

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership  
Access to Care Action Team  
July 10, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

### Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Ashley Milcetic – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Greg Reuss – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Mike Shaw – SMCHD, Bob Frere – Department of Social Services (DSS), Lori Werrell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Ciera Gantt – St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care (SMAMDC), Kerry Miciotto – DSS, Rachel Solomon – Pathways, Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD
- 2. Hispanic Needs Survey** – The Hispanic Outreach group had their community blitz in June, but realized that one day was not enough time. To collect more responses, they pulled from resources such as the Health Department clinic, DSS, Greater Baden Medical Services, and by going back out into the community again. So far they have collected 65 surveys. They will be collecting until the end of this week to allow mail-in surveys to finish being returned. The surveys are being given to SMCHD's epidemiologist for analysis. The group talked about issues that had arisen while administering the survey: trust, trying to help with issues while in the moment, questions didn't make sense to people so they had to read and explain them, lack of bilingual volunteers, and inability to definitively identify gender of respondent (can't guarantee that they identified themselves as the 1<sup>st</sup> person in the members of household question). Some trends that were noticed is that many respondents identified stress as a mental health need in their community and the Health Department was common answer for where they go for health care.
- 3. Southern Maryland Transportation Project Update** – The project is moving towards its August 1 projected limited launch for AccessHealth and Calvert CARES members with training on the software the week of July 23. The limited launch will allow for trouble shooting and will help with making decisions for the expansion and sustainability of the project past the life of the current grant funding. After the limited launch they will be looking to add additional transportation providers (transportation during limited launch is being provided by the Center for Life Enrichment and the ARC) and opening the service to other community members.
- 4. Table Discussion for Annual Meeting** – The team will have a table at the 2018 HSMP Annual Meeting. Lori and Mike talked about how our table should highlight the accomplishments of the team as it provides an opportunity to recruit new members. Lori will provide a felt trifold for the table and there will be space in front of it for flyers. It was suggested to put data from the Hispanic Needs Survey and the first week or so of the Transportation Project limited launch. One side of the trifold will hold information about



the team and active partners. If you have materials for the trifold/table bring them to the next meeting. Lori will utilize hospital volunteers/nursing students to laminate materials and attach them to the board.

## 5. Partner Updates

- a. Table Applications are being accepted until July 31 for the 2018 HSMP Annual Meeting. More information is available [here](#).
- b. Lexington Park Rotary is leading a project to get a food bank in St. Mary's County and has committed to a 2 year plan. Kerry is attending the planning meetings. She suggested having them do a presentation to the team after the Annual Meeting.
- c. AFSP's Out of the Darkness Community Walk is scheduled for September 15, 2018 at 8 a.m. in St. Mary's City. You can find more information and register [here!](#)
- d. AFSP will be showing the [It's Real](#) film and doing [Talk Saves Lives](#) trainings in August/September at the libraries. They will also be doing an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) at the Health Department in October. Official dates coming soon.
- e. An estimated 2,200 people attended the very successful Juneteenth celebration at Lancaster Park last month!
- f. The National Center for Child Fatality Review is looking at ways to get better data on near fatalities related to suicide.
- g. Southern Maryland [Mission of Mercy](#) will be on July 27-28 at North Point High School in Waldorf. They are still looking for volunteers if you are available. Contact [Libby Blair](#) at SMCHD to get patients pre-screened.
- h. Walden Behavioral Health announced its partnership with Pyramid Healthcare on July 9. Learn more [here](#).

## 6. 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](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)

## 7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Access to Care Team:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.
- b. **HSMP Annual Meeting:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
  - i. Register Now: <https://hsmpannual2018.eventbrite.com>

