



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Updates
3. 2025 Projects
4. CHA
5. Community Forum
6. Meeting Close
 - Contact HSMP
 - Submit your flyers

Introductions

- See the attendee list [here](#)
- As a reminder, please remember to mute yourself when you are 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 Updates

- What community drives or community meals are members aware of?
 - **HSMP** finishes our food drive today! Donations will go to **St. Cecilia's Food Pantry**
 - Winter clothing drive @ **Carver Elementary** to benefit **SMCPS** through December 19
 - Flyer in Spanish
 - Thanksgiving meal @ **Church of the Ascension**, 12 - 3 PM (accepting donations through November 25!)
 - The **libraries** are still accepting donations for **Feed St. Mary's**. They also have a little free pantry at each location
 - **Mike's Food Fund & Zion UMC** are asking for food and monetary donations, and help distributing food. They will be distributing food on December 16 and 17.
 - **Chaptico market** and **Thomas Fence Co.** are giving away 175 turkey dinners on November 24 at 3 pm at Chaptico Market! View the Facebook video for more information
 - **Great Mills High School** has a household of 10 children in need of supplies (clothing, diapers, food). If you know of an organization that can help, please email Suha
 - **St. Inie's** has a winter clothing rack on their porch. They accept donations and anyone can pick up clothing at any time
 - **Economy RVs** is hosting their 6th annual food and toy drive on November 21 from 7 - 10 AM
 - Toy drive coming to **St. Inie's**! Flyer to come

Partner Updates

- **LUGM:** St. Mary's 2050 will be hosting 5 planning commission work sessions on specific topics. Their next session will be livestreamed on November 21 at 2 pm and includes growth management & housing, and public health & community services. You can view their Youtube to access the livestream. Their first draft will be published for public comment in February 2026. They are looking for locations to visit. The final copy is expected to be finished around June
- **Lexington Park Business Association** is open to any business in Lexington Park. If you know of a business that may be interested in getting involved, they can complete the survey by the end of the year
- Free Mobile Pantry at **Ridge VFD** on Friday, November 21 from 12 - 2 PM! Come at the start!
- **HSMP** has updated our food pantry list! Please let us know if we are missing anyone

2025 Projects

- You can view the period supply drive toolkit [here](#). If you are interested in joining our period equity workgroup, please email [Lauren](#) or [Suha](#). We also have subcommittees for education and advocacy that meet.
- 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 427 participants!
 - What else should we include in our texts?
 - What are good foods to donate
 - Tips for healthy eating on a budget- general healthy low-cost eating information. [Tips sheet](#) on [myplate.gov](#)
 - Email stmaryspartnership@gmail.com if you have any other ideas!

CHA

- Questions on food insecurity for our community health assessment
- We currently have general questions on what the most important issues affecting health of residents and what are the most important factors that define a healthy community with food security as an answer for both
- Do we need a question specific on food security in our questionnaire or open-ended questions in the focus groups?
- Ideas?
 - Do you have regular access to nutritious foods? (yes/no/unsure)
 - How do you access your food? Are there physical barriers to getting food (time on bus/access to transportation/carrying the food/etc.)
 - Email any other suggestions to stmaryspartnership@gmail.com by the end of 2025

Community Forum

- Sue is interested in finding a partner organization to help apply for grants to improve access to WIC and other food security benefits. Andrea & Lauren to review grant information
- Memory kits available at all **St. Mary's County Library** and **Senior Center** locations to improve cognitive functioning, memory, verbal skills, and spatial awareness for individuals with dementia or Alzheimer's. Organized by the **Department of Aging and Human Services**

Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Next meeting



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Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being a partner spotlight for 2026? Sign up [here](#).
- This is our last meeting for the year!
- We will meet next on January 21, 2026

