

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Access to Care Action Team
March 12, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Lori Norton – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Lori Werrell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Mike Shaw – SMCHD, Libby Blair – SMCHD, Bob Frere – Department of Social Services (DSS), Brenda Wolcott – MSMH, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD
- 2. Hispanic Needs Resource Guide**
 - a. Everything has been given to the graphic designer, Kate, and she is working on creating the one pager.
- 3. Youth Dental Access**
 - a. The group continued the discussion from the February meeting about whether the issue is access to dental care for children or parent education on the importance of dental care. Every child on Medicaid has dental coverage and every pediatric dentist in the county accepts Medicaid. Once a child is over the age of 3 they can go see a family dentist which provides more options. All of the MCOs have a dental pamphlet/trifold that explains the dental coverage. The team discussed next steps including: inviting dentists to the community Assistance Day in November, educating parents on the importance of child dental care as prevention, and reinforcing the availability of dentists to community members.
- 4. Cultivating cultural/bilingual speakers for chronic disease**
 - a. The next step is having community leaders step up and getting them trained. We will work with Rachel and Kerry's contacts to answer any questions that they might have before getting trained.
- 5. Partner Updates**
 - a. MSMH hosted their first Crockpot Cooking Class at Lexington Park Elementary School at the beginning of the month. There were 8 Hispanic families in attendance and the school provided 2 translators. They demonstrated how to make a stuffed pepper soup in the crockpot and participants were able to take home a new crockpot, all of the ingredients for the recipe, a recipe book, and a 25 piece utensil set. Other things that were offered included activities for the children and blood pressure screenings. They were asked to have the class again and do an educational component and to go back for transitions day.



- b. The Department of Social Services has partnered with the MVA to provide [State IDs](#) for \$1 on April 2 at Lexington Park United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. To qualify a person must be homeless and provide a shelter letter as proof of residence.
- c. MedStar Medical Group will be taking over East run at the beginning of the fiscal year. Axis Health in East Run has a new psychiatrist, psychologist, and therapist. East Run also offers primary care services. They are hoping to have the new dental clinic up and running in the next few months. East Run will also have the new Veteran's Outpatient Clinic, which will offer mostly telehealth services.
- d. The Delicados Women's Wellness Day event was very successful.
- e. Catholic Charities offers a full service [Dental Clinic](#) in PG County that advertises that they speak Spanish.
- f. MSMH has a new neurologist that is an epilepsy specialist – Dr. Zhou.
- g. April is Minority Health Month. The Minority Outreach Coalition is having a [Community Conversation](#) on April 26 that will include discussion around the Healthy St. Mary's 2020 Plan.
- h. The Maryland Rural Health Association Conference will be October 22-25 in the National Harbor.

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

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Access to Care Team:** Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.
- b. **2019 Healthy St. Mary's Partnership Annual Meeting:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Southern Maryland higher Education Center.

