



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Agenda

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

Attendance

- Tori Poss - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Jennifer Martinez - SMCHD
- Zemaria Frank - SMCHD
- Stephanie Freeman - SMCHD
- Ann-Marie Combs - Department of Juvenile Services
- Angela Cochran - SMCHD
- Anita Santoyo - Become One
- Michael Blackwell - St. Mary's County Library
- Jacquie Wells - SMCHD
- Danica Mottola - Salisbury University
- Jourdan Cucinotta - SMCHD
- Tammy Loewe - SMCHD
- Alex Walker - BHA - Office of Suicide Prevention
- Judy Nanthavong - SMCHD
- Wauchilue Adams - St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS)
- Natalie Rowe - Serenity Place
- David Jones - SMCHD
- Nathaniel Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Robin Schrader - SMCPS
- Jessica Malisch - SMCHD
- Marta Kelsey - Commission for Women
- Michelle Pottinger - SMCHD
- Norma Pipkin - Commission for Women
- Laura Stewart Webb - Pyramid Walden

Suicide

- SMCHD Behavioral Health Division Updates
 - Tori Poss is the new Suicide Prevention Coordinator.
 - Part of Tori's position will collecting data related to those who have had a suicide attempt.
 - She will be doing a lot of outreach related to suicide prevention.
 - The Behavioral Health Hub is in phase 2A. Construction is underway. Hopefully will open late Spring 2022. Many programs and services will be offered at the Hub. They will be hiring for clinicians for crisis services.
- Discussion:
 - Next steps for suicide prevention focus
 - Healthy St. Mary's 2026 VIT Section
 - Anita's organization, Become One, is working with Calvert County on a nonverbal symbol in schools for students to use to tell staff/coach/etc. that they are not ok and can be followed up with. Would include trainings, and a card to keep in wallets (being designed currently).
 - Jacquie will follow up with Anita for more info on this program.
 - There was discussion around the systems in place for youth that are given the ACEs survey. Robin clarified that within SMCPs only students who are referred to the 12 week program are given the survey and that information is discussed with both the parent and student. Angela, Stephanie, and Jennifer shared that for the SMCHD youth mentoring program they are using the Child Youth Resilience Measure instead of the ACEs survey.
- 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.

ACEs/Trauma

- Local trauma informed trainings for organizations
 - Breakdown of survey responses by organization
 - The spreadsheet is organized by program affiliation. It includes the name of the provider, their contact information, trauma treatment approach and trauma certifications.
 - Those highlighted in green have a trauma certification & organizations highlighted in green have at least 1 provider with a trauma certification.
 - SMCHD BH division can't pay for certifications but they can use this list to determine which trainings to offer in the future.
 - Jennifer and Stephanie recently completed the ACE Interface Master Trainer course and are now able to offer ACEs presentations.
- SMCHD VIT Unit Update
 - An ACEs commercial is being planned to be broadcasted starting in December 2021. More updates to come!
 - Mentoring Connections Program
 - Flyer
 - Referral Form - All referrals can be sent to Stephanie Freeman.
 - Final ACEs Resource Guide now available!
- Maryland ACEs Data Inventory Survey results
 - **Action Item:**
 - Please review the St. Mary's County survey results and send any edits/suggestions to the HSMP gmail.

Youth Dating Violence

- 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 from 6:30- 8:30 pm.
 - We are asking for copies of Bill’s book to be donated.
 - 30 books donated so far. MOC is also donating books.
 - There will be a Book Club hosted during January 2022 at the Cove. More details to follow.
 - Jacquie will connect with Norma/Helen/Laura about a flyer/registration/book club.

Partner Updates

- St. Mary's County Libraries, HSMP, and SMCHD are partnering to provide services with 2 ADA-compliant telehealth booths located at the Lexington Park and Charlotte Hall libraries. COVID-19 testing will also be offered at those libraries. More details to come.
- The Cove is offering [Teen Mental Health First Aid](#) trainings on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for students aged 15-18.
 - [Flyer](#)
 - [Registration](#)
- Maryland Behavioral Health Administration's Office of Suicide Prevention & The UMD Training Center are hosting the [2nd Annual Race and Mental Health Symposium](#) on December 8, 2021. CEUs are available.
- 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.

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](#).

Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**
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stmaryspartnership@gmail.com
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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday December 16, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.