



# Somerset County Health Department

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## \*MEETING MINUTES\*

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	LHIC		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	05/13/2025	<b>Time: 9:30am – 11:30am</b>	.
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Sharon Creasy	<b>Location:</b> Sign Post Conference Room	Call-in: N/A
<b>1. Attendees:</b>			
Korey Colbert (SCHD), Crystal Meadows (SCHD), Danielle Weber (SCHD), Ben Dashiell (SCHD), Julie Krenzer (CareFirst), Katherine Rodgers (TidalHealth), Lisa Widmaier (AHEC), Sharon Creasy (SCHD), Chris Osment (SCHD), Karen Karten (Judy Center), Sue Dize (PAPD), Rob Smith (PAPD), Litita Nichols (USDA), Kathy Walker (MAC)			
<b>2. Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Discussion/Action/Follow-Up:</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Korey Colbert welcomes everyone.</li> </ul>		
<b>Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round Table introduction</li> </ul>		
<b>Purpose and Mission of Council</b>	The Somerset County Local Health Improvement Coalition named Healthy Somerset, working collectively with local partners, sets health related priorities for individuals in the community. The coalition addresses health disparities in our community by providing input on programs, policies and coordinated efforts with programmatic data and infrastructure support from the state and county.		
<b>Charter &amp; By-Laws- Danielle Weber</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May will be our annual review and updating meeting</li> <li>Chair and Co Chair are Korey Colbert and Danielle Weber we are open to discuss if someone else would like to Co-chair this meeting</li> <li>secretary is Sharon Creasy</li> <li></li> <li>Member v/s Visitor- Members can vote on topics and funding visitors are not allowed to participate in the voting but are encouraged to attend</li> <li>There are no funding for the LHIC but I hope it will come back to the table.</li> <li>This meeting serves as both our Healthy Somerset and also our Cancer Coalition because of this, its recognized as a state commission meeting and an ethic forms is needed from every members please return completed form to Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov</li> <li>Ethics commission is to make sure you can vote on certain topics with the committee</li> </ul>		
<b>US Dept. of Agriculture- Letitia Nichols</b>	<b>For Businesses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable financing for construction or expansion</li> <li>New markets</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Entrepreneurship</li><li>● Renewable energy</li></ul> <p><b>For Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Affordable homeownership options</li><li>● Home repair loans and grants</li><li>● Multi-family housing to improve access to affordability</li></ul> <p><b>For Communities: Essential Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hospitals, health clinics</li><li>● Schools</li><li>● Daycares</li><li>● Fire houses, first responder vehicles and equipment</li><li>● Community centers and more</li><li>● For Communities: Utilities</li><li>● Electric</li><li>● High-speed internet</li><li>● Water and wastewater infrastructure</li></ul> <p><b>Contact information</b></p> <p>Assistance under USDA Rural Development programs is available to applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program.</p> <p>Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for more information.</p> <p>Delaware-Maryland State Office (302) 857-3580</p> <p>Or go to: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov">www.rd.usda.gov</a></p> <p>Or call 1 (800) 670-6553 (toll free)</p>
<b>TidalHealth- Kat Rogers</b>	<p><b>CHIP( Community Health Improvement Plan)</b> <b>CHNA (Community Health Needs Assessment )</b></p> <p><b>Overall Process and Timeline Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Primary Data Collection &amp; Analysis</li><li>● Secondary Data Collection &amp; Analysis</li><li>● Engagement Kick-Off</li></ul> <p><b>Secondary Data Methodology Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Step 1</b>-Compile and analyze individual data measures</li><li>● <b>Step 2</b>-Identify ‘common themes’ and develop categories and focus areas</li><li>● <b>Step 3</b>-Identify preliminary priorities based on levels of demonstrated and/or expressed need</li></ul> <p><b>Findings: Health Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Lagging Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Length of life</li><li>● Quality of Life</li></ul> <p><b>Leading Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Clinical care</li><li>● Health behaviors</li><li>● Physical environment</li><li>● Social and economic environment</li></ul> <p><b>Findings: Health Factors</b> <b>Key Takeways</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Somerset County performs worse in County Health Rankings on key health factors.</li> <li>● Residents in Somerset County report challenges in accessing opportunities for physical activity and healthy foods.</li> <li>● Food security is a high need area for the county.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Organization CHNAs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) provide an objective evaluation of the health-related needs of a defined community. The following CHNAs were gathered and reviewed for themes in health issues affecting Somerset.</li> <li>● <b>Hospital CHNAs</b>-Atlantic General Hospital (Maryland)</li> <li>● <b>Public Health and Community CHNAs</b>-Maryland Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy</li> <li>● <b>Other Considerations and Health-Related Benchmarks</b></li> <li>● Healthy Delmarva's 2023 CHIP details goals, objectives, and strategies for addressing health issues in the region following the most recently completed CHNA process.</li> <li>● Healthy People 2030 sets data-driven national objectives to improve health and well-being over the next decade.</li> <li>● The US Office of the Surgeon General establishes priorities based on the best scientific information available to improve health and reduce risk of illness or injury.</li> </ul>
<b>HERC Updates- Chris Osment</b>	<p><b>Health Equity Resource Communities Grant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are working on expanding our CHW (Community Health Workers)</li> <li>● Our radio ads are out will run through the end of June</li> </ul>
<b>Health Department Updates:</b>	<p><b>Danielle Weber - Somerset County Health Department (SCHD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are 5 areas that the state wants to concentrate on. we have picked two of them to work on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gun Violence- we are working on</li> <li>2. Pre-delivery phase and Postpartum Pregnant women and families with children up to age three. The program focuses on reducing infant mortality and improving health outcomes for both mothers and infants.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Prevention Updates:</b>	<p><b>Healthy Hearts program</b> Over 20 people enrolled at this time. We do not give medical advice. More of a dietary approach. 4 month program. with a free blood pressure monitor. Educational support and group setting.</p> <p><b>Smoking Cessation Classes</b> 10 week program - 8 weekly class and 2 support chats</p> <p><b>Gun Safety Event:</b> on 06/21/2025 at the Woodrow Wilson Building in Crisfield <b>ECI Garden</b> - Will be starting soon, hoping by the end of this month</p>
<b>Colorectal Cancer Updates</b>	<p><b>Ben Dashiell (SCHD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 Colonoscopy done this year</li> <li>● we now have cologard</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we have done 7 Skin Cancer screening</li> <li>• all counties are now using cologuard since scheduling is so far out.</li> </ul>
<b>Partner Updates</b>	<p><b>Kathy Walker (MAC)</b>- 2025 Alzheimer's and Dementia Conference on 06/11/2025 from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm being held at Salisbury University. We also are hosting Crab Feast on 07/19/2025 tickets are \$45.00 for all you can eat. This will take place at the VFW post 194 821 William St. Salisbury, MD 21804</p> <p><b>Lisa Widmaier (AHEC)</b>- There is a CHW network meeting on June 5th. with more training happening on September 8- October 10 2025</p> <p>Julie Krenzer (Carefirst)-</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>TUESDAY, August 12, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	11:24 a.m.