

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Tobacco Free Living Action Team
May 2, 2019 from 10:45 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.
East Run Medical Center

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Shannon Heaney – St. Mary’s County Health Department (SMCHD), Mike Brown – Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Kathy Arnold – St. Mary’s County Government, Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD, Cathy Ertter – SMCHD
2. **Health Education Surrounding Vaping/E-Cigarettes**
 - a. The team discussed events that we could provide the lung experiment at this summer. Events discussed were: Juneteenth, the Summer Lunch Program, Recreation & Parks Summer Camps, the St. Mary’s College Summer Concert Series, Jazz Festival, Beach Party on the Square, First Fridays in Leonardtown, and Point Lookout summer events. Jacquie will bring a list of these events to the June meeting for people to sign up to attend. We will also be providing the list to the Junior Team if they would like to attend.
3. **Tobacco 21**
 - a. The Tobacco 21 legislation is still awaiting Governor Hogan’s signature. If signed, the bill will go into effect on October 1. An internal team at SMCHD met earlier this week to discuss a plan for the informing the community about the change in the law. They will be doing retailer education, meeting with school nurse and the Sheriff’s Office, as well as a media campaign. Jacquie suggested that the TFL team host a panel event that is open to the community. She suggested inviting down Laura Hale and Jocelyn Collins who headed up the advocacy efforts, as well as Kathy Hoke from the UMD Legal Resource Center. The team discussed inviting the local legislators to attend. There was also a suggestion to reach out to Charles and Calvert Counties to see if they would be interested in hosting a tri-county event. It was brought up that hosting a tri-county event would create the issue of picking a location where community members from each county would attend. Shannon and Jacquie will reach out to Charles and Calvert before the June meeting.
 - b. While discussing the panel event, it was brought up that we should find a speaker for in the high schools and middle schools. Cathy mentioned the impact of the new Tips from Former Smokers ads and how something along those lines would be great for in the schools.



4. Old Business:

a. Cancer Screening Program Updates

- i. There is a new tri-county Hub for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program that is based out of Charles County. Women will still be case-managed in St. Mary's County until we run out of grant dollars and at that point we will start referring people to be case-managed by Charles County.
- ii. Cathy had a few new Colon Cancer Screening clients, but they ended up being difficult cases that haven't worked out thus far. She is still looking for more clients (both male & female) to get screened. She is working with St. Mary's Caring and The Mission to do outreach on a regular basis.

b. TFL Junior Team Update

- i. The students are completing their Peer Education Program (a 6 part series). They will finish this program just before the end of the school year and will receive a certificate for completion. We will also be providing them with a volunteer letter for the hours that they have put into the team. We have ordered them shirts that they can wear to any events that they attend this summer as well as next year when we start having them do outreach in the elementary schools. Caitlin and Jacquie are working with Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos from Johns Hopkins on a possible grant that would have him coming down to do an educational series called the Lung Ambassador Program with the students and would give them the task of creating podcasts to educate their peers. We will find out about the status of the grant in July.

5. Partner Updates

- a. The [16th Annual Juneteenth Celebration](#) is on June 15 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. at John G. Lancaster Park.
- b. The County Government's Smoke Free Grounds team is meeting this afternoon. They are finalizing the signage, working on a commercial, and discussing other details surrounding the January 1, 2020 roll out date of the smoke free government grounds.

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 stmaryspartnerhip@gmail.com

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **TFL Team:** Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 10:45 – 12:35 at East Run Medical Center.



- b. **2019 HSMP Annual Meeting:** September 19, 2019 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.

