

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Tobacco Free Living Action Team
March 7, 2019 from 10:45 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.
East Run Medical Center

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Cathy Ertter – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Kathy Arnold – St. Mary's County Government, Blair Innis – Legal Resource Center (LRC), Rachel Nussberger – Tri-County Youth Services Bureau (TCYSB), Masada Johnson – Deep Launching, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition, Angela Cochran – SMCHD, Shannon Heaney – SMCHD, Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD
2. **Tobacco 21**
 - a. The hearings for both the House version and the Senate version of the bill were on February 27 & 28 respectively. The TFL Junior Team wrote a letter of support and 2 of the students read it to the delegates at the House Economic Matters Committee Hearing. Their letter was also submitted as written testimony for the Senate Finance Committee Hearing. The HSMP letter of support signed by Dr. Brewster and Dr. Michaels was submitted as written testimony for both hearings.
 - b. Blaire updated that they are expecting the House Committee to vote first (as early as next week) followed by the Senate Committee and then the bill will go to the floor for full body vote. The legislative session ends on April 8, so we should know the official status of the bill by the next meeting.
3. **Brainstorm/Discussion: Health Education Surrounding Vaping/E-Cigarettes**
 - a. Caitlin provided samples of the VapeAware Campaign materials including posters, banners, and fact booklets for the team to review.
 - b. Objectives discussed:
 - i. Surveying youth for up to date data – this would have to be approved by the school system.
 - ii. Planning for a Speaker in the schools in the fall.
 - iii. Creating an interactive program that can be used during the summer months – e.g., events (Juneteenth, St. Mary's City Summer Concert Series, back to school events, etc) and offer to summer camps/programs (Summerlunch program, Recreation & Parks camps, Tri-Cunty Youth Services Bureau camps, etc.). Some suggestions that came from this included making it a Mad Scientist activity and having students from either the Tech Center or St. Mary's College film an example of the activity
 - c. **Action Item: Please research existing interactive activities related to vaping education for the next meeting.**



4. Old Business:

a. Smoke Free Holy Grounds Info Session

- i. The info session will be on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Lexington Park Library in Meeting Rooms A&B. Jacquie sent out invitations by mail to churches on Monday, March. She will follow up with an email invitation on March 22. If you would like to be added to the calendar invitation, contact [Jacquie](#).

b. Cancer Screening Program Updates

- i. There is a new employee working with the Cancer Screening Program – Nancy. She is a Community Health Outreach Worker and will be attending community events and doing outreach at the soup kitchen. Cathy is presenting at the UCAC meeting on March 9.

c. TFL Junior Team Update

- i. 11 students went on the field trip to Annapolis for the Tobacco 21 hearing. They toured the State House, met with Brooke Torton from the Legal Resource Center, met with Delegate Brian Crosby, and attended the Committee Hearing. Next they will be working on completing their Peer Education Program and making their video.

5. Partner Updates

- a. The Government Grounds are moving forward with going smoke free. They are hoping to do a soft implementation in July. They are currently sending out educational information and advertising cessation classes. They are currently challenged with what to do about enforcement of the policy.
- b. Deep Launching has household items and school supplies available for families in need in St. Mary's. Contact [Masada](#) for more information
- c. Montgomery County just passed smoke free outdoor dining legislation.
- d. April is Minority Health Month. Nat is going to be planning a Community Strategy Conference – more information to come.
- e. Tri-County Youth Services Bureau is participating in Global Youth Service Day on April 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with a community clean-up in the Patuxent Homes neighborhood.
- f. The 2019 HSMP Annual Meeting will be on September 19, 2019 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center – it will be an all-day event with food trucks available for lunch.

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. TFL Team:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 10:45 – 12:35 at East Run Medical Center.

