

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Tobacco Free Living Action Team
April 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM
St. Mary's County Health Department

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Jenna Mulliken – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Rebecca Jackson – SMCHD, Angela Cochran – SMCHD, Katherine Smith – SMCHD, Krista Cavanagh – SMCHD, Lauren Abell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Beth Slick – SMCHD, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Mike Brown – Unified Committee for Afro American Contributions (UCAC)
2. **Legislative Updates:** SMCHD currently has two public health policy interns that have been following state-level legislation. These interns provided a status update to the team on legislation relating to TFL. The team discussed these bills and if there was any action that could be taken to support them. Due to time constraints, the team agreed to follow these bills for this session with plans to boost advocacy efforts next year.
 - a. HB185: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors – Prohibition and Enforcement
 - b. HB523: Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vaping Liquid – Licensing
 - c. HB747: Public Health – Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs – Modifications
3. **Policy/Advocacy Initiatives:**
 - i. Increasing the number of tobacco free environments: The team agreed to focus first on government grounds and parks. The TFL Chair announced that the TFL teams request to remove the “establishment of a local tobacco regulatory body” from the HSMP Advocacy Agenda was approved at the last Steering Committee meeting.
 - ii. Opportunity: Presenting on this topic at the Board of Health Meeting on June 6, 2017 (tentative 9 AM), deadline for any presentation materials to Dr. Brewster – May 16 TFL Meeting. The team decided to prepare a presentation for this BOH meeting on the business case for Tobacco Free Environments, review together at the next meeting and submit to the HSMP Co-Chairs for approval. The team discussed important data points/information that should be included in the presentation. Team members from non-governmental organizations will coordinate any follow-up advocacy to support this initiative, such as letters to the commissioners or editor.
4. **HSMP Annual Meeting**
 - a. Save the Date: September 21, 2017: The team discussed topics of interest as well as the possibility of a Poster Session.
5. **Partner Updates/Other Business (time permitting)**
 - a. **SMCHD:** Angela passed out a new “By the Numbers” Vaping Campaign poster to members.
6. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's County Health Department.

