



# HSMP Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

# Agenda

1. Advocacy Agenda
2. CHA Updates
3. 2026 Annual Meeting
4. HSMP Updates
5. Other Business?

# Advocacy Agenda- EHAT, Menstrual Products

- 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.
- HB0307/HB0541: Public Schools Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products
  - Advocate for more funds
  - Vote: Vote passed
- HB0475: Institutions of Higher Education Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products
  - Vote: Vote Passed

# Advocacy Agenda- EHAT

- SB0059/HB0437: **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: Vote passed
- **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 bills will stop the diversion of funds from SEIF to other projects.
  - Vote: Lauren will email committee if a relevant bill is released to be voted on

# Advocacy Agenda: BHAT

- **[HB0280](#) - Health Insurance - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - Codification of Federal Requirements:** Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.
  - Vote: Vote passed
- **[SB0039](#) - Behavioral Health - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and Outpatient Mental Health Centers - Reimbursement Rates:** Establishing the Workgroup on Certified Behavioral Health Clinic Implementation and Rate Methodology in the Behavioral Health Administration; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain rate study of outpatient mental health centers in the State; requiring the Department to increase the Maryland Medical Assistance Program reimbursement rate for outpatient mental health centers by 3% in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; etc.
  - Vote: Vote passed

# Community Health Assessment

- Community Health Assessment uses MAPP 2.0
  - CPA: community partner input (complete with 28 responses)
    - We will schedule key informant interviews
  - CSA: Community Status Assessment (Launched! 59 responses so far)
    - Survey for all who live, work, or play in SMC
    - Help us distribute this survey!
  - CCA: Community Context Assessment (focus group questions, Spring 2026)
- [healthystmarys.com/cha2026](https://healthystmarys.com/cha2026)
- Lauren has reached out to LUGM about sharing data with St. Mary's 2050



## Community Health Survey

Open to all who live, work, or play in St. Mary's County, Maryland

Let us know what health topics are important to you in this 5-10 minute survey

Complete to be entered into a random drawing for ALDI gift cards and wellness items



Survey Closes June 30, 2026

Learn more at [healthystmarys.com/cha2026](https://healthystmarys.com/cha2026)



Scan to take the survey!



## Encuesta de salud comunitaria

Abierto a todos los que viven, trabajan o disfrutan de su tiempo libre en el condado de St. Mary, Maryland.

Haznos saber qué temas de salud son importantes para ti en esta encuesta de 5 a 10 minutos.

Completa la encuesta para participar en un sorteo de tarjetas de regalo de ALDI y artículos de bienestar.



La encuesta se cierra el 30 de junio de 2026

Para más información, visita a [healthystmarys.com/cha2026](https://healthystmarys.com/cha2026)



Escanear para llenar la encuesta

# Annual Meeting 2026

- Date
  - September 24, 2026 from 8:30 AM - 2 PM
- Ideas for a theme?
  - Focus on future (it is a CHA year!), innovation, or resilience
  - Adapting and advancing (AI, new strategies during grant changes, investing in public health students, hot topics, etc.)
  - Send ideas to [stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)
- Location: USMSM SMART Building
- Call for speakers in April

# Action Team Updates

- Limited updates as we are still choosing projects and focusing on the CHA this year
- Behavioral Health
  - Advocacy agenda, upcoming events
  - Focus on implementing an existing training surrounding SUD or mental health
  - Utilizing partners to create a social media toolkit focused on relevant BH topics
- Chronic Disease
  - Continuing the More to Explore program this year, starting in June
  - Collaborating with ZenWell to conduct the Soil, Soul, and Science program
    - Connecting with local farmers, the community garden and food pantries on safety for workers/volunteers. Pair with local partners for food tasting/education (fulfills grant requirements for an HSMP and SHIP priorities)

# Action Team Updates

- Environmental Health
  - Continuing the text based food security system
  - Increasing work within the community by utilizing Feed St. Mary's and the Community Garden
- Violence, Injury, and Trauma
  - Emphasis on domestic violence and teen dating violence education
  - Advocating for TDV education within the schools
  - Postcard for Teen Dating Violence Education Month

# Other Business?

- Email [lauren.arney@maryland.gov](mailto:lauren.arney@maryland.gov) if you have any questions before our next meeting!