



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Welcome! Please sign in

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Agenda

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Introductions

- Welcome! Please sign in
- 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

- Ashley Walters
 - Community Health Program Manager at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
 - View the slides
 - Food drive on March 21, from 10 AM - 12 PM (flyer)
 - Farmers Market flyer
 - Advocates at the Soup Kitchen flyer



MedStar St. Mary's
Hospital

Advocacy Agenda- Period Equity

- HR 6212 Good Samaritan Menstrual Products Act
 - LOS has been submitted for this federal bill
- HB 457 **Institutions of Higher Education- Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products**
 - Requires colleges and universities in Maryland to provide menstrual products in bathrooms by August 1, 2028
 - LOS submitted.
 - Passed the House with amendment that products only need to be provided in student health centers, not all restrooms. We are re-submitting our LOS to support the original wording.
- HB 541/SB307 **Public Schools- Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products**
 - Requires public schools in Maryland to restock period products. This builds off of previous legislation that requires schools to provide product dispensers.
 - Passed steering committee with the amendment of advocating for more funds to be provided to schools to support this. LOS submitted for HB 541 and SB 307

Advocacy Agenda- Environmental Health

- **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 in EHAT. Passed steering committee. LOS submitted.
 - Different hearing may be scheduled

Partner Updates

- **HSMP** has 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. Learn more and download the flyers at healthystmarys.com/cha2026
- We need 1 person to volunteer to help table at the Earth Day event on April 25 from 10 AM - 2 PM with Lauren. We would like to table at the Sustainability Fair on April 19 from 1:30 - 4:30 at the Lexington Park Library but we need two people to volunteer for this. Sign up for either event [here](#).
- **SMCHD** offers free virtual [Food Safety Classes](#)! The next class is April 15 from 5 - 8 PM. You can register by calling 301-475-4321 or emailing smchd.env@maryland.gov
- The **Community Development Corporation** is working to fill the position of garden manager and the steering committee is hoping to fill in gaps in the meantime. The current garden hours are Wednesday, 3 - 6 PM and Sundays 1 - 4 PM. Help is needed during the community hours to prep beds and plant!
- The **Lexington Park Library** will hold the Sustainability Fair on April 19 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. There are tabling opportunities for environmental health initiatives, email [Nicole](#) for details.
- The **Commission on the Environment** will host the Earth Day [Celebration](#) on April 25 at Summerseat Farm from 10 AM - 2 PM. You can apply to be a vendor by emailing Nicole at nhance@stmalib.org!
- The **SMCHD** Community Baby Shower will be on May 2 at Margaret Brent Middle School. Open to 300 participants but registration will be required (to be released late March).

Partner Updates

- **Recreation and Parks** will hold the annual Easter Egg Festival on March 28!
- The **Community, Culture, and Cuisine event** will be on the last Saturday in June in the St. Mary's Square! Vendors are needed, email [Sue](#) for details.
- [Open house](#) for the **Health Hub** and **Spring Ridge SBHC** on March 19 from 5:30-7 PM.

2026 Projects

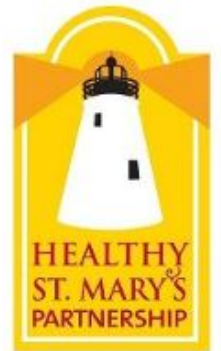
- Text system (440 subscribers!)
 - Ideas for future texts:
 - Food safety classes (April) - added
 - Mobile food bank (Ridge VFD and CH Library) - added
 - Farmers markets, medstar farmers market
 - Church of the Ascension Fellowship on 3rd Saturday- free meals, showers, haircuts, laundry.
 - Food distribution for feed the people, free the people on Sundays in LP- waiting for a response
 - Community garden volunteer hours!
- Join the Period Equity group! We meet quarterly to talk about period equity efforts in the county, including advocacy, education, and product distributions. Email [Lauren](#) or [Suha](#) if you are interested.

Community Forum

- Governor Moore has introduced the Utility Relief Act. This is a bill we can track.
- HSMP met with Feed St. Mary's to share information and find ways to collaborate in the future.
- HOPE SMC monthly food drops are moving to quarterly at Church of the Ascension. They may need volunteers in the future, Lauren will send out information as it becomes available.

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 April 15, 2026

