




# Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, November 19, 2021

# Agenda

1. Introductions
  2. Health Equity
  3. Youth & Geriatric Mental Health
  4. Telehealth Access
  5. Partner Spotlight
  6. Partner Updates
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# Attendance

- Maryellen Kraese - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Nathaniel Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Kristin Voto - SMCHD
- Zemaria Frank - SMCHD
- Alexis Higdon - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Bryce Johnson - Pathways
- Gregory Jones - St. Mary's County Teen Court
- Jacquie Wells - SMCHD
- Rob Elrod - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Becky Sweeney - Southern Maryland Community Network (SMCN)
- Janiece Fredrick - SMCN
- Mary Golway - Calvert Health Medical Center
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Amanda Walton - SMCHD
- Michelle Turkaly - SMCHD
- Tori Poss- SMCHD
- Jess Jolly - Walden
- Katie Tippett - Serenity Place/ The Southern Maryland Psychological Association (SMPA)
- Jessica Roberson - Hope & Healing Psychotherapy
- Stephanie Freeman - SMCHD
- Brooke Chernek - Calvert Health Medical Center
- Stacey Morgan - SMCHD
- Abena Boakye - SMCHD
- Amy Young - Maryland Coalition of Families
- Amanda Leal - Serenity Place

# Health Equity

- Discussion:
  - The team discussed what data already exists around health equity in the community. For organizations this could include information from satisfaction surveys, needs assessments, or input that you've received qualitatively from community members/clients. We are compiling all input into [this google sheet](#).
  - **Action item:**
    - Add any health equity data you have for your organization or information on your organization's data collection/feedback process (satisfaction surveys, qualitative input, etc) to the google sheet prior to the December meeting.
- Potential Project Idea:
  - The team discussed potentially implementing the [H.A.I.R. Model](#). Partners had good buy in from local barbers/salons when they did targeted outreach for the Go Vax campaign.
    - Greg will do background research on the program and reach out to see what trainings are available. He will bring this information to the December meeting.
    - **Action item:**
      - Watch the [live stream](#) from the 2021 HSMP Annual Meeting, where Dr. Stephen Thomas discussed implementing the H.A.I.R. Model.

# Youth & Geriatric Mental Health

- Jacquie drafted the outline of a report based on previous discussions.
  - The team discussed the “suggestions/next steps” section of the outline.
    - **Action Item:**
      - Please review this outline and provide comments and suggestions prior to the December Action Team meeting.

# Telehealth Access

- Telehealth Access Point Project
  - There is a commitment letter from the libraries to pilot the program at the Lexington Park and Charlotte Hall libraries.
  - Maryellen submitted requisition for the booths which has been approved.
  - The Booths are expected to be shipped by early 2022 as they have not been released yet. We will be one of the first in the nation to pilot the ADA-compliant booths.
  - We will advertise in early 2022 and have a ribbon cutting/press release once we receive the booths.

## Partner Spotlight

- SMCHD Harm Reduction Program Presentation
- Contact Amanda if you have any questions.

# Partner Updates

- Minority Outreach Coalition and Pathways are participating at the COVID-19 Vax Fest at Great Mills High School on November 21.
- SMCHD's SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program is accepting referrals for homeless or those at risk of being homeless and have a behavioral health diagnosis. Reach out to [Kristin Voto](#) for more information.
- Hope and Healing Psychotherapy now accepts BlueCross BlueShield and Tricare. There is a new clinician to the practice and they have immediate openings for telehealth and in-person sessions in their St. Mary's and Calvert locations.
- Hope and Healing Psychotherapy is hosting a mental health series at the Garvey Senior Center. The December 21 topic is loneliness. More information is available in the [New Beginning newsletter](#).
- Jess Jolly is leaving her position at Pyramid Walden and this is her last Action Team meeting. Zanet Artis-Wheeler will be attending our meetings moving forward.
- The Southern Maryland Psychological Association's next meeting in November 30th and we are taking application/dues for 2022 membership. Find out more information at: <http://thesmpa.org/> or email [Katie Tippett](#).
- [Maryland Coalition of Families](#) provides families of those with behavioral health challenges with support and services. They also provide grief support and connections to services. Referrals can be provided for those who need their services.

# Partner Updates

- The HSMP Steering Committee has completed a review of the HSMP Bylaws this year. [Recommended updates](#) to the bylaws were proposed for HSMP members to review on October 21. We now ask that all registered HSMP members vote for or against the proposed revisions by completing [this electronic ballot](#). Voting will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2021.
- SMCHD is hosting Vax Fests at Great Mills High School on November 21 and December 12. More information is available [here](#).
- HSMP is gearing up to start gathering updates to the Healthy St. Mary's 2026 plan. To collect organization updates, HSMP is launching surveys focused on each of the health priority areas in Healthy St. Mary's 2026 plan. The surveys can be accessed below.
  - [Behavioral Health](#)
  - [Chronic Disease](#)
  - [Environmental Health](#)
  - [Violence, Injury, and Trauma](#)
- Zemaria is stepping down from her position as HSMP Coordinator effective November 23, 2021. The open position will be posted via SMCHD soon. Please encourage anyone interested to apply.

# Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**  
<http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email  
[stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)
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# Upcoming

- Friday, December 17, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 am