

## **Environmental Health Action Team Meeting**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 AM

## Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Partner Spotlight
- 3. Food Insecurity Grant
- 4. Partner Updates
- 5. 2025 Projects
- 6. Meeting Close
  - Contact HSMP
  - Submit your flyers



### Introductions

• Welcome! Please sign in

Action Team Co-Chairs

- **Christine Delise**, Community Development Coordinator at Aetna Better Health of Maryland
- **Tytiana Snyder**, Environmental Health Admin Specialist at SMCHD



## Partner Spotlight

- Sareka Butler, Asthma Program Coordinator at SMCHD
  - Contact: <u>sareka.butler@maryland.gov</u>
  - o smchd.org/asthma
- <u>Asthma Program presentation</u>

## Food Insecurity Grant

- We have received a small grant to improve food security in St. Mary's County that ends Sept 30, 2025
- The plan:
  - Create a text-based system where residents sign up to receive weekly texts that include low-cost recipes, information on food distributions and food pantry hours.
  - Is there any other information that we could include?
    - Community garden working hours, volunteers can take home free produce
    - SNAP/WIC sign up info
    - CDC grant to support the HomeGrown market bonus dollars. Grant not awarded yet
    - Farmer's market hours and info since they take SNAP/WIC, senior and military credits -HomeGrown, California market, Barns at New Market
    - Farmer's Feeding St. Mary's
    - Library pantries available food and household supplies
- Flyer distribution will start later this month, texts will start going out in June
  - Flyer to come!
  - Please help distribute our flyer! Anyone can sign up to receive texts!
- Food Security grant specifcs
- As a part of this grant and our work with CDAT, we will be hosting a hike at Greenwell State Park on May 30, starting promptly at 4 pm. <u>Registration</u> is required as space is limited!

#### Partner Updates

- HSMP will not have a table at Freedom Day Celebration event on June 7, but we will have information at the SMCHD table.
- The Community Fridge project is in the works with the CDC and the Food Pantry near Ascension Church. Three Oaks is willing to donate the fridge. Additional work needs to be done to finalize a shelter for the fridge.
- Bus Shelters on track for the fall. Sue will report the number of shelters approved at our next meeting.
- Community Culture and Cuisine <u>event</u> will be held on June 28th from 10:00 am 4:00 pm at the Lexington Manor Passive Park. If you would like to be a vendor, fill out this <u>form</u> to secure your space.
- St. Mary's 2050 Comprehensive Plan is in Community Engagement Phase 2 and is looking for public input. We encourage all EHAT members to fill out the <u>Survey</u>!
- Goodr will be hosting pop up markets during the month of June. Planning in coordination with the summer lunch program.
- Composting bins are in the works for the community garden.

#### Partner Updates, Cont.

 Aetna Better Health of Maryland offers carpet cleaning services to their Asthma and COPD members. They offer a \$150 gift card toward these services. Limit one per household.

## 2025 Projects

- Our Period Supply Toolkit has launched! You can view it <u>here</u>. Next subcommittee meeting will be in June. Please fill out this <u>form</u> if you would like to attend
- Cleaning up Lexington Park
  - The CDC has offered to partner with HSMP for the planning of their yearly clean up event. The event will be held on October 4th, 2025. Dumpsters will be placed in neighborhoods throughout the summer to get the project started.
- Collaboration with the Garden
  - HSMP will continue to sit on several committees of the garden and promote their educational classes and volunteer opportunities to improve food security
  - Interested in joining the steering committee or one of the subcommittees?
    Email <u>Carla</u> about joining!

## Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Upcoming meetings





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## **Upcoming Meetings**

- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up <u>here</u>.
- Our next meeting is June 18, 10 11 am.
  - We will not meet in July, as EHAT falls during NACCHO

