

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Access to Care Action Team
October 9, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Jacquie Heaney – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Stephanie Clark – Seedco, Lori Werrell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Mike Shaw – SMCHD, Ashley Milcetic – SMCHD, Kerry Miciotto – Department of Social Services (DSS), Dr. Jennifer Schmidt – Hospice, Yolanda Hipski – Tri-County Council, Rachel Solomon – Pathways
2. **Hispanic Needs Survey**
 - a. **Action Points and Next Steps**
 - i. Access to Routine Health Care
 - ii. Physical Health Needs
 1. Dental Care
 2. Weight Management
 - iii. Mental Health Needs
 1. Stress
 2. Depression
 3. Substance Abuse (Alcohol/Drug Addiction)
 - b. Mike gave a brief overview of the survey and its [results](#). The team then discussed the action points and determined that the language barrier is what needs to be specifically addressed. It was determined that there is no official list of providers in the county who speak Spanish. Many organizations have Spanish versions of brochures, fact sheets, etc. but it is important to have a provider who speaks Spanish or translator as it helps to build that trust and connection between the provider and patient (many use language line). The project that was suggested is creating a Hispanic Resource Guide. **Action Item before next meeting:** Start researching and mining out local resources to be included in this guide.
3. **Southern Maryland Transportation Project Update**
 - a. The "Wheels to Wellness" project piloted in August with the AccessHealth and Calvert CARES patients and transportation provided by Center for Life Enrichment and the ARC. There were 118 rides in September. Lori will be presenting on the project at the Maryland Rural Health Conference at the end of the month. Following the pilot program they will be looking for ways to continue the project without grant funding (pay-per-ride or pay-per-mile model). This will allow the project to expand to include those who do not qualify under the current grant specifications.



4. MSMH Needs Assessment

- a. MedStar released their Community Health Needs Assessment. It is available online [here](#). The MedStar St. Mary's portion is on pages 57 – 62.

5. Partner Updates

- a. Rachel will be having a Hispanic Women's Support Group at Carver Elementary School on November 8 at 5:30 p.m. Getting interested women to actually attend the support group has been an issue in the past.
- b. [Fiesta](#) Day will be on October 19 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Lexington Park United Methodist Church.
- c. Open enrollment at Seedco is November 1 – December 15.
- d. Remember to get your flu shot!
- e. Thank you to everyone attended the HSMP Annual Meeting! Please take time to fill out the [Meeting Feedback & Evaluation Form](#).
- f. Community Assistance and Resource Day is November 2 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lexington Park United Methodist Church.
- g. The [Community Health and Wellness Fair](#) will be on October 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.
- h. Dr. Schmidt is the main provider for the Amish community and stated that transportation appointments is an issue for them. They currently have a list of numbers to call for transportation and it is very expensive.
- i. Dr. Schmidt is also looking for resources in the community to provide patients who are discharging from Hospice.

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, November 13, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

