

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Access to Care Action Team
May 14, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Denise Collins – RN-BSN Student Capella University/Community Member, Stephanie Gutridge-Snode – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Jenna Guzman – SMCHD, Mike Shaw – SMCHD, Ashly Milcetic SMCHD, Rachel Solomon – Pathways, Bob Frere – Department of Social Services (DSS), Lori Werrell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC).

2. **Spanish Speaking Resource Guide:** Team members in attendance reviewed the [first draft](#) of the quick Guide to Spanish Speaking Resources. This guide is being developed in response to the community assessment that was completed by team members among Hispanic residents in our community – respondents indicated they needed information on service providers that offered interpretation services or had workers that spoke Spanish. Once complete, the guide will be available on the HSMP website, distributed to the assessment respondents by team members and be available at various points of service. The information on the guide (contact info, type of service, etc.) was collected from the providers listed via a survey.
 - a. **Concerns raised:**
 - i. The key image for “Spanish-Speaking Provider” should be changed to a person only (no stethoscope) as to not mislead for services that are not healthcare specific. **change will be made*
 - ii. Do healthcare providers that speak Spanish still need to utilize the language line or interpreter due to liability concerns? **Ashley will research and follow-up*
 - iii. Add a date **change will be made*
 - iv. Rachel will get feedback from clients and bring back any suggestions

3. **Parental Education on Dental Care for Children:** The team discussed the need to educate parents and caregivers on dental needs for children with two primary goals:
 - a. **Raise general awareness around needed/suggested dental care and the importance of preventive care**
 - i. Ashly recently had an organization reach out that wanted to facilitate dental education to pregnant women **she will follow-up and get back to the group on this as a possible option*



- ii. The Office on Oral Health (MDH) should have educational materials on this topic that team members could distribute
 - b. Share information on resources (coverage, local providers, etc.)**
 - i. Nat suggested a tri-fold
 - ii. Jenna suggested hosting a list online with links to providers and information – put the link on a sticker and affix it to educational materials from MDH
 - iii. Ashly mentioned the Healthy Smiles program as coverage for kids and pregnant women
- 4. Cultivating Cultural/Bilingual Speakers for Chronic Disease**
 - a. Currently in the assessment phase – Trying to see if there is enough need/interest in the community to meet requirements (need at least 13 in a class cohort) to move forward with training Spanish speaking class facilitators
- 5. Partner Updates**
 - a. Rachel – Currently hosting a Women’s Group for Spanish speaking residents. Contact her for more information
 - b. Jenna – Healthiest Maryland Business [Collaborative](#) meeting will be held at the Health Department on May 16
 - c. Nat – The HEAL team will host a [healthy food drive](#) at [Juneteenth](#)
- 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, June 11, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital.
 - b. **Healthy St. Mary’s Partnership Annual Meeting:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center

