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Summer 2014

Celebration of Pat McGeary's Years of Service

After 22 years of dedicated service to the health community, Pat McGeary has retired. Since 1992, Pat McGeary immersed herself in finding ways to help people, communities, and organizations become tobacco free. Since 1992, she has immersed herself in finding ways to help people, communities, and organizations become tobacco free. Some of you may remember when she led the volunteer advocacy group in the passage of five city ordinances that addressed marketing to youth and creating clean indoor air. She also directed the advocacy and education efforts that resulted in the passage of smoke free city & county ordinances. She played a large role in promoting the passage of Measure 3. Measure 3 is the initiated measure requiring that a portion of the funds the state receives from tobacco settlement dollars (a portion called the Strategic Contribution Fund) is to be used for tobacco prevention and control programs. Pat was a great mentor to the new coordinators and a good resource when coordinators had questions regarding tobacco prevention



and how to use available resources. She enjoys teaching and public speaking and offers technical assistance, mentorship, and professional development to board members, students and local colleges and universities to develop campus-wide policies. She has spent countless hours advocating for clean air. We hope she enjoys her retirement and smiles when she looks back at all she has accomplished. We are grateful for the work she has done.

Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide Training for Tobacco Prevention Coordinators

July 31st, 2014
Fargo, ND

Bismarck Tobacco Free Executive Board Meeting

August 5th 6:30 p.m.

Bismarck Tobacco Free General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 23rd 6:30 p.m.

United Tribes Technical College Tobacco Free Pow wow

September 5-8

Representative Diane Larson shared at the Coffee for Legislator's event her intent to sponsor legislation to address the legal age to purchase, possess and use e-cigarettes. We appreciate her efforts that help protect our youth from the harms of tobacco.





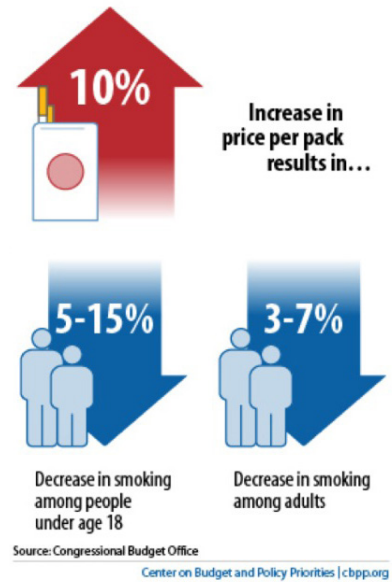
United Tribes Technical College Wellness Circle Receives the Public Health Team of the Year Award

The Wellness Circle worked with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health's Tobacco Prevention and Control Coordinator Sue Kahler to develop the comprehensive tobacco-free campus policy. The North Dakota Public Health Association singled-out the group's work in establishing United Tribes as a tobacco free college campus. This award recognizes a team that has worked collaboratively on a unique, creative, or outstanding public health effort in the past year. The members of the Wellness Circle were determined and steadfast in their mission to see a comprehensive tobacco free campus policy passed and Sue Kahler was committed to sharing her knowledge and experience to help ensure the best policy outcome. The UTTC Wellness Circle guided implementation of a policy banning tobacco products and tobacco use from the campus for all purposes but Native American ceremonies. The approval of the policy made United Tribes Technical College the first tribal college in North Dakota and the third in the nation to adopt a tobacco-free campus policy. This award was presented on June 19 in Grand Forks during the 2014 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health. Congratulations to all involved!



Sue Kahler(BBPH), Wanda Agnew (UTTC), Pat Aune (UTTC), and Joni Tweeten(NDPHA)

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An initiated measure approved by North Dakota voters provides funding to Bismarck Burleigh Public Health to diminish the toll of tobacco in our state by addressing the number one preventable cause of death and disease: tobacco use.

Bismarck Burleigh Tobacco Prevention Staff

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