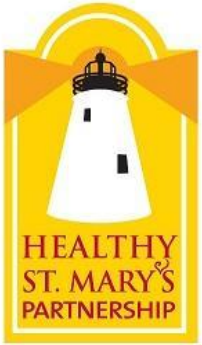

Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, August 15, 2025

Agenda

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

Introductions

- See the attendee list here
- As a reminder, please mute yourself when you are not talking

- 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

- **Jodi Gardiner**
  - Lead Family Peer Support Specialist at Maryland Coalition of Families
  - Email: jgardiner@mdcoalition.org
  - Website (referral button found here): mdcoalition.org/
  - View the presentation here

Partner Updates

- Registration is now open for the 2025 HSMP Annual Meeting on September 25. **HSMP** has issued a call for tabling applications, due August 22! We will be holding a period product drive during this event. Please bring unopened boxes of period products to donate!
    - Interested in sponsoring? We're looking for giveaway items to add to bags, snacks, and bottled drinks. Please add your name to the list if you have an items to donate!
- **HSMP** is holding a hike at Greenwell on September 13! Please sign up, as registration is limited.
- **Sante Group's** mobile crisis services are available in St. Mary's and Charles Counties! Text or call 988 or 877-618-0074 to get connected.
- **Maryland Coalition of Families** is holding a Back to school with Mental Health in Mind workshop at the Leonardtown Library (meeting room 2) on September 18 at 4:30. See the flyer here.
- **SMCHD'**s Thrive by 3 program is transitioning to a care coordination model and opening availability to all pregnant women, regardless of insurance/legal status.
- **Calvert County Health Department** and **St. Mary's County Health Department** are co-hosting Recovery Fest at Annmarie Gardens on September 6.

Partner Updates, Cont.

- **Hope & Healing** will now have a pediatric mental health specialist! Open availability starting in late August, plus parent coaching.
- **SMCHD** will hold a candlelight vigil in honor of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31 at Lexington Manor Passive Park. Reach out to Taylor if you are interested in tabling.
- **SMCHD** is hosting a Words Matter virtual training on September 3, from 1 - 2:30 PM.
- **SMCHD's** 4th annual walk for recovery will be on September 20! Please register if interested in tabling or attending!
- **DSS** in Lexington Park will be moving to the same building as St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen effective September 2!
- Back to school vaccines are available at the **SBHC** and the main **SMCHD** office! See the dates here.
- The **School-Based Health Center's** are available to everyone! During school year they are open to students/staff during the school day and the general public after school.
  - They do have behavioral health providers now!

Partner Updates

- **Cornerstone's** iHIP program provides in home support to children ages 5 and up. They work with the child and family to provide behavioral health support and help with school and home success. Previously this was only for MA clients, but now it is available through private insurance.
- **SMCHD** and **Calvert County Health Department** are holding Recovery Fest at AnnMarie Garden on September 6

2025 Goals

- **Collaboration with CDAT**
  - Mind & Motion event was on August 11. We had 7 different vendors and 27 participants! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event through planning or day-of help!
- **Comprehensive guide**
  - SCMHD's Behavioral Health division is creating a comprehensive guide that will be accessible to the community.
  - They will use our working document to fill in any providers they have missed. If you know of any not listed, please add them in our document and highlight them so we know it is new.
  - Once this document is ready, BHAT will review it to ensure that nothing is missing.

Community Forum

- Unhoused population may be displaced from DC into our community. Is anyone having conversations?
  - SMCHD's BH division started working with WARM last year. They are anticipating more folks in the program this year. Limited availability to take more people but conversations are beginning to happen.
  - Jaime is expecting the conversation to come up at the next Homlessness Prevention Board meeting.
  - Green line (DC metro) is currently closed through the end of August. This may delay any transition.
  - Masonic organization has reached out to unhoused groups in that area and has worked in Prince George's County. We haven't heard of anything in St. Mary's yet, but Nat will keep us updated.

Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Upcoming Meetings/Elections

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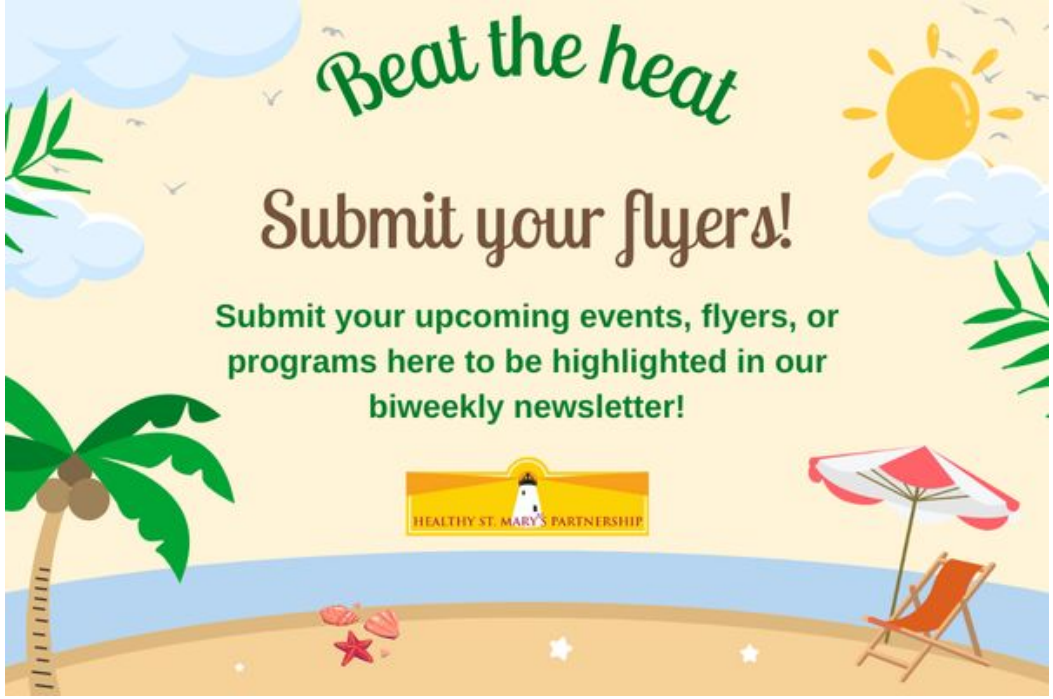
- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up here.
- Our next meeting is October 17.
  - We will not meet in September due to the Annual Meeting