



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
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Introductions

- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Jennifer Cass - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Tamani Kingsland - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Caleb Minyard - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Stephanie Freeman - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Jen Alvey - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- William (Tom) Harrison - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Taylor Nickerson - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Alexis Higdon - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Derek Adams - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Stacey Morgan - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Angela Cochran - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Lisa Milburn - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Michelle Pottinger - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Bill Roberts - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Christiana Keefer - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Andrea Hamilton - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Lisa Sheehan - St. Mary's County Department of Social Services/Child Advocacy Center
- Kelsey Bush - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Sara Tawney - Cove Youth Club House
- Suha Ansari - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shannon Heaney - St. Mary's County Health Department

ACEs

The team would like to focus on parental education and awareness by hosting a series of discussion panels with parents of youth as the targeted audience

- The following speakers were considered and will be contacted:
 - Patrice (Building Bridges) - Stephanie Freeman and Michelle Pottinger to reach out
 - Lisa Sheehan
 - Topic discussion: Effects of trauma on a child's mental health
 - A clergy champion to offer faith-based support for families
 - Shan to reach out to Charlie Wharton to identify someone
 - Glori Van Brunt is an active community volunteer and SMCPs employee who is knowledgeable about the community
 - A Strengthening Families representative to provide an introduction to the program
 - Promise Resource Center - POC?
 - Topic discussion: In-home assistance for parents; Emotional/mental toll of being a parent
 - Jodi Gardiner - Maryland Coalition of Families
 - Topic discussion: Absent parents, single parents; support group
- Reach out to Robin Schrader for more topic ideas
- Locations for panel discussions: Lexington Park Library, Leonardtown Library, Charlotte Hall Library
 - Other locations to consider: New Market, Senior Center
 - It was suggested that we livestream/record one of the sessions, and offering a hybrid option. With the video footage, we could compile a "highlight reel" with snippets from each meeting.
 - **Action item:** Check availability for libraries
- Multiple dates and times were considered. The discussion panels will be held in the fall, in the evenings on weekdays and in the afternoons on weekends.

Violent Crimes

- Data sources to review
 - Youth Risk Behavior Survey, YRBS
 - Juvenile arrests (Anne Marie Combs)
 - Teen Court (Gregory Jones)
 - Local Management Board (LMB) - Amanda Meatyard
- We will review these data, our local assets (list of programs/resources) and perform a gap analysis to determine what services are missing and which age group(s) need assistance the most
- The team agreed to focus on both youth violence prevention and working with youth that have already been exposed
 - Hosting another “Safe St. Mary’s Summer” event - planning details
 - August 2023 “Back to School” or end of summer
 - Including youth mentoring programs this year
 - It was suggested to have youth volunteers from The Cove
 - Partnering with NAACP for its annual Back to School event
 - Jacquie will reach out to Marsha Williams

Suicidal Thoughts

- Partnering with BHAT to create a plan to address the provider shortage.
 - We will also look into utilizing the Maryland Response Corps (MRC) to help with the shortage. Jacquie will follow up with Eliot Willenborg.
 - Other ideas include encouraging youth to pursue mental health fields through the STEM route
- Consider organizing a support group for grieving friends/family members
 - Hospice partnership (bereavement coordinator [Dawn Kelly](#))
 - Grief counseling, Church group, Retreat for grieving parents
 - Sharing AFSP's [list of support groups](#)

Partner Updates

- The Department of Social Services is sending 63 children to summer camp! They will be provided transportation, water bottles and other items.
- SMCM is hosting a free concert series at the Juneteenth Celebration (Saturday, June 17) at Lancaster Park. There will be live bands, food trucks and more from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Historic Sotterley will be holding its Juneteenth event on Sunday, June 18.
- SMCM is hosting the Mulberry Music Festival on Friday, June 16 from 6:00-9:00pm. [View the flyer!](#)
- A local partnership of churches is hosting [Standing in the Gap](#), a series of prayer walks, on June 2 and 3. Following the walk, there will be praise, worship, free food and bounce houses. SMCHD will be in attendance to promote its health programs.
- Reach Back and Lift 1 Inc. is hosting [Touchdown Against Gun Violence](#) on Saturday, June 24. The event is at Lancaster Park and is from noon to 5:00pm. There will be a flag football tournament, gun safety and storage information, employment opportunities and more!
- St. Mary's County Health Hub is holding an [Open House](#) on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. There will be vendors and reiki demonstrations. Stop by to learn about the many services provided by the Health Hub and get a tour of the facility!
- St. Mary's CDC is hosting a [Community Clean Up Day of Great Mills Rd](#) on June 3rd.
- SMCHD and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hosting a Community Briefing on cannabis legalization on June 7. Questions can be submitted ahead of time by filling out [this form](#).

Communications

- Submit event and news updates/information through our website or email stmaryspartnerhip@gmail.com
- Follow HSMP on Social Media
 - Facebook: [Healthy St. Mary's Partnership](#)
 - Twitter: [@HealthyStMarys](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
- If you are interested in doing a presentation on your agency for our monthly Partner Spotlight, please fill out [this form!](#)