

Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2025

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. 2025 Projects
5. Meeting Close
 - Contact HSMP
 - Upcoming Meetings

Introductions

- See the attendee list [here](#)

- Action Team Co-Chairs
 - Chris Shea - Program Manager of the Health Hub at SMCHD
 - Jodi Gardiner- Lead Family Peer Support Specialist at Maryland Coalition of Families

Partner Spotlight

- **Jacquelyn Ellis, Anna Kate Cagle, and Izzy Thornton** representing the Legal Resource Center
 - Law students at University of Maryland's Public Health Law Clinic
 - View their slides [here](#)
- View the legislative tracker [here](#).
 - Legislative update calls happen every other Tuesday from 11:30-12:30. The next one is scheduled for April 1st. Zoom link can be found [here](#).
- Contact information for UMD: publichealth@law.umaryland.edu

Partner Updates

- **HSMP** has been asked to table at a few events this Spring. We need members to volunteer to help table for us to attend any event. If you are interested please sign up here
 - We need one person to sign up to help this Saturday at the Cherry Blossom festival, shift 1:15 - 4 pm
- **SMCPS** is holding their annual Mental Health & Wellness Fair on May 10. You can sign up to be a vendor here. **HSMP** is partnering for this event! Keynote speaker for vendors will start at 9. CEUs may be offered and networking time will be included as well.
- **Legal Resource Center** has updates on two cannabis bills
 - **HB 1377**: lift ban on outdoor advertising, which could impact youth use of cannabis. The bill has died but may come back in future years
 - **SB215/HB 132**: On site consumption. Amendments removed cannabis events and delays when on site consumption can be established (probably 2026/27) to think of public health considerations. Not allowed to smoke, only allowed to use edibles- will be able to operate as a food establishment

Partner Updates, Cont.

- The **Teen Court** program has seen issues with teens using THC in school and advancing to other substances. Evidence that using a judicial approach does not work. Trying to expand the teen court program by expanding the educational program to address this public health problem by partnering with SMCHD.
- **SMCM** and **SMCHD** are hosting Ruthie Alcaide, from MTV's The Real World: Hawaii for a talk on mental health and substance use on April 2. See the flyer [here](#) and register for the event [here](#)
- **SMCHD** is partnering with the **Department of Aging and Human Services** and the **Sheriff's Office** on April 26 for a medication take back and community shredding [event](#). The Harm Reduction Program will be on site with syringe collection containers as well!
- The **Mediation Center** is having their Looking for Trouble 5k/Dance-a-thon [event](#) on March 29! The center works with the Health Hub to provide services.
- **Maryland Coalition of Families** will be hosting an Educational Binder workshop on April 23, from 2:30-4:30. Open to guardians/parents. [Registration](#) is required

Partner Updates, Cont.

- **SMCM** will hold a Take Back the Night event on April 10, from 6:30 - 8 pm! This is a national awareness campaign for sexual assault
- **School-Based Health Centers** will begin offering mental health services to students from other schools after spring break. There is a possibility of them being opened to community members during the summer
- The **Commission on Aging** met on March 24 to identify needs at the Garvey Senior Center.
- **Recreation and Parks** will be hosting the Cherry Blossom Festival on March 29
 - Period poverty donations will be collected by MOC
 - The **LMPP Community Garden** will have their open house during this event
- **Recreation and Parks** will hold their Easter Egg Festival on April 12, 10:30-3
 - HSMP is running a healthy food drive, the donation box is located at the entrance!
- **Pathways** 2nd annual 5k will be on April 12. See the flyer here

2025 Goals

- **Social Media Updates**

- We are continuing to ask people to submit their events through our form so that we can let the community know what is coming up. Please submit them at least 2 weeks in advance!
- **Action Item:** We are also interested in doing provider spotlights. If you would like to spotlight an organization (including your own) please fill out this [form](#).
- We are starting to use Instagram! Follow us **@HealthyStMarys**

- **Collaboration with CDAT**

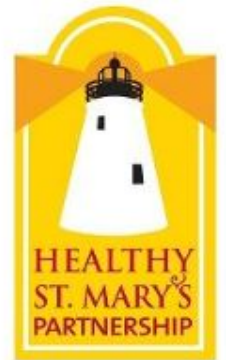
- Subcommittee meets on April 2 at 3:15 pm, bring your ideas!
- A meeting reminder will be sent out to everyone in BHAT and CDAT the day before. If you have any questions about joining, please reach out to [Lauren](#)

- **Comprehensive guide**

- See an [example](#) from midshore
- We can start with a resource library, a collection of the digital copies of all providers brochures in our county. After this we can work collectively to complete a document that has information on every provider (insurance accepted, services, contact information, languages)
- We can use a QR code on printed copies to link to a digital copy in case updates are made
- **Action Item:** Please submit general brochures of every behavioral health organization in our county that you are aware of by emailing HSMP, stmaryspartnership@gmail.com

Meeting Close

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Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up [here](#).
- Our next meeting will be April 18, 10 - 11 am .

