

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
Access to Care Action Team
April 9, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Lori Werrell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Ashley Milcetic – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Jane Lawing – SMCHD, Stephanie Gutridge-Snode – SMCHD, Mike Shaw – SMCHD, Rachel Solomon – Pathways, Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Karen Mumbert – St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS), Jacquie Heaney – SMCHD
- 2. Hispanic Resource Guide:** Kate is currently working on the resource guide. As soon as we get the draft back we will send it out digitally for comments/edits. The team discussed how we would like to get the resource guide out to the community once completed. Copies will be given to the Judy Center, DSS, Greater Baden, SMCHD, MSMH, businesses that are known to be frequented by the Hispanic community, leaders in the Hispanic community (church leaders & the women's group), and to the school nurses. It will also be taken to upcoming community events.
- 3. Parental Education on Dental Care for Children:** Now that we have decided to focus on the parental education side rather than access to dental care for children we have 2 potential paths: do parents know where the pediatric dentists are that accept Medicaid and/or do they understand that children are covered under the Healthy Smiles dental program? The team decided that both of these need to be addressed. Ashley has a [list](#) of the local dentists who accept pediatric and pregnant patients under the Healthy Smiles program. Karen suggested that the list be shared with the school nurses as they have recently been discussing where to send their students. Nat has arranged for a representative from the University of Maryland to set up an informational table on oral health at the Juneteenth Festival. It was suggested that we contact the Dentists to see what they are willing to do to help us address this issue.
- 4. Cultivating Cultural/Bilingual Speakers for Chronic Disease:** Jacquie spoke with Andrea to get the details of the training. There are 6 days of training (4 on chronic disease self-management, 2 specifically focused on diabetes self-management) which are spread out with 2 days for each of 3 weeks. Before looking to schedule trainings she needs to know if the trainings need to be in Spanish – per Rachel and Kerry the answer is yes. The program requires 2 teachers and 12-15 people to register for the class which is 2 ½ hours per week for 6 weeks. The class can be made up of persons with diabetes or those who are the support person for someone with diabetes. Kerry and Rachel are going to gauge



interest in the Hispanic community to make sure that we have enough people to sign up for the class.

5. Partner Updates

- a. Mike brought up the idea that we should keep an eye on access to mental health care for the aging population as we have very limited nursing facilities in the area and most do not offer a mental health care unit.
- b. April is Minority Health Month with the theme “Active and Healthy.” The Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC) is hosting a [Community Conversion](#) regarding input vital to the work of reducing health disparities on April 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the St. Mary’s County Health Department.
- c. The 16th Annual [Juneteenth Festival](#) is Saturday, June 15 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. Vendor [applications](#) are now being accepted.
- d. The Dental Clinic at East Run is working towards an opening date of June 1 in partnership with Health Partners in Charles County.
- e. Health Connections’ next [Simple Changes](#) Diabetes Prevention Program start on April 17.
- f. DSS is planning for a launch of the Substance Exposed Newborn Taskforce in May.
- g. The Hispanic Women’s Group will be meeting again on May 2nd. Contact [Rachel](#) for more information.
- h. Great Mills Family Dental is offering [free dental services](#) on April 13 on a first-come, first-served basis.

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, May 14, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Health Connections, MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital.
- b. **Healthy St. Mary’s Partnership Annual Meeting:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center

