

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership  
Access to Care Action Team  
January 14, 2020 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

**Minutes**

- 1. Attendance:** Bob Frere – Department of Social Services (DSS), Brenda Wolcott – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Jenna Guzman – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Kyle Cox – Pyramid Walden, Syeda Mita – community member, Agnes Bennett – MedStar Shah Associates, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Ivanice Ortiz Torres – Seedco, Carla Hall – Pyramid Walden, Mike Shaw – SMCHD, Jackie Jameson – Health Partners, Ashley Milcetic – SMCHD, Brittany-Jae Inman – Greater Baden, Aimee Hayes – Fresenius Kidney Care, Cindy Lohman – Calvert County Health Department/Southern Maryland Consortium of Care, William Hall – Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T), Lori Werrell – MSMH, Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD
  
- 2. CHIP/CHA Presentation**
  - a. Jenna presented on the upcoming timeline and roles of the action teams/partners in the 2020/2021 [Community Health Assessment](#) and writing of the new Community Health Improvement Plan.
  
- 3. Review of Previous Team Priorities**
  - a. Brenda provided an update on the Wheels to Wellness door-to-door medical appointment transportation pilot program. They currently have funding to cover the program in the limited pilot capacity in Calvert in St. Mary's Counties through this fiscal year. They are looking to find more funding for next year that will allow the program to expand into Charles County.
  - b. The [Guide to Spanish Speaking Resources](#) is available for distribution in the community. Please let Jacquie know if you need copies printed.
  
- 4. Team Priorities for 2020**
  - a. The team developed the following list of Access to care issues that they see in the community. At the February meeting we will discuss what we would like to prioritize from this list for the coming year.
    - i. Transportation
    - ii. Dental access
    - iii. Primary care access and overutilization of Urgent Cares/ED
    - iv. Openings for new patients
    - v. Stretcher transportation
    - vi. Home assistance for patients that do not qualify for home care



- vii. Awareness of resources in the community
- viii. Evening/Weekend Dr. office hours
- ix. Oral health literacy
  - x. Ensuring that community members keep Medicaid/health plans active
- xi. Therapies for youth and behavioral health providers who work with individuals with disabilities
  - xii. Transition planning
  - xiii. Vital documents
  - xiv. Transitional housing
  - xv. Workforce development
  - xvi. Language barrier
  - xvii. Access to care for uninsured and undocumented
- xviii. Engagement of patients
  - xix. Racial barriers/lack of trust
    - xx. Health literacy and how to access electronic health record
  - xxi. Availability of specialists

## 5. Partner Updates

- a. There will be an event on healthy relationships titled “[Safe Never Sorry](#)” on February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the tech center.
- b. SMCHD is having a [Flu Shot Clinic](#) on Thursday, January 16 for children 6 months to 18 years old.
- c. The Harm Reduction Program is now hosting [peer-to-peer support groups](#) at their office in Lexington Park.
- d. SMCHD is partnering with St. Mary’s College of Maryland to offer a free event on [Finances & Mental Health](#) on February 3.
- e. The Calvert-St. Mary’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) is holding a [Public Open House](#) to discuss regional long range transportation planning on January 16.
- f. Please take a moment to update your [HSMP membership](#) information!
- g. Save the date for the 2020 HSMP Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020.

## 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](mailto:stmaryspartnerhip@gmail.com)

## 7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Access to Care Team:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s County Health Department.

