

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership  
Tobacco Free Living Action Team  
June 20, 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, Ashley Lagana – SMCHD, Angela Cochran – SMCHD, Shannon Bingham – SMCHD, Lauren Abell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Jessica Gardiner – MSMH, Christy Hartman – SMCHD, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC)
2. **Policy/Advocacy:** Increasing the number of tobacco free environments
  - i. **Update from Board of Health Meeting:** Dr. Michaels presented to the Board of Health (County Commissioners) on June 6, 2017 using the [Tobacco Free Environments presentation](#) that the team prepared. The Commissioners requested draft policy language to consider for implementation for the county government grounds. The commissioners have some questions and would like to include language on vaping.
    1. Follow-up advocacy
      - a. The Minority Outreach Coalition organized a follow-up [letter](#) from multiple partners (NAACP, Order of Eastern Stars, Elks, and Masonic Lodge) to support tobacco-free policy for county government grounds.
      - b. [Talking points](#) from the presentation were distributed along with the MOC letter as an example for other partners/members to write letters of support if interested.
      - c. Outreach at Juneteenth and outreach with youth by multiple partners uncovered confusion and many questions in regards to e-cigarette risk. Many youth have tried vaping (clouding, they think it looks cool, clouding circles), youth and adults don't see it as a risk.
    2. **Review policy examples:** The team reviewed several examples of tobacco free ground policy ([Harford County Government](#), [University of Maryland](#), [National Cancer Institute](#), and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital) and used these examples to start working on a draft policy for St. Mary's County Government to consider.
    3. **Draft St. Mary's County policy language:** Rebecca/Jenna will continue to work on the draft using feedback provided by the meeting participants. The draft will be reviewed/approved at the



next TFL meeting. Additional suggestions can be e-mail to [Rebecca.Jackson@maryland.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Jackson@maryland.gov).

**3. Partner Updates/Other Business:**

- a. June 23 and June 28 – MOC is running an advertisement in the Enterprise called “Ten Toes and 1 Big Reason to Quit” promoting cessation resources for pregnant mothers.
- b. Kendall/Intern @SMCHD is working on facilitating focus groups with youth on vaping. Community Youth Mappers, Cove kids and student interns at SMCHD will be participating.
- c. Local Comcast commercial is running about smoking risk and cessation.
- d. Christy Hartman is a new employee at SMCHD and will be working on asthma prevention and outreach.
- e. Nat discussed the [EPHT tracking website](#). This site offers information on environmental conditions and data on related issues like asthma.

**4. Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. **TFL Team Meeting:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the St. Mary’s County Health Department.
- b. **HSMP Annual Meeting: September 21, 2017** at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, MD.
  - i. Waiting on confirmation from Truth Initiative speaker on the topic of engaging youth through media, marketing & communications for TFL breakout. Information on other speakers is available at: <http://healthystmarys.com/hsmpannual2017/>
  - ii. Suggestion made to add event to Community Calendars – Enterprise, Baynet, SOMD.com
  - iii. Please share the registration page and information with you contacts and partners! <https://hsmpannual2017.eventbrite.com>

