



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Agenda

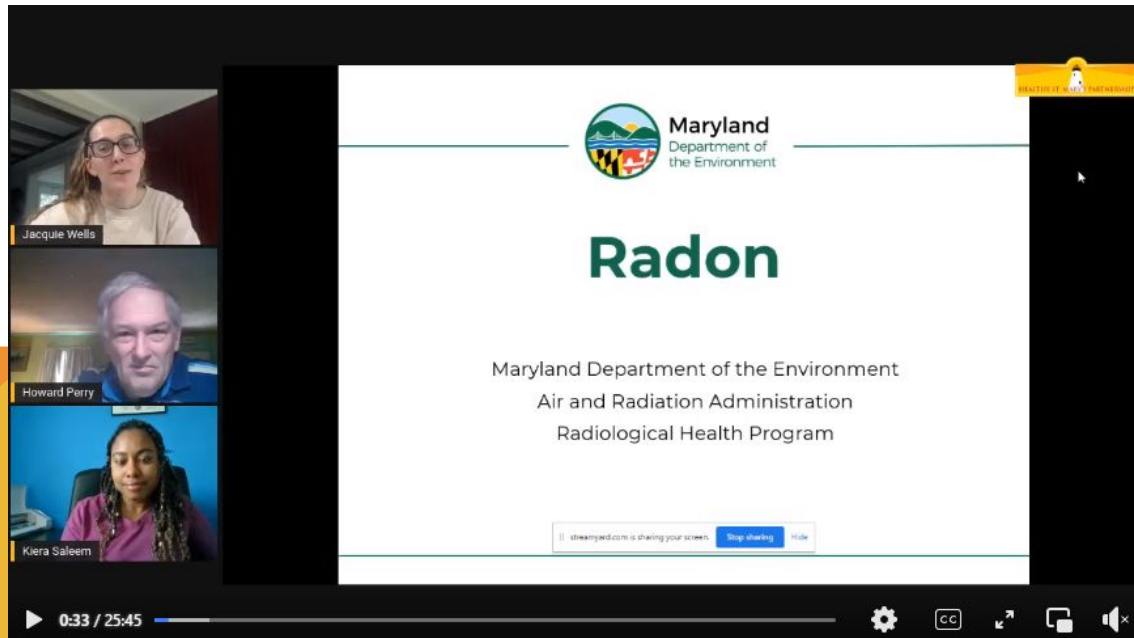
1. Introductions
2. Radon Project
3. Food Insecurity
4. Transportation
5. Partner Updates

Attendance

- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Margaret Williams - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Michael Blackwell - St. Mary's County Library
- Bill Roberts - St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM)
- Brenda Wolcott - Medstar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH)
- Donnie Mills - Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T)
- Cheri Reulet - Medstar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH)
- Yolanda Hipski - Tri-County Council For Southern Maryland (TCC SMD)
- Courtney Jenkins - Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM)
- Heather Moritz - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Tara Wampler - Aetna Better Health of Maryland
- Thomas Brewer - St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM)
- Kimberly Thorpe Smart - Wiley Wheels
- Christie Taylor - Seedco
- Suha Ansari - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)

Radon

- Advertising and promoting radon information on HSMP website
 - The radon webpage is now LIVE on the HSMP website!
 - Includes links to:
 - State radon map
 - Where to order a radon test
 - “Getting the Facts on Radon” video
 - Other useful resources!



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, there are three video thumbnails for participants: Jacquie Wells, Howard Perry, and Kiera Saleem. The main screen displays a presentation slide with the following content:

- Maryland Department of the Environment logo (top left)
- Radon** (large green text)
- Maryland Department of the Environment
Air and Radiation Administration
Radiological Health Program
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Food Insecurity

- Please continue to share the Food Connection Map with other partners and community members!
- We have received grant funding and plan on doing an assessment on local food insecurity and publishing a report
 - Choosing assessment questions based off of US Household Food Security Survey. We will need IRB approval
- Are you interested in joining our food insecurity subcommittee team?
 - Email HSMP to be included in the meetings!

Transportation - Bike Share Program

- Reviewing last month's Bike Share Design Thinking Activity
 - Discussing key points
 - Yolanda will be sending info for funding
 - Margaret suggested to reach out to Special Olympics to see if they can donate bikes
 - We are in need of startup funding
- There is an effort to start up a bicycle/pedestrian advocacy group in Southern Maryland
 - Tri-County Council staff has arranged for BikeAAA in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to speak to some of the TCC Bicycle & Ped Infrastructure Advisory Committee (BIAC) and interested SOMD folks

Partner Updates

- Sue suggested the team potentially write a letter of support for the St. Mary's County Defense Community Infrastructure Program application.
- The Community Garden Subcommittee meets on the 1st Friday of each month - [email HSMP](#) if you're interested in joining! The St. Mary's County Community Development Corporation has applied to be the garden management agency and for state tax credit for garden sponsors..
- Department of Public Works & Transportation reported several projects that are in the works:
 - Sidewalk project from Gate 1 to Gate 2, including a crosswalk between 235 & Cedar Point Rd
 - S Shangri La Walk (Great Mills Rd to Lancaster Park) is included in DCIP - help with groundbreaking requirement of 1 year. That design is done.
 - A 2-phase project that adds a sidewalk along Pegg Rd
 - ISGA intergovernmental study - traffic study with the base, which may include some multimodal access to base
- SMCHD & SMC Libraries will be installing telehealth booths this week in the Charlotte Hall & Lexington Park Libraries. These booths are ADA accessible and provide a private, safe place for telehealth appointments to the community. They are the first partnership to do this in Maryland!
- SMC Libraries is collecting food donations and donating to the soup kitchen, and have a community pantry available for community members to access food & hygiene supplies.
- SMCHD Environmental Health will have 3-4 STEM students focusing on climate resiliency, and use & impact on water systems. They are also looking to revamp SMCHD's webpage for PFAS resources.
- SMCHD Tobacco Control Program is currently working on FY23 grants to hopefully include vape disposal/tobacco butt cleanups, in addition to a new grant labeled tobacco/diabetes prevention which would hopefully incorporate either TOPS or another prevention program.

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

- Wednesday, July 20, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.