

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Policy – Position Statements

- I. Purpose: To provide a means for Healthy St. Mary's Partnership (HSMP) to consider and process requests for Position Statements on Public Policy.
- II. History
 - a. HSMP serves as the Local Health Improvement Coalition of St. Mary's County
 - b. Through Action Teams, HSMP works to address priority health issues that impact St. Mary's County
- III. Process
 - a. Proposals for Position Statements are forwarded to Co-Chairpersons of appropriate/relevant action teams.
 - b. Co-Chairpersons submit the proposal to their respective action team members either electronically or as a meeting agenda item.
 - c. Action Teams vote to recommend either approval, reframing, or disapproval of the proposal and can request further discussion of the request if desired.
 - d. Position Statement proposals and Action Team recommendations are forwarded to the HSMP Steering Committee for final approval to be included in the HSMP Advocacy Agenda.
 - e. Steering Committee decisions are final.
 - f. The HSMP Co-Chairs are co-signatories of all Position Statements.
 - g. HSMP Partners may take positions on issues, which are of local and immediate importance, as long as they do not identify these positions as being officially sanctioned by HSMP.
 - h. Only position statements approved by the Steering Committee are to be considered as the official statement of the coalition and to be distributed in the name of HSMP.
 - i. This Policy is published on the HSMP website.