



# **Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting**

***After-Hours - Thursday, July 25, 2024 - 6-7PM***

# Agenda

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# Introductions

- Click [here](#) to access the attendee list.

# Partner Spotlight

- **Please Welcome Annie Carter, J.D.**, Staff Attorney for the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy – Cannabis, at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law!
  - VIT Presentation on the LRC-Cannabis team, their services, and reviewing the data for St. Mary’s County gathered from their community needs assessment.
  - Email her at [a.carver@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:a.carver@law.umaryland.edu) for future partnership requests!

# Partner Updates

- The [Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy](#) is hiring for a case manager and staff accountant position!
- The annual homeless prevention board event will be on Sept. 13. Learn more about the Homeless Prevention Partnership [here](#).
- National Night Out is on Aug. 6 from 3-6PM! View participating neighborhoods [here](#).
- [St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen](#) is hosting a back-to-school event on Aug. 10.
- Local NAACP 7025 Meetings - View the [Quick Notes](#) and watch the [Affordable Housing Discussion](#) live-streamed on Facebook at the July meeting! Join NAACP Meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month.
- [The Mission](#) has 3 beds available for men or women who are willing to work, maintain a program, and who want change!

## Partner Updates (Cont.)

- Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is offering a FREE 5 Day Statewide Comprehensive IPV Training series Aug. 1-15th. Register [here](#)! They are also hosting the 2024 Maryland Law Enforcement Conference on Domestic Violence on Sept. 13 in Chesapeake, MD. [Email](#) with questions!
- The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) will conduct their 19th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey on Wednesday, Sept. 4
- The Commission on Aging is open to new members! The advisory board is focused on the aging community. They are looking to partner with SMCHD to encourage more specialists and primary care physicians to SMC.
- St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) is having a volunteer day on Sept. 7! Email Kelsey Bush to volunteer.
- The Comptroller of Maryland presented on scams. We will be reaching out for a future partner spotlight.

# VIT Action Bags

- Team members decided they would be preparing 2 sets of bags for Sexual Assault Victims and People Experiencing Homelessness.
- Action Bag Items:
  - **Unhoused Necessity Bags:**
    - Universal phone charger
    - Reusable hand warmers or insect repellent, depending on the season
    - SMCHD's VIT Unit provided tote bags, sunscreen, lip balm and hand sanitizer
  - **Trauma Care Kit Action Bags:**
    - Universal phone charger
    - SMCFA can provide 25 bags that contain a pair of pants, shirt, blanket, and water bottle
- Additional items needed: Gender-neutral hygiene products (wipes and tissues), bottles of water, long socks to stuff, blankets, lotion, and waterproof storage bags inside of action bags.
  - SMCSO's Community Policing Supervisor, [Sgt. Anthony Whipkey](#)
  - Unstoppable You Ministries offered to donate items. Bombas -Chris Shea & Sgt. Timothy Snyder to follow-up on possible donations of socks of all kinds.
  - Jean will provide hygiene items!

# Community Outreach Planning

- Prep: Seeking participation from community members, organizations, and partners to stuff bags in an assembly line for events .
  - Student/community-based assembly line location?
    - Library - conference room and calendar for stuffing event
    - SMCM Wellness Ctr. - students helping with assembly as awareness event & built-in audience.
    - Interest from Family Violence Council to do an event in Northern end of the county
- Plans for distribution:
  - Trauma Care Bags - stuffing date: October
    - Deadline: Considering Sip & Paint (Non Alcoholic) & WDTJL Panel Event
  - Unhoused Bags - Aug. 28, 1-2pm (Leonardtwn Library Meeting room 1) and Sept. 10, 1-2pm (SMCHD room 12). **Please submit your availability to help [here](#).**
    - Deadline: SMC Homeless Prevention Board's Community Assistance Health Event (Sept. 13)
    - Local EMS/St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department
    - Churches affiliated with the WARM Program
  - Item collection: Drop off at SMCHD Leonardtown Office
- Outreach Volunteers - **Action Item:** Please use this [Google Form](#) to view upcoming community outreach events and provide your availability to volunteer!



# Driver Safety

- The VIT Action Team launched the #SafeSummerSOMD social media toolkit and safety campaign! Join us for a live review!
  - View the website and download the toolkit [here](#).
  - Learn more about [Jamari's Law](#) and how to stay up to date on the life-saving legislation [here](#).
  - [Nick's Law](#) for boating safety and alcohol-related injury prevention passed July 1.
- Other safety initiatives we will support include:
  - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office offers free car safety seats checks [by appointment!](#)
  - [St. Mary's Youth Mentoring Exchange](#)
  - [AFSP](#) Out of the Darkness Walk for SOMD. View the [event](#) on Facebook!

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# Upcoming Meetings

- **Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, August 22, 2024, 1:00 - 2:00 PM.**
  - **Interested in being the next Partner Spotlight?** Sign-up [here](#).
- **Save the Date!** The HSMP Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the USM at Southern Maryland SMART Building - Grand Hall from 8:30AM-2PM! Vendor Table Registration is open now!
  - Reach out to [Michelle](#) & Taylor to participate in our Youth Mentoring Panel.

