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**US Mexico Border**

The US Mexico Border Health Association, the NLTCN and the US Mexico Border Health Commission are working together to make tobacco an important issue in border communities. The Third US-Mexico Border Tobacco Policy Forum took place in Ciudad Juarez on October 7th, 2008. The purpose of the meeting

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the **National Latino Tobacco Control Network (NLTCN)**! *Building healthier Latino Communities by reducing tobacco use.*

The Network has been funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a five year cooperative agreement as part of the [National Network Initiatives](#). The National Latino Tobacco Control Network (NLTCN) started operating in July 2008 under the leadership of the [Indiana Latino Institute \(ILI\)](#).

The goals of the National Latino Tobacco Control Network (NLTCN) are to:

- Provide leadership to build diverse, sustainable, and active Networks and communication mechanisms for information sharing and knowledge exchange.
- Become an effective catalyst for building relationships and

was to consolidate the creation of a Directory of tobacco control experts and advocates in the border and strategize and mobilize communities on both sides of border to address the pressing issues of tobacco control policies and programs. National Tobacco Control Legislation passed in Mexico at the end of August and regulations are being developed. The Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids will be collaborating to educate policy makers on effective and comprehensive policy initiatives and community mobilization. On the US side advocates need to start gathering support for a State Clean Indoor Air Policy for Texas to be re introduced in 2009. The NLTCN will support the Tobacco Control Border network and their efforts on both sides of the border.

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commitments which can complement national and state tobacco control efforts, maximize the use of cessation methods, support effective policies and through collaborations, TA and trainings, empower Latino communities to obtain necessary services and funding.

- Empower Latinos to engage in tobacco control and build capacity to achieve health equity.

Please join our Network and we will keep you informed about the latest research, best practices, programs and funding opportunities in the field of tobacco control and health disparities.

We are looking forward to working with you to improve the health of Latino communities.

Sincerely,

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### Steering Committee Meeting

On September 17, 18, and 19th, the Network's Steering Committee met in Indianapolis to develop a Five Year Strategic Plan for the Network and determine the processes and procedures for managing the network. The Steering Committee is composed of 11 organizations who will be leading the Network activities:

- Indiana Latino Institute (ILI), the lead agency;
- US Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA);
- Hispanic/Latino Partnership Unidos por la Salud (UNIDOS) (previously known as the California Hispanic/Latino Tobacco Education Network/ Partnership), University of Southern California;
- Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center, University of Illinois at Chicago (MLC);
- Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC);
- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD);
- Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK);
- ETR Associates;
- ClearWay Minnesota Tobacco Technical Assistance Consortium (TTAC);
- Dominican Women's Development Center (DWCD); and
- HMA Associates

The Network's daily operations are directed by four members of the Management Committee: ILI, USMBHA, UNIDOS and MLC. It meets monthly.

The Meeting took place concurrently with the ITPC Partners' Exchange in order to start integrating the work of the Steering Committee Members and to give an award to the Indianapolis Airport for going smoke free!

## New Clinical Practice Guidelines Released

The new Clinical Practice Guideline, [Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update](#), was released recently in Chicago at the American Medical Association. Copies will be held in the [NCI warehouse](#) and will be available for online ordering. <http://www.cancer.gov/help>

## Join the Network and the National Directory

The NLTCN is creating a National Directory of tobacco control, alcohol and other drugs and health disparities experts, researchers, advocates and community based organizations searchable by state. Join our Network and you will receive emails with important information as well as become an active member. Send us your job opportunities, calendar of events, programs and materials and we will share them with the Network. To join, please email to [Jean Leroux](#) at [jleroux@indianalatin.com](mailto:jleroux@indianalatin.com). Please forward this email to anyone else in your organization who would like to receive news from the Network. They can sign up using the link at the bottom of this email. If you have any questions, please call Jean at (317) 472-1055.

Your ideas, concerns, materials, programs, knowledge and participation are essential for a successful Network. Our National Coordinator [Dr. Jeannette Noltenius](#) will be happy to hear from you and post your job announcements and other items in our website and distribute them through our Newsletter. Please contact her at [jnoltenius@sswdc.com](mailto:jnoltenius@sswdc.com) and/or at (202) 328-1313

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