

# Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021



# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. HSMP & CHA/CHIP Overview
3. Data Review
4. Action Team Co-Chairs
5. Stakeholder Recruitment
6. Priority Areas/Action Items for 2020
7. Partner Updates



# Introductions

- Jacquie Heaney - HSMP Coordinator
- Heather Moritz
- Brian Abell
- Ashley Milcetic
- Sue Veith
- Suha Ansari
- Stephanie Richardson
- Michele Gaskill
- Christie Taylor



# Healthy St. Mary's Partnership

- [Membership](#)
- [Bi-weekly Newsletter](#)
- [2020 Community Health Assessment](#)
  - 4 health priority areas identified
- [2021 CHIP Timeline](#)



# 2020 CHA Data Review

- Since 2010, 12 water systems in St. Mary's County have had violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act
- Chesapeake Bay Report Card 2020: C-
- Average daily air particulate matter (in micrograms per cubic meter): 9.6 (2014)
- Respiratory hazard index score: all census tracts <.42 (2014)
- Renters that are cost-burdened: 39.5%
- Households that are considered to have severe housing problems: 28.2%
- Residents that do not have a vehicle available to their household: 7.4%
- 3 food desert census tracts
- Percent of Households Below the Poverty Threshold: 7%
- Percent of Households Below the ALICE Threshold: 24%
- Homeless individuals in SOMD: 399 (2020)



# MD SHIP Environmental Health Data Measures

- Children Receiving Blood Lead Screening - This indicator reflects the percentage of children (aged 12-35 months) enrolled in Medicaid (90+ days) screened for lead in their blood.
- Affordable Housing - This indicator shows the percentage of housing units sold that are affordable on the median teacher's salary.
- Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels - The legal definition of an elevated blood lead level in Maryland is 10 micrograms/deciliter (mcg/dL), but the current CDC and Maryland guidelines for health care providers urge follow up for any child with a level of 5 mcg/dL or higher.

# Healthy People 2030 Environmental Health Measures

- [Foodborne Illness/Safe Food Handling](#)
- [Environmental Health](#)
- [Housing and Homes](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Neighborhood and Built Environment](#)



# Data Points to Track?



- \$ the county/state put into sidewalks/transportation safety problems (County CIP) both budgeted and spent
- Children's elevated lead levels
- Air Quality Monitoring (developmental - starting in 2021)
- Swimming closures due to pollution? Water quality best management practices that are started? Critical area 10% rule implementation (improving water quality runoff when you develop);
- PFAS
- Covid wastewater project
- Transportation - bus population of riders and primary location
- Food Equity
- Flooding
- Mold in homes
- Underground storage tank problems?
- Connections to sewer
- Jacquie will work on this for final discussion at February meeting. If you have any other data points you'd be interested in the team tracking, please email [stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)

# Action Team Co-Chairs

- 2 year term
- Duties:
  - Providing overall leadership for the action team.
  - Exercising general powers of management usually vested in the office of the Co-Chair.
  - Serving as liaison for the action team to the Steering Committee and overall HSMP.
  - Convening and leading action team meetings
- Any volunteers?
  - Sue Veith
  - Please contact [stmaryspartnerhip@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnerhip@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving as EH action team co-chair



# Stakeholder Recruitment

- Who's missing?
  - MetCom
  - LUGM - Kwasi
  - DPW
  - Housing Authority
  - Homelessness Prevention Board



# Priority Areas/Action Items for 2020

- What can we work on this year while developing the CHIP?
- Action Items before February Meeting:
  - Review Possible Strategies:
    - Complete Streets Policy
    - Transportation to Farmers Markets
    - Food Resource Asset Map (free/reduced price foods)
    - SNAP Benefits at Farmers Markets
    - Extend Broadband Access??
    - Food safety education
    - <http://www.phi.org/wp-content/uploads/migration/uploads/application/files/t25ttiwnzfhq9cw5do2b3hllzrc0f9o4hbri8e8yngt1wyfvjd.pdf>
    - <https://planning-org-uploaded-media.s3.amazonaws.com/document/Metrics-Planning-Healthy-Communities.pdf>

# Partner Updates



- TEnnis is waiting for spring and nice weather!
- New extended special enrollment period for Maryland Health Connection health insurance - through March 15
- MPO - in the process of contracting for a Complete Streets Study for the county (focused on area around LP and extends into Calvert County) - action on this coming up. Sue will be on the Steering Committee.
- Health Department is operating in a limited capacity for in person appointments. Appointments are available for select services and community members may call or email the office for more information. Visit the HD Website for more information:  
<http://www.smchd.org/hours-location-and-directions/>
- [Global Crisis: COVID-19 & Vaping Webinar Series](#)

# Communications

- Submit event and news updates/information at:  
<http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email  
[stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)
- Follow HSMP on Social Media
  - Facebook: Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
  - Twitter: @HealthyStMarys



# Upcoming Meetings

- Does this time work?
  - February 17 @10
  - Jacquie will send out calendar invitations

