

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Tobacco Free Living Action Team
February 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM
St. Mary's County Health Department

Minutes

- 1. Introductions:** Jenna Mulliken – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Lauren Abell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Angela Cochran – SMCHD, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Cheryl Scroggins – MOC, Shannon Bingham – SMCHD, Mike Brown – UCAC, Rebecca Jackson – SMCHD, Laura Webb – Walden Behavioral Health, Dandan Zou – The Enterprise, Katherine Smith – SMCHD, James Stone – St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO)
- 2. Legislative Update**
 - a. Tobacco Bills in State Legislature**
 - i. Katherine Smith provided a status update on several bills in state legislature that are related to tobacco prevention & control for group discussion. Handouts:
 1. [Maryland Tobacco Legislation – Overview](#)
 2. [Maryland Tobacco Legislation – March Update](#)
 3. [Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems - Licensing \(SB119/HB523\)](#)
 4. [Air Quality Legislation – Overview](#)
 5. [Air Quality Legislation – March Update](#)
 - b. Policy/Advocacy Initiatives**
 - i. Reducing the retail availability of tobacco products to minors by establishing a local regulatory body/retail education**
 1. At the last meeting, the team expressed concerns about the feasibility of this goal. Officer Stone provided an update from SMCSO: He has been moved to patrol but will continue to offer support for the tobacco compliance checks through the end of the grant period. The Alcohol Beverage Board **IS now** reviewing tobacco citations for businesses that also sell alcohol, which is a positive step toward this goal. With uncertainty surrounding staffing at SMCSO after the grant period and the current improvements related to compliance checks/hearings this may not be needed. A motion was made to remove this objective for now and revisit later if needed.
 - ii. Increasing the number of tobacco free environments**
 1. Group discussion focused on next steps and possible locations to advocate for (Governmental Center & Parks). The team wants to provide tools for businesses that would be interested, such as



policy language examples and info sheets on topics like “How to start the conversation”, “How to enforce the rules”, etc. The team would also like to draft a letter that can be used for advocacy.

3. Local Vaping Campaign

- a. New brochures were distributed for the team to review and provide feedback. A “Get the Facts” flyer is now in development using local and state data. SMCHD would like to organize youth focus groups to further test/evaluate the Vape Aware [campaign](#) messages and materials. This is only in the planning process now but partner assistance would be appreciated when recruiting participants. The following groups were suggested for recruitment: sports leagues, 4-H (UMD Extension Office), local churches (letter-writing to faith leaders/youth groups), youth librarian, The Cove, Tech Center, Young Marines, & ROTC programs.

4. Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) & Smoking Cessation Updates:

- a. New [smoking cessation classes](#) are open for March. The team discussed participation, facilitator training and recruitment for classes. Angela will get more information for the group on how to be a facilitator.
- b. SMCHD is seeking applicants for a [Tobacco Program Coordinator](#).

- 5. **Proxy Designation:** Mike Brown accepted the position of Proxy for the TFL team. The proxy member attends the Steering Committee meetings on behalf of the Co-Chairs if they are unavailable.

- 6. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the St. Mary’s County Health Department.

