




Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions
 2. Suicide
 3. ACEs/Trauma
 4. Youth Dating Violence & Domestic Violence
 5. Partner Updates
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Attendance

- Zemaria Frank - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Jennifer Fiechtner - Healthy Families Southern Maryland
- Amy Ramsey - SMCHD
- Norma Pipkin - St. Mary's County Commission for Women
- Danica Mottola - Salisbury University, MSW Student
- Jourdan Cucinotta - SMCHD
- Kathleen Arban - Salisbury University School of Social Work
- Christie Taylor - Seedco: Connect Kids to Coverage Program
- Stacey Morgan - SMCHD
- Suha Ansari - SMCHD
- Jennifer Martinez - SMCHD
- Stephanie Freeman - SMCHD
- Tania Ceasar - Family Violence Coordinating Council
- Scott Mirabile - St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM)
- Lisa Sheehan - St. Mary's County Child Advocacy Center
- Jessica Roberson - Hope and Healing Psychotherapy, LLC
- Jacquie Wells - SMCHD

Suicide

- September was National Suicide Prevention Month
 - We partnered with AFSP to present “More than Sad: Suicide Prevention for Parents” on Thursday, September 30 with Tammi Ginsberg as the guest speaker.
 - There were 17 attendees.
 - Great information was shared and provided opportunities for networking.
 - If you are interested in hosting an AFSP event/training at your organization reach out to [Greg Reuss](#) for more information.
 - Youth Event - AFSP’s It’s Real & Mental Health
 - Greg hosted these events at Ryken on October 20 & 22
 - The event was well received by students and faculty.
- SMCHD Behavioral health updates
 - The department does not have a Suicide Prevention Coordinator yet, but will provide updates when that position is filled.
- Discussion: Next steps for Suicide Prevention
 - Is there any other action items we want to work on moving forward?
 - Please take time over this next month to review the [Healthy St. Mary’s 2026](#) plan for further discussion around next steps at our November meeting.

ACEs/Trauma

- Local trauma informed trainings for organizations
 - Discussion of next steps
 - We previously gathered survey responses on trauma trainings that local providers have completed.
 - What do we want to do with this data moving forward?
 - Find out who specialized in Trauma, so we can target referrals to those providers?
 - Specify what providers offer particular treatments and interventions and develop a resource guide.
 - Ask if providers would be willing to offer guidance on steps they would like to see us take.
- SMCHD VIT Unit Update
 - They have developed a Local resource guide draft (pretty version to come).
 - They are also working to develop an ACES Data Dashboard, which will be available on SMCHD's website
 - They are also working on a new youth mentoring referral program where they will screen youth for ACEs and resilience before connecting to a youth mentoring program.
 - Youth Mentoring Program Flyer.
- Potential Local Data Collection Project
 - Kathleen and her intern will be heading up this project and the team will support them. They are currently working to get IRB approval and then they will share next steps.
- Maryland Adverse Childhood Experiences Data Inventory Survey
 - This survey was completed based on precious HSMP actions/projects.
 - The survey results will be shared with VIT at next meeting for review.

Youth Dating Violence & Domestic Violence

- October - Domestic Violence Awareness
 - Updates on the Success/Reach of the Social Media Campaign
 - There were a few art submissions and the Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy is seeking more.
 - Check out [Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy FB page](#) to see the art submissions.
- February- Dating Violence Awareness Month
 - The Commission for Women will be co-hosting an event with [Bill Mitchell](#), author of “When Dating Hurts.”
 - The date of the event will be February 8 - 6:30- 8:30 pm.
 - Plan for hybrid
 - There are a limited # of spaces for in-person participation at St. Mary’s College of Maryland.
 - For the in person event masks will be required, possible negative test or providing vaccination status requirement to be allowed entry to the event in-person.
 - The target audience for the event is high school students, college students and parents.
 - In regards to donating copies of “When Dating Hurts”, there are currently 30 copies that have been donated.
 - Other organizations that can help with funding for copies of the book to be donated are encouraged.
 - “When Dating Hurts” is about \$16 each on Amazon.
 - Suggestion from previous meetings: Book Club Prior to Event
 - HSMP will reach out to Laura Stewart-Webb to see if she is still interested in hosting.

Partner Updates

- SOMD Out of the Darkness Community Walk was a great success last Sunday, October 24.
- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is November 20. AFSP is hosting several events on the 20 & 21. [Virtual event for Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey](#), [ASL Only event](#), and [Survivor Day Through a Jewish Lens](#).
- Healthy Families in St. Mary's has a home visitor that is in the process of being hired - the selected candidate is bilingual.
- Salisbury University School of Social Work is in the process of becoming a trauma-informed school which will include having a trauma-informed curriculum.
- Halloween in the Square event will be on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 1:00-4:00 pm at St. Mary's Square Shopping Center.
- SMCHD is hosting a Vaccine Fun Fest at Great Mills High School and looking for vendors. They are asking vendors to offer a fun and interactive activity or game for attendees (youth age 5-11) in addition to any information/resources they would like to provide. Learn more [here](#).
- Commission for Women is hosting an Annual Celebration for Women's History Month in March. They will be looking for nominations for those who have contributed to our community through volunteering. This event will be a hybrid celebration.
- HSMP is asking for members to complete the meeting evaluation form for the 2021. HSMP Annual meeting [here](#). The recordings are available to watch on the HSMP website [here](#).

Communications

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Discussion: Our usual meeting times will fall on/very close to the holidays.
 - When do we want to meet?
 - Meeting on Nov. 18th at 1pm
 - Meeting on Dec. 16th at 1pm?