

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership  
Access to Care Action Team

Wednesday January 21, 2015  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

**1. Introductions**

- a. Representation from: St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), MedStar Family Choice, Greater Baden Medical Services (GBMS) and the community.

**2. Status of MSMH Needs Assessment**

- a. Currently MSMH is in year 3 of implementing action on the previous needs assessment which focused on obesity (child & adult), substance abuse (tobacco & alcohol) and access to care (provider shortages & recruitment)
- b. MSMH is now in the planning phase following the new needs assessment which was just completed (874) community surveys returned). Implementation of the new plan will begin July 1, 2015 and will focus on areas that were identified in the returned surveys and focus groups. These areas are also aligned with the Community Health Improvement Plan (Healthy St. Mary's 2020) which is currently being developed by the action teams of the HSMP.
- c. Focus areas: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management (HEAL), Substance Abuse including Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs (TFL & BHAT), Access to Care (provider shortage and health disparities) and Behavioral health (provider shortage, high rates for behavioral health and addictions related diagnoses in the ER)

**3. Clinical Services, Title X educational literature review – Moved to Feb. Agenda.**

**4. Distribute draft of the Healthy St. Mary's 2020 for review by members**

- a. This draft demonstrates the compiled work of all the action teams.
- b. Please review and send comments, suggested revisions, or copies of organizational plans to [Jenna Mulliken](#) as soon as possible for inclusion.
- c. GBMS will review and provide information on possible strategies that align with their organizational plans
- d. Jenna will follow up on ED visit data as it relates to disparities. This may provide measurable baselines for AC17.

**5. Partner Updates**

- a. Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc (FQHC) serves St Mary's County – Leonardtown (Adults), Charles County – La Plata (Adults, Mental Health), PG County – Capital Heights, I (Adults, Mental Health, WIC) & Capital Heights II (Pediatrics, Prenatal Care), Oxon Hill (Pediatrics, WIC), Baden – (Adults,



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Pediatrics, Dental, Mental Health, WIC), and Beltsville (Adults). Main Service Number: 301-888-2233. All SMC clinics now have expanded hours (Saturday). The Brandywine location offers dental services department. They do have a van which can offer some transportation assistance.

- b. MedStar Family Choice (MFC) – Plans to partner with Health Connections for blood pressure outreach.
    - i. Suggestions from the community: Issue with accepting MFC in hospital lab for patients who have Medical assistance
  - c. SMCHD – Unfortunately grant funding was not secured for healthy families. Staff is currently meeting with other counties to examine alternative funding streams.
- 6. Next Access to Care action team meeting**
- a. February 18, 2015: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at Health Connections
    - i. Team would prefer a predictable schedule – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the afternoon at Health Connections.
      1. Jenna will connect with Calvert Healthcare Solutions, DSS, and the Housing Authority to see if this schedule allows for representation.
  - b. Meeting schedule is available in the HSMP Newsletter and on the HSMP website
  - c. Submit information on programs, training opportunities, and Access to Care news to the HSMP Newsletter online <http://healthystmarys.com/about/newsletter/>

