-quit-smoking/>
  - <https://www.ket.org/smoking/paige-bentley-quit-smoking/>
  - <https://www.ket.org/smoking/selena-coomer-quit-smoking/>
- Barren River District Health Department has resources discussed during the meeting. For more information, contact Alex Hancock, [alexandria.hancock@barrenriverhealth.org](mailto:alexandria.hancock@barrenriverhealth.org)

## **Lung Cancer Awareness Month:**

- Promote and participate in as many events as possible
- See email from Jennifer 11/2/17

## **HUD and Smoke-free Housing:**

- There are small projects happening throughout the state. If you have a project or want to connect with someone who is working in this area, contact Katie Bathje at [katie@kycancerc.org](mailto:katie@kycancerc.org)

## **Increasing Tobacco Tax in Kentucky:**

- ACS Day at the Capitol – February 21, 2018
- Join Coalition for a Smoke-free Tomorrow, <https://www.smokefreetomorrow.org/contact>

## **Radon Policy:**

- Check with local HUD/Housing to help in June to help lower income residents apply for rehab housing (if your organization works with lower income – this could help with radon mitigation if needed)
- If you want to learn more about laws and policies to reduce radon risk, Complete BREATHE's free radon continuing education course. This self-paced course and can be accessed from the BREATHE website – [breathe.uky.edu](http://breathe.uky.edu).
- Potential policies:
  - Amend KRS 324.360 to Require Radon Testing in All Real Estate Transactions
  - Require landlords to test, mitigate, and provide information to tenants

- Revise state residential building codes to require RRNC with no geographic limits
- Require radon testing and mitigation in all childcare centers
- Require radon testing and mitigation in all schools
- Promote Radon Certification Training (March 5-9, 2018, Lexington)
- Include Radon Testing and Mitigation in Health Savings Accounts
- Integrate Radon Mitigation in Affordable Housing Funding Programs
- Create Safety Net Alliances
- Step Up to Reduce Radon (Northeast Kentucky AHEC)
- Additional information on environmental policies: Visit: <https://www.eli.org/eli-press-books/environmental-protection-in-the-trump-era> - Environmental Law Institute

### Local Smoke-Free:

- Work with local hospitals or hospital systems – educate and engage the CEO – great voice and serves the mission of the hospital (“our mission and our responsibility”)
- ACS can help with contacting/linking with hospital CEO’s
- Use the, “High Impact Hospital Implementation Strategy” resource
- The Kentucky Association of Counties is supportive of County level SF policies – use this information with County Judge Executives (letter attached). Below is a memo from the University of Kentucky BREATHE team.
  - The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) recently distributed a memo to all Kentucky County Judge Executives and County Attorneys affirming that counties have the legal authority to pass local smoke-free ordinances. The memo includes a [factsheet](#) from the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium supporting legal authority for local smoke-free laws in Kentucky.

In the past, KACo communications had cast doubt on whether fiscal courts had the legal authority to pass smoke-free laws. KACo’s new public stance to support the legal authority for local smoke-free ordinances is meant to reassure fiscal courts considering enacting smoke-free ordinances.

If your county is not already covered by a smoke-free law, now is an opportune time to make your voice heard by reaching to your County Judge Executive about the need for smoke-free workplaces! The KACo memo may be a perfect opportunity to leverage momentum for a smoke-free campaign in your community. Visit [www.breathe.uky.edu](http://www.breathe.uky.edu) or call us for guidance on launching or reinvigorating a smoke-free campaign in your community.

To read the recent memo to county officials from KACo, click [here](#).