



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. Food Security Data Report
5. Food Council
6. 2025 Projects
7. Community Forum
8. Meeting Close
 - Contact HSMP
 - Submit your flyers

Introductions

- Welcome! Please sign in
- As a reminder, remember to mute yourself when not talking

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



- Kristine Millen
 - Director of St. Mary's Caring
 - Email: stmccaring@gmail.com
 - 31st year of operation! Only soup kitchen in SMC. Provide free breakfast and lunch Monday-Saturday, 8:30 AM - 1 PM. 6 different programs offered this summer. This location is recognized as a Heating & Cooling Center for the county. People are welcome to stay if staff is present. It works as a community center as well.
 - Feed the Family: food boxes provided to families and seniors who do not have transportation to get to food pantries. Partnership with SMCPs and DSS. Supplemental to SNAP, 105-110 per week!
 - In the summer, dinner is provided 2 nights a week. Work with DSS who has identified children at extreme risk. They are enrolled in day camps, St. Mary's Caring provides the lunch for these children (50+ students)
 - Summer camp with building bridges for children in extreme risk (50 children, 2 meals a day). During the school year they go after school and a meal is provided before they go home
 - Emergency food boxes given through DSS
 - Partnerships are important! Many organizations table to spread awareness of their services (SMCHD, DSS, MedStar, Pathways, Cornerstone, arts council, etc.)
 - Gold Star facility by SMCHD! Priority is to make customers feel valued and to promote successes
 - Since free bus services, soup kitchen has seen more access for people in areas other than Lexington Park.

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
- 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!
- Recreation & Parks: Skate park at Chaptico and Nicolet will have construction start this Fall. Snow Hill Park is close to starting construction on the boat and kayak launch! This will provide public water access to Northern Patuxent

Partner Updates

- **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!

Food Security Data Report

- 2025 Data Report update
- Food insecurity numbers are increasing
- There is a lot of anecdotal evidence of an increase for need in the county

Food Council

- Interest in starting a food council again or amplifying a partnership that already exists
- There are already conversations between food pantries in the county, Feed St. Mary's, and the Maryland Food Bank. There is a strong connection among these organizations to complete the important work they do.
- Plans for future:
 - Include other organizations in the conversation for awareness of all ongoing efforts in the county
 - Jesus is Lord
 - 3 Oaks
 - SMCPs
 - Parks & Rec
 - Center for Independent Living
 - [Contact](#)
 - SMCHD
 - HSMP
 - Maybe the above orgs can join a quarterly or biannual meeting with all of the food pantries
 - Look into mobile food pantry from Maryland Food Bank

2025 Projects

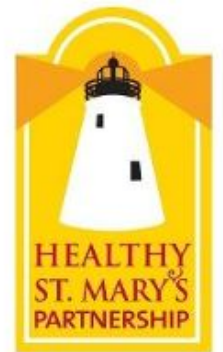
- Our Period Supply Toolkit has launched! You can view it [here](#). If you are interested in joining our period supply workgroup, please email [Lauren](#) or [Suha](#).
- Cleaning up Lexington Park
 - The CDC will be hosting their annual cleanup event on October 4. Dumpsters will be placed in neighborhoods throughout the summer to get the project started. [Sign up](#) to volunteer by September 4
- Food Security Text System
 - We're sending out weekly texts with information about food pantries, food distributions, and healthy recipes to the residents who sign up
 - [English](#) and [Spanish](#) flyers
 - Share the sign up link [here](#)!
 - We currently have 170+ participants!

Community Forum

- MD dept of Energy FY26 grant programs are out! Many options, residential/non-profit/commercial projects. Take some time to check out all of the options!

Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Upcoming meetings



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Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up [here](#).
- Our next meeting is October 15
 - We will not meet in September due to the Annual Meeting

