



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Commission for Women's 2020 Healthy Relationships Survey
3. Priority Areas for 2021
4. Partner Updates

Introductions

- Angela Cochran - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Tammy Loewe - SMCHD
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS)
- Anne-Marie Combs - Department of Juvenile Services
- Christie Taylor - Seedco
- Lisa Sheehan - St. Mary's County Child Advocacy Center
- Kathleen Arban - Salisbury School of Social Work
- Misty Bell - SMCHD
- Michelle Pottinger - SMCHD, NAACP
- Kim Dollarton - SMCHD
- Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Jennifer Voorhaar - Hope and Healing Psychotherapy, LLC
- Jennifer Martinez - SMCHD
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD
- Greg Reuss - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Ashley Milcetic - SMCHD
- Jourdan Cucinotta - SMCHD
- Scott Mirabile - St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM)
- Helen Ann Lawless - SMCM
- Tammy Burr - SMCPS
- Bill Roberts - SMCM
- Tania Ceasar - Family Violence Coordinating Council
- Judy Nanthavong - SMCHD
- Katherine Robeson - SMCPS
- Laura Stewart Webb - Pyramid Walden
- Marta Kelsey - Commission for Women
- Norma Pipkin - Commission for Women
- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Stacey Morgan - SMCHD

Commission for Women's 2020 Healthy Relationships Survey

- Taylor Spencer Davis presented the results from the survey
 - Conducted last year - pushed out via social media.
 - Utilized YRBS to help frame questions
 - National YRBS Data
 - Maryland YRBS Data
 - Robin will follow up on curriculum that is covered in health classes
 - If there are resources that can be added or activities to add to the school's mental health resources google sites please let Robin know
 - Helen Ann does a lot of healthy relationship work at SMCM. They also have trained peer educators - see if there's a way we can utilize their skills in the community
 - Please contact Taylor if you have any questions about the survey.

Priority Areas for 2021

- Suggested at February Meeting:
 - Suicide
 - This is very big concern right now especially with adolescents - the team discussed that this should definitely be a focus. Rising number of EPs of youth. SMCPS has had many incidences of students indicating some form of self harm school accounts - they track this and are completing risk assessments on these students.
 - Youth Violence Prevention
 - Commission for Women is very interested in continuing work on Dating Violence Prevention
- Narrowed down to suicide and youth dating violence/domestic violence

What can we do this year?

- **Suicide:**
 - Overwhelming sense of depression and hopelessness across the students in the county
 - Things Robin has noticed: School looking into evidence-based programming on suicide within the schools; need to provide more education for staff on early signs/symptoms; more clinical skills for risk assessments for BH staff; more education/awareness for parents; schools looking into how to teach students about warning signs and inform a trusted adult
 - Feedback from students - they aren't connecting with RUOk
 - Suicide rate did decrease in 2020, but not for all demographics
 - AFSP has resources - just need an audience to present to
 - Greg can provide more info prior to May meeting on what is available
 - Tammy will also have access to the Kevin Hines series of videos that can be shared with the group regarding suicide.
 - Find a way to make this available in a supportive way to students
 - This article was in the JAMA Psychiatry related to racial disparities and suicide since COVID conducted in MD
<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-12-17/pandemic-tied-to-higher-suicide-rate-in-blacks-lowered-rate-in-whites-study>
- **Action item:** spend some time thinking of ideas of strategies to implement this year - you can reference back to the [priority grid](#) from the March meeting. We will continue this discussion at the May meeting.

Partner Updates

- SMCHD's Behavioral Health Division is hiring a Suicide Prevention Care Coordinator as of July 1. Will be doing outreach with individuals who have interacted with MSP, SMCSO, and/or MSMH ED. Will be looking to host trainings as well.
- AFSP is offering a suicide bereavement clinician training program on April 28-29.
- AFSP Maryland Campus Walk is this weekend.
- MOC is addressing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. There are still vaccine appointments available! Please reach out to Nat if you have individuals or groups that need help getting registered.
- Planning for 2021 Virtual HSMP Annual Meeting
 - Any speaker or topic ideas for Environmental Health send to Jacquie
- More CHIP planning next month!
- The Chronic Disease Action Team is hosting the Eat, Live, and Be Healthy Webinar Series.
- Keep an eye out for announcements about the More to Explore program coming this summer!

Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**
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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.