

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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October 18, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

National Aquarium, 501 Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD ~ Knott Harbor View Room

Meeting Agenda

10:00 Welcome to the National Aquarium – Nancy Hotchkiss, Senior Director Visitor Experiences / Education
Welcome and Introductions – John Griffin, DNR and Mary Cary, MSDE

10:20 Action Plan Progress Update – Britt Slattery, DNR

- 2012 Accomplishments to date, brief overview of actions to address the four priority focus areas:
 - Environmental Literacy
 - Communities and Community Planning
 - Health and Agriculture (Food) Connections
 - Promoting Outdoor Play and Learning
- Looking ahead – remaining 2012 actions; developing 2013's annual plan

10:40 Community Health Initiative – integrating all of our focus areas – Kim Martinez, NWF

- Presentation of draft vision/hypothesis/goals and sample actions, Q&A;
- Timeline
- Discussion

11:05 Park Equity Analysis – and using it to contribute to the Health Initiative – Sandi Olek, DNR

- Demonstration of the mapping tool
- Discussion

11:20 Ongoing Work and New Business –

- Higher Education Coordination – Laurie Jenkins, MCPS
- Agriculture Education – George Mayo, MD Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF)
- Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Strategy – Shannon Sprague, NOAA
- Outdoor Alliance for Kids policy evaluation tool – Kim Martinez, NWF
- Long Range Parks & Recreation Plan input – Stephanie Oberle, Montgomery Parks

11:45 Announcements / Upcoming Events (see list and links, next page)

12:00 Adjourn

2013 Partnership meetings – please mark your calendars:

- **Wednesday, January 16** – Annapolis – full Partnership and Leadership Team* meetings
- Thursday, April 25 – location TBA – Partnership meeting
- Thursday, July 18 – Partnership meeting, possibly a webinar option (tentative)
- **Thursday, October 17** – full Partnership and Leadership Team* meetings

* Beginning in 2014, the Leadership Team meetings will occur in April and October (proposed), to avoid conflicts with Legislative Session, statewide and national conferences, and the peak of vacation season.

Thank you for your participation
Thank you to the National Aquarium for hosting us today!

Upcoming events/ dates:

- Oct 20 – National Wildlife Federation [Hike and Seek event](#), Seneca Creek State Park
- Oct 30 – Letters of intent due - FY 2013 [B-WET \(Bay Watershed Education and Training\)](#) grant
- Oct 31 – [Governor's Stream Restoration Challenge](#) grant applications deadline
- Nov 14-15 – **Mid Atlantic Environmental Education Workshop**, Shepherdstown, WV
- Nov 30 – Chesapeake Bay Trust [Environmental Education grants](#) due