

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Access to Care Action Team
January 10, 2017 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Health Connections

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Jane Lawing – St. Mary’s County Health Department (SMCHD), Dennis Helie – Calvert County DSS, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Nicky Pires – Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD), Mike Walbert – Arc of Southern Maryland, Lisa Milburn – Door to Healthcare, Ashley Lagana – SMCHD, Christopher Reeher – MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital (MSMH), Tokeitha Wilson – Medstar Family Choice, Bella Dean – St. Mary’s County DSS, Kelly Arthur – HQI, Dandan Zou – The Enterprise, Rebecca Jackson – SMCHD, Lori Norton – SMCHD, Jenna Mulliken – SMCHD, Lori Werrell, MSMH.

2. **Southern Maryland Transportation Grant**
 - a. **Overview & Scope:** During discussions last year on team priorities and issues to focus on, transportation was a common theme as a barrier to healthcare access. The team decided to support grant applications being submitted by the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) that would address this issue regionally. Subsequently, the TCCSMD was awarded a Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund ([RMPIF Grant](#)) by the Rural Maryland Council to contract with the [National Center for Mobility Management](#) to explore Innovative Transportation Solutions to Increase Access to Care in St. Mary’s, Calvert & Charles County. Nicky Pires (TCCSMD) gave a brief explanation of the grant award and provided the [scope of work](#) to the team. The scope of work includes a brief description of tasks and a *tentative* schedule. Nicky also provided some [example worksheets](#) that will be used by facilitators during the discovery phase of the planning process. This project will follow *Design Thinking* process, in which participants will examine local needs, review other rural areas that have successfully met similar needs and create a customized plan for Southern Maryland. The Access to Care team will be very involved in this process on behalf of St. Mary’s over the next few months and team members will receive more information and the final schedule as it becomes available.

 - b. **Team Brainstorm Session:** The team discussed two topics – Unmet transportation needs for healthcare access and key healthcare destinations. [Brainstorm notes](#). A survey will be sent out to gather any additional information from partners that were unable to attend. This information will be summarized and submitted to the facilitators from the National Center for Mobility Management as background for the planning/research phase. Members should



also begin brainstorming key partners that should be at the table for future discussions, key informant interviews or planning sessions.

3. **MRHA Legislative Session:** The Maryland Rural Health Association will host its 1st Annual [Legislative Forum](#) on January 26 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM at the House Office Building in Annapolis. Agenda to include the 2017 Outstanding Rural Health Legislator Award presentation, and a panel of MRHA members and Maryland Community Health Resources Commission grantees. The Rural Maryland will also have a Legislation Day, Lori will provide this information to the group soon.
4. **Community Wellness Day:** The Minority Outreach Coalition will host a Community Wellness Day on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Loffler Senior Activity Center at Chancellors Run Park. Exhibitors are needed to provide health demonstrations, activities, screenings and more – [Complete this application](#) by January 31, 2017! Prize donations, sponsors and volunteers are also needed. Contact Nat Scroggins for more information at: mocstmarys@gmail.com.
5. **Other Announcements:**
 - a. Door to Healthcare is still assisting with open enrollment for the Maryland Health Exchange. The current deadline is January 31 for February coverage – no extension is expected. There will be two [enrollment events](#) in Calvert County in January, all Maryland residents are welcome to attend.
 - b. [Boots to Heels](#) is a nonprofit organization that assists female Veterans transition to civilian life.
 - c. Save the Date for the Annual Women’s Wellness Day, hosted by the Delicado’s and MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital at the Loffler Senior Center at Chancellors Run on February 28, 2017.
6. **Team Meeting Schedule 2017:** The team will keep the current schedule for now, monthly on the second Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:00 PM at Health Connections. Some meetings may be changed to meet the needs of the transportation grant (e.g., if the National Center for Mobility Management is coming down for a planning session, focus group or work session then the team may host that in lieu of the regular monthly meeting). Stay up to date with the HSMP newsletter or by checking the HSMP website! **Next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM.** Bring your Valentine! ☺

