

Timetable for Developing and Implementing The Advocacy Agenda 2022 Of the Chronic Disease Action Team Of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership

February 8 – HSMP Steering Committee approved an Advocacy Agenda focus area for the Chronic Disease Action Team: **Advocating for public / private partnerships to increase opportunities for recreational facilities.**

February 15 – St. Mary's County Commissioners approved the next step in advancing a proposed public-private partnership between the County and the YMCA of the Chesapeake to design, construct and operate a community center with recreational facilities to be located on County land next to Great Mills HS and to run by the YMCA.

March 22 – Deadline for filing to run for elected office at the local, state and federal levels.

Spring 2022 – Individuals with the Chronic Disease Action Team and its partners Informally develop contacts with current officeholders and with candidates and their key volunteers and staff.

By March Action Team meeting – In addition to the already approved Advocacy Agenda focus area (public/private partnerships to increase opportunities for recreational facilities), consider potential other focus areas to consider for advocacy and discuss at March Action Team meeting.

April Action Team meeting – Vote to recommend any additional advocacy focus areas to be submitted for approval by the HSMP Steering Committee

May Steering Committee Meeting - Approvae any additional advocacy focus areas

June 28 - Primary Election Day

May and June – Prepare written advocacy agenda documents such as talking points and endorsement letters for each approved focus area.

June 29 through July – Make initial formal contact in support of the focus areas with all current officeholders, winners of primary elections and independent candidates who qualify for the general election ballot, particularly for the County Commissioner offices.

August through Nov. – Continued contact with officeholders and candidates until General Election.

November – Advocacy of focus areas with general election winners.

December 2022 – New Board of Coounty Commissioners enters office.

December through February 2023 – Advocacy during Budget Work Session period for the new Commissioners.

