HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP

Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Advocacy Agenda
4. Partner Updates
5. 2025 Project Review
6. 2026 Projects
7. Community Forum
8. Meeting Close
    - Contact HSMP
    - Submit your flyers

Introductions

- See the attendee list
- 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 Spotlight

- Sierra Club
  - Julia Nichols, Treasurer, Chapter Delegate
  - Randy Lyon, Legislative Committee Chair
- Event Registration
  - Lobby Night Kickoff Event (virtual) on February 5 from 7 - 8:30 PM
  - Lobby Night in Annapolis (in-person) on February 9 from 4 - 8 PM
- Overview of the Sierra Club's Maryland Legislative priorities for 2026
- View the slides

Advocacy Agenda

- HR 6212 **Good Samaritan Menstrual Products Act**
  - Last year EHAT approved supporting menstrual equity bills. With approval from the HSMP steering committee, Amanda wrote a LOS. This has been submitted to the MD delegate on this federal bill.
- **Transportation and Climate Alignment Act** (TCA): Requires the MDOT to assess greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled for major highway projects and fund offsets in transit, walking, and biking to meet state climate goals.
  - Vote: Passed 7 to 1
- **Strategic Energy Investment Fund** (SEIF): a state fund managed by the MD Energy Administration (MEA) to boost clean energy, reduce costs, create jobs and improve energy efficiency. The proposed bill with stop the diversion of funds from SEIF to other projects.
  - Vote: Passed 8 to 1
- The last 2 bills will be brought to the HSMP steering committee for approval. Once approved, a LOS will be written and submitted

Partner Updates

Please type out your update, including any links or contact information, and put them in the chat. This ensures the minutes are correct.

- **HSMP** has launched our Community Partner Assessment as a part of our Community Health Assessment. Please complete 1 survey per organization by January 28! We have launched a survey for all community members. Please help us share these as they help us determine the **HSMP** priority areas for the next 6 years! The survey will be open to all who live, work, or play in SMC until June 30, 2026.
- **HSMP** has updated the interactive food connection map. Please review and let us know if there are any places we are missing or are no longer in business.
- **MDH** has offered some guidance on food safety in community fridges.
- **Aetna Better Health of Maryland**, one of the MCOs under HealthChoice, Maryland's Medicaid program, will continue offering all of its 2025 member value-added benefits for 2026, which includes the free feminine hygiene and diaper mail-order programs, and the CVS OTC $15 monthly benefit to purchase health supplies and products, as well as food and groceries at CVS stores or online for home delivery. All benefits can be viewed here.
- **LUGM**: St. Mary's 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update will be going into the next engagement window during early February. This engagement will have a draft available for public consumption.
- The **SMC Libraries** are accepting food donations and diapers. They go to the free pantries and to St. Mary's Caring
- Every 3rd Saturday, **Church of the Ascension** has a fellowship to feed the homeless and distribute clothes from 11 AM to 1:30 PM

Partner Updates

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2025 Project Wrap Up

- You can view the period supply drive toolkit here. If you are interested in joining our ongoing 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 435 participants!
    - Email stmaryspartnership@gmail.com if you know of any events or resources we can include in the texts
    - Cecelia to send information on the mobile pantry schedule
  - HSMP is meeting with Feed St. Mary's and their established food security council to find gaps that we can help find partners to fill. We are hoping to be able to share future meetings with partners

2026 Projects

- Since HSMP will be focusing on the CHA this year, HSMP will only be able to work on 1-2 projects this year. <u>We need collaboration from members to complete projects</u>
- Review the <u>priority areas</u>
- Ideas:
  - Focus on the food security text system
  - Increase collaboration with the Community Garden to increase food security in the county
  - Increase collaboration with Feed St. Mary's
    - Cecelia is getting a grant! She has an established route of distributing food on Tuesdays
  - Send any ideas to stmaryspartnership@gmail.com

Community Forum

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Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Next meeting

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Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being a partner spotlight for 2026? Sign up here.
- We will meet next on February 18, 2026