



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. VIT Co-Chair Elections
5. Updates from Previous VIT Projects
6. 2024 Brainstorming

Introductions

Click here to access the [list of attendees!](#)

Partner Spotlight

- Sheila Murphy, Chief of Community Wellness of Cecil County Department of Community Services held a presentation on Cecil County's FACES Coalition and LOSS Team.
- View the [presentation slides](#) or learn more at lossteam.com!
- For more information, contact [Sheila Murphy](#).



Partner Updates

- St. Mary's County NAACP #7025 is holding its first branch meeting of the year, featuring guest speaker Sheriff Hall. It will be at Church of the Ascension in Lexington Park, tonight at 6:30 PM.
- The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) is holding its Annual Members Meeting from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, January 27 at Leonardtown Library. This event is open to the public!
- HSMP and St. Mary's County Public Schools are planning a Mental Health Day event on May 18 at the Tech Center! Students and family members will be able to connect with mental health resources and there will be plenty of activities available! If you are interested in planning, or participating as a table vendor or presenter, please contact HSMP.
- February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The County Commissioners will be presenting a Proclamation on February 6th at 9:00 AM at the Chesapeake Building (41770 Baldrige St. in Leonardtown).

VIT Co-Chair Elections

- **HSMP would like to thank Kelsey Bush for serving as the VIT Action Team Co-Chair!**
 - **This month, he has moved into his new role of HSMP Co-Chair!**
 - Kelsey's dedication to equity and HSMP has been invaluable in our efforts to improve the health of our community. Per the bylaws, he is not able to serve in both roles, so we'll be holding elections for a co-chair to serve alongside Taylor.
- During the course of the meeting, nominations for the next VIT Co-Chair were collected and Action Team members voted through a Google Poll. The winner was announced at the end of the meeting.

**HSMP is pleased to welcome it's next VIT Co-Chair:
Michelle Pottinger!**

Updates from Previous VIT Projects

- ACES
 - Planning for a Winter 2024/March event at Barns at New Market
 - Include partners such as DSS/Fleet & Family Support Center.
 - **Action Item:** Shan will send out a [Google Form](#) to obtain availabilities. It will remain open for 2 weeks.
- Violent Crimes
 - January - Human Trafficking Month
 - Unstoppable You Ministries held a Human Trafficking event in La Plata. SAPR partnered with Unstoppable You Ministries to host an event at NAVAIR.
 - February - Teen Dating Violence Month
 - County Proclamation on February 6th at 9:00 AM.
 - Shan has obtained updated data from [Teen Court](#), DJS Reports on Arrests for [2019](#) and [2020](#).
- Suicidal Thoughts
 - Continue sharing our Family Education Resources [landing page](#) and [one-pager](#)! The landing page is currently being translated into Spanish.

2024 Brainstorming

- What organizations are missing from the action team?
 - MNADV
 - Local Churches, Pastors
 - Preschools/Daycare
 - Latinx representation
- What would make the VIT meetings more beneficial for you?
 - More presentations, interactive sessions
- What specifically are you passionate about related to VIT?
 - Intimate partner violence
 - Traffic accidents/injuries
 - Water safety

Communications

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

Upcoming Meetings

- **Next meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2024, 1:00 - 2:00 PM.**
- Interested in being the next Partner Spotlight? Sign up [here!](#)