

## MEETING MINUTES

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| <b>Meeting Name:</b>                                        | Health Meeting                | <b>Meeting Location:</b> | Conference Room  |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>                                        | March 27, 2025                | <b>Minutes Recorder:</b> | Julianne O'Brien |
| <b>Meeting Time:</b>                                        | 3:00 p.m.                     | <b>Minutes Reviewer:</b> | Chris Osment     |
| <b>Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:</b> | Please see the Sign-in Sheet. |                          |                  |

| TOPIC                          | DISCUSSION                                                           | ACTION |
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| Welcome and Introductions      | Chris welcomed everyone and introductions were made.                 |        |
| Review of the previous minutes | Pastor Mills approved the minutes, Claudia Nelson second the motion. |        |
| <b>Old Business:</b>           |                                                                      |        |

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| <p><b>New Business</b></p> | <p><b>CHW Positions/Hiring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The performance measures are behind because the Somerset County Health Department (SCHD) is short-staffed with Community Health Workers (CHW). The funder is supportive and suggested bringing in transportation.</li> <li>• Kat and Chris will meet to discuss utilizing their HERC services for transportation.</li> <li>• SCHD interviewed 8 candidates for the CHW positions, 3 of the candidates were chosen and are going through the hiring process. They are excited and have experience.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nutritionist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nutritionist position is out on an RFP.</li> <li>• If clients need a nutritionist, please refer them to TidalHealth who will schedule a Telehealth appointment.</li> <li>• If many people in the Crisfield area need to speak to a nutritionist, there is a possibility to send people to McCready.</li> <li>• McCready has CHWs hired and working.</li> <li>• Kat will look at the paperwork on the backend to have people in Crisfield go to McCready.</li> <li>• Kat will look into how to track the Nutritionist referrals for Chris' HERC grant purposes.</li> <li>• Another suggestion is to have the CHWs drive people to the bus stop to see the Nutritionist and give them bus tickets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clients do not like taking the bus; it takes them the entire day for an appointment.</li> <li>○ CHWs accompany clients to their appointments if needed, which builds a relationship with them.</li> <li>○ Some clients do not feel empowered, so case workers/CHWs help them with system navigation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Laurel, the intern CHW, is going out to Seton Center.</li> <li>• Elizabeth and Chris will look at the allowable expenses in the HERC Grant.</li> </ul> |  |
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### **Advertising/Funding**

- This fiscal year's HERC funds will be used for radio and billboard advertising.
- TV broadcasting will be researched for next fiscal year's advertising with HERC funds.
- A fall event for chronic disease is being discussed to get people out, providing flu shots and screenings. The challenge is the athletic field availability, trying to find time between sports events, and avoiding other towns' street fairs and events. Transportation is also key.
- Besides the athletic field, could the large fire halls, or the Parks and Rec gym, be used, or the SCHD field? Get the churches and parishioners involved.
  - Twice SCHD had their event at SCHD and not many people came to the event. SCHD is off the beaten path so people don't come.
    - Pastor Mills stated on September 12th, 13th, and 14th his church will celebrate the 100th anniversary in Ocean City.

### **Maryland Corps Service Member Opportunity**

- Maryland Corps Service program is on board to get experience in Public Health.
- SCHD pays to host service volunteers; we need to look at high school and college students (SU & UMES). The student gains work experience while being paid.

### **John Hopkins**

- The neighborhood nursing program is being extended into Somerset County, they hire locally and partner with SCHD.
- A nurse and a health worker travel together into the community to help people.
- Dr. Haft, Danielle, and Chris will contact Johns Hopkins for Community Resources.
- Chris will contact Johns Hopkins to see if they can come in person to the April 17th Health Meeting.

### **Integrated Locations**

- Once the CHWs are hired and start to work, they will be integrated into SCHD services, e.g. when reproductive health goes out in the Wellness Van, a CHW will go out with them.
- The different services will be rotated by taking the Wellness Van.
- The CHWs will be sent to Social Services, Seton Center, Somerset Village, and expand to the libraries, and they will start services in the Community Center in Crisfield.
- Some of the apartment complex managers help SCHD spread the word by putting flyers in people's rent notifications.

### **FindHelp.org**

- FindHelp.org is a social care platform that people can use. It is a very useful tool. Hospital case managers use this platform to send out referrals.
- FindHelp.org coordinates medical and social care, it is a client management tool that uses analytics. The more organizations using the platform the better it is.
- Elizabeth's diabetes is in the system.
- People go to libraries not just for books, but also for assistance.
- Kat will send Chris the link to Healthy Delmarva (<https://www.healthydelmarva.org/>) so he can send it to everyone at the meeting.

### **Updates**

- Dr. Haft is opening a new primary medical office temporarily in downtown Crisfield. He is having a new permanent state-of-the art building built on the outskirts of Crisfield.
- Lisa is having lunch and learn on June 4th to educate providers working with CHW college students. She is working on the flyer for the event.
- Pastor Mills' church is having events on April 10th and May 15th at his church. He is open to having the Wellness Van come to the events.

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| <b>Closing of the Meeting</b> | The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m. |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>           |                                        |  |