

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Tobacco Free Living Action Team
December 6, 2018 from 10:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
East Run Medical Center

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Cathy Ertter – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Kim Dollarton – SMCHD, Mike Brown – Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), Andrea Hamilton – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD
2. **Updates: Policy/Advocacy Initiatives**
 - a. Goal: Increasing the number of tobacco free environments
 - i. Smoke Free Holy Grounds
 1. There will be a meeting with Bishop Thomas and Lawrence Carter about Smoke Free Holy Grounds on December 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Health Department. Any interested coalition members are encouraged to attend.
3. **Cancer Screenings Program Update**
 - a. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) and the Colorectal Cancer Program have merged and are receiving Cancer, Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment (CPEST) funding. There has been a decreasing number of clients over the past couple of years; however, due to the translator being available at the SMCHD Clinic the Hispanic community has recently started utilizing the program. Cathy now has a waitlist for the BCCP. The program provides screening services and will help connect a client to services for care when necessary. Cathy is attending meetings at the Hospital with and will be connecting with Calvert County to gain insight on their successful outreach efforts. If you would like outreach cards about the programs to hand out in the community, contact Cathy.
4. **GMHS Youth Engagement Project**
 - a. The first meeting with the student group went very well – 8 freshman attended. They seem to be most interested in utilizing social media to educate their peers. Their ideas included: creating an educational Youtube video and developing Snapchat/Instagram filters. Jacquie, Kim, and Andrea went over for the student meeting at 12:00.



5. Tobacco 21

- a. Laura Hale, with the Tobacco 21 Coalition, will be at the January meeting to talk about ways HSMP and partner organizations can support the bill. She provided some action items to work on before them:
 - i. Sign up with <https://www.yourethecure.org/> for the action alerts. You will receive action alerts from the Heart Association and they can be shared wider to take direct action.
 - ii. Share the [Veteran Support Letter](#). Getting veterans involved is key with this effort. If anyone know anyone who would like to be involved, please reach out to me. Please send signed copies for the Veteran Support Letter to me.
 - iii. Share you organization's logo on Maryland21.org (email [Laura](#) and [Lance Boucher](#))
 - iv. See some of the latest [news](#) on the effort.
 - v. If you share anything on social media, use the hashtag: #UpTheAgeMD

6. Partner Updates

- a. [Voting](#) is open for HSMP Co-Chair and Vice-Chair positions. The deadline to vote is December 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. The Advanced Care Coordination Unit provides education and outreach to Medical Assistance recipients to increase awareness of Medical Assistance Programs. Referrals to ACCU services are primarily though health care providers or social service workers. Individuals may self-refer to this program. Contact Kim for more information.
- c. Caitlin is now accepting walk-in smoking cessation clients.
- d. A new round of Cessation Classes begins in January. View the schedule [here](#).

7. 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

8. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **TFL Team:** Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 10:45 – 12:35 at East Run Medical Center.

