



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Welcome! Please sign in

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. 2026 Project
5. Community Forum
6. 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

- Sasha Seenath, Executive Director
- Three Oaks Center
- Email: sseenath@threeoakscenter.org
- Website: threeoakscenter.org
- April is [Fair Housing Month!](#)
- Generational emphasis in programming.
- Stable housing leads to better outcomes in health, jobs, financial stability, and decreased substance use
- Supportive housing programs assist those who are income-restricted, physically or mentally disabled, and so many more!
- Prevention services, crisis services, rapid rehousing, targeted assistance to veterans
- Food pantry: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM - 2 PM

Advocacy Agenda- Period Equity

- HR 6212 **Good Samaritan Menstrual Products Act**
 - LOS has been submitted for this federal bill
 - Sitting in house Judiciary, no hearing scheduled as of now
- **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.
 - Bill passed with amendment requiring only in student centers
- **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
 - Bill died before crossover

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.
 - Failed to pass senate. House passed.
 - Hopeful it will be reintroduced in 2027!

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 currently have over 400 responses! We've sponsored ads on social media, shared the flyers and surveys with over 10 organizations, and the SMCHD outreach team has shared the flyers at their table and gathered paper responses from multiple locations like the soup kitchen. Email Lauren if you're interested in sharing the flyers with your clients!
- **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 new **LMPP Community Garden** manager has started! Public hours will change to 4 - 7 PM on Wednesdays and Sundays starting in May.
- The **Lexington Park Library** will have a Sustainability Fair on April 19, 1:30 - 4:30
- The **Commission on the Environment** will hold an Earth Day event on April 25 at Summerseat Farms from 10 AM - 2 PM.

Partner Updates

- The Community, Culture, and Cuisine event will be on June 27 at St. Mary's Square Parking Lot, from 12 - 4 PM. Applications for vendors on the **Lex BA [website](#)**.
- **Lex BA** meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the **Lexington Park Library** at 8 AM. They are open to all but are only in-person for now.
- The third Saturday of the month is **Blessings and Showers** at **Church of the Ascension!** Community members can get a haircut, food, showers, and more from 11 - 1:30. They also have service on Sunday evenings at 5 PM and a community meal at 6 PM. Both events are sponsored by the **Lighthouse Kingdom Community**.
- **Ridge VFD** has a **visit** from the **Maryland Mobile Food Bank** on the 3rd Friday of the month from noon to 2 PM.

2026 Projects

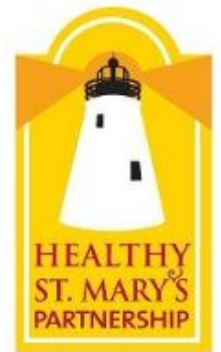
- Text system (440 subscribers!)
 - Ideas for future texts:
 - Food safety classes (April) - added
 - Mobile food bank (Ridge VFD and CH Library) - added
 - Farmers markets, MedStar farmers market - added
 - Church of the Ascension Fellowship on 3rd Saturday- free meals, showers, haircuts, laundry.
 - Community garden volunteer hours!
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- 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.
 - MD state [tax credit](#) for people who donate products

Community Forum

- HSMP has applied for a community food security grant- we should hear if we were accepted by the beginning of May! We plan to lead a few interactive cooking demonstrations, sponsor the **HOPE SMC** monthly produce distributions, and partner with the Library and Garden to hold interactive classes to increase food security.

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 May 20, 2026

