



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Food Insecurity
3. Transportation - Bike Share Program
4. Co-Chair Nominations
5. Partner Updates

Attendance

- Heather Moritz - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Brenda Wolcott - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Ashlyn Dishman - SMCHD
- Sue Veith - Department of Economic Development
- Frank Allen - Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust
- Johnn Cave - SMCHD
- Kimberly Thorpe - Smart Wiley Wheels

Food Insecurity

- Please continue to share the [Food Connection Map](#) with other partners and community members!
 - If you have updated information about a resource on this map or an additional resource to be included, please complete [this form](#).
- St. Mary's County Food Security Report
 - Please share the [Food Security survey](#) and [webpage](#)!
 - We have received a combined number of 767 responses as of 10/12/22.
 - There will be two upcoming virtual Stakeholder Forums
 - Tuesday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m. - This town hall will be just for food pantry representatives. [Email HSMP](#) to request an invitation.
 - Wednesday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. - This town hall will be open to the community and all HSMP partners. You are more than welcome to join this town hall if you are unavailable for the October 25th one. RSVP by completing [this form](#).
 - The survey is closing Friday, October 21st.
 - Jacquie will send out a draft report for review prior to November's meeting.
- Advocacy Update
 - HSMP to advocate for codifying controls in designated food desert areas and setting zoning standards
 - A draft will be prepared and ready for review by next week
 - Will hold off on sending until after Elections
- Jacquie will touch base with Sue and Bill in regards to the gis mapping that Shan has done so far.
- Jacquie will be scheduling a subcommittee meeting in the coming weeks.

Transportation - Bike Share Program

- Discuss next steps
 - Jacquie will be reaching out to Charles and Calvert County and will send an email update when she returns next week
 - Kimberly Thorpe (Smart Wiley Wheels) willing to work on contracts to fund bikes
- George Kandathil is no longer working at TCC, might have to reach out to different people
- Kimberly Thorpe: Working on funding options. Other than that, I have no other updates.

Co-Chair Nominations

- It is election year for Action Team Co-Chairs.
- Please submit your nominations for Environmental Health Action Team Co-Chairs [here](#).
- Elections will take place at our next team meeting, November 16.

Partner Updates

- Upcoming webinar: “Protected Bicycle Lanes Protect the Climate – Evidence from Cities” Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 9am EDT. [Click here for more information and to register!](#)
- Sue working on a security grant for the community garden. The goal is to get as much of the community garden operating budget by the end of the year as possible.
- SMCHD’s Food Safety program just completed its 4th virtual food safety class.
 - In 2022 alone over 300 people have attended food safety training.
- [St. Mary’s County Animal Adoption and Resource Center](#) is now open.
 - Helps with quarantine of suspected rabies
 - Spay and Neuter
- Medstar is looking at a Food RX Grant where patients meet with dieticians. They are looking to duplicate this program. Looking for any ideas and input for partnership, possible grant writing opportunity. Looking for any ideas and input for partnership, possible grant writing opportunity
 - This is the last week for their healthy food drive.
 - They are hosting an advisory task force meeting today about food security
- Progress on Bicycle Advisory Committee. They are looking for organizational help, there is a strong interest already.

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, November 16, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 - Elections will take place!