

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Tobacco Free Living Action Team
June 19, 2018 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
St. Mary's County Health Department

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Jacquie Heaney – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Shannon Bingham – SMCHD, Angela Cochran – SMCHD, Mike Brown – Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), Lauren Abell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Ashley Milcetic – SMCHD, Jenna Guzman – SMCHD, Dee Rathbone – Parent's Affected by Addiction (PABA)
2. **Updates: Policy/Advocacy Initiatives**
 - a. Goal: Increasing the number of tobacco free environments
 - i. St. Mary's County Government Grounds – At the County Commissioners Meeting on June 12 Cathy Pratson, the HR Director for the St. Mary's County Government, gave a presentation showing the results from the internal review that was completed at the Commissioners' request after Dr. Michaels presented the initiative last year. The presentation included several options for a phased implementation as well as what county grounds would be included (it was suggested not to include the golf course). The Commissioners were supportive of the presentation and asked the internal team to move forward and write the policies for approval and begin implementation. The group decided that this initiative has been accomplished and will be removed from future agendas. Updates will be given, however, as the policies are approved and they begin implementation.
 - ii. Smoke Free Holy Grounds – In the past there have been mailings and emails sent out to the churches, but the responses were minimal. At the last meeting each member present signed up to reach out to a church from the previously compiled list of all of the faith-based organizations in the county. Those who reached out shared their experiences. Things to note: many churches did not know what the Health Department does, multiple churches were not interested in becoming smoke-free but are willing to hang up flyers on their bulletin boards, several churches do not see cigarette butts on the ground so they do not see it as an issue, and the issue of not wanting to put people out was brought up (during the WARM program, during services, etc.). Jenna and Jacquie met with Reverend Maro at St. Francis Xavier. He took materials and made a connection with the head of the deanery to hopefully schedule a presentation at one of their meetings. The suggestion was made to see if other denominations have groups like the deanery that the initiative could be presented to. Those in attendance at the meeting will each reach out to another church by the next meeting to continue this strategy.



3. **Youth Recruitment, Engagement & Prevention** – Angela reached out to Dr. Heibel at Great Mills High School to inquire about the feasibility of us hosting our monthly meetings at the school during their lunch hour to encourage youth participation. He was interested and asked Angela to contact him in August to plan for the start of the new school year. The suggested plan is to hold half of our monthly meetings at GMHS (where students would be encouraged to spearhead a project and be given volunteer hours as an incentive) and then move over to East Run Medical Center for the latter half of the meeting to discuss all other business.
4. **Co-Chair Discussion** – Rebecca Jackson has left her position at SMCHD for a new job. This has opened her position as co-chair of the Tobacco Free Living team. Angela oversees the tobacco program at SMCHD and has agreed to step in as interim co-chair with Mike. Those present at the meeting voted to have Angela remain as interim co-chair until the regularly scheduled election at the end of 2019.
5. **2016 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results** – SMCHD and SMCPS hosted a joint presentation of the key findings from the 2016 Youth Risk Behavior Survey on Monday, May 21. The [Tobacco Use](#) fact sheet was shared. Data covered in other sections of the survey is available on the SMCHD [website](#). The data does require interpretation as not all changes may be significant. If you have any questions please contact the Health Department.
6. **2018 HSMP Annual Meeting**
 - a. Save the Date: September 13, 2018
 - b. More info at: <http://healthystmarys.com/hsmpannual2018/>
 - c. The meeting will be held in the afternoon this year with a special community conversation on marijuana following in the evening – dinner will be available for purchase in between. It will be up to partners to really help promote this special session in the evening to community members. More details about the schedule and official timing will be available soon. Keep an eye on the newsletter and your email for information about registration.
 - d. Jenna has been in contact with speakers from the FDA that she saw present on Strategic Communications at the Maryland Tobacco Control Conference. They are interested in coming down to be the speaker for the Tobacco Free Living breakout session at the HSMP Annual.
7. **Partner Updates**
 - a. UCAC had a successful Juneteenth Celebration on June 16 at Lancaster Park. Mike was presented with a Juneteenth Proclamation by Commissioner President Randy Guy and Commissioner Todd Morgan. See photos from the ceremony [here](#).
 - b. The FOX 5 Zip Trip in Lexington Park went very well. Videos from the broadcast are available [here](#).
8. **Communications**
 - a. Share events and news with HSMP partners through the HSMP Newsletter, calendar & social media outlets! Submit information at: <http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email stmaryspartnership@gmail.com.



9. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. TFL Team:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's County Health Department.

