



# Somerset County Health Department

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## \*Meeting Minutes\*

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Somerset County Local Behavioral Health Authority Council (SCLBHAC) meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> Aug 20, 2025	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b> Sharon Creasy	<b>Location:</b> 8928 Sign post Rd Westover MD 21871 & <b>10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b>

<b>Meeting Objective:</b>	Business Meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Claudia Nelson</b> (DHS Somerset County), <b>Jessica Pastusak</b> (SCHD), <b>Shannon Frey</b> (SCHD), <b>Edwana Cottman</b> (TidalHealth), <b>Sharon R. Creasy</b> -(SCHD), <b>Marc Pixley</b> (Palmetto), <b>Cherie Meienschein</b> (recovery courts), <b>Wes Gardner</b> (States Atty), <b>Tony Jones</b> (SCHD), <b>Gail Lankford</b> (Next Chapter), <b>Kutesa Lankford</b> (Next Chapter), <b>Stephanie Psilopulos</b> (Sante Group), <b>Viola Robertson</b> (Sante Group), <b>Rachel Abbott-Gray</b> (SCPS), <b>Rachel Sadorf</b> (ESHC), <b>Jeanette Burney</b> (children choice), <b>Sherry Hostelter</b> (Worwic)
<b>(Agenda Item:</b>	Discussion
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Claudia Nelson</b> welcomed everyone to the meeting and did round table introductions.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Jessica Pastusak</b> approved the minutes and <b>Wes Gardner</b> 2nd the approval
<b>Somerset Rains Purple</b>	Due to lack of staff, Emergency Services has stepped down and the Health Dept no longer has funding for any events for Overdose Awareness Day or Recovery month which is the whole month of September. Trying to find something to do without the funding? Any ideas are always welcomed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gail will let us know what the drugfree coalition is doing for recovery month.</li> <li>• Shannon informed everyone about the Recovery Month Business Challenge and Recovery walk</li> <li>• DSS states they still have their purple lights</li> </ul>
<b>September is Recovery Month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovery Month Business Challenge - Show your support by decorating your business in Purple</li> <li>• Walk for Recovery on 09/19/2025 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</li> <li>• Next Chapter Behavioral and Sante Group both said they can and will work on this.</li> </ul>

<b>Agency Updates/ Upcoming Trainings</b>	<p><b>Gail Lankford</b> (Next Chapter) we offer Substance and mental health, our hours are Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm and 4pm-7pm by appointment only. We have noticed there is a great need for Adolescence therapy, so we will be applying.</p> <p><b>Tony Jones</b> (SCHD) Narcan Training is being offered at the Princess Anne Library every Thursday</p> <p><b>Marc Pixley</b> (Palmetto) the Parsonburg House is now accepting Women</p> <p><b>Cherie Meienschein</b> (Recovery Courts)- Recovery court is in its 7th year going into the 8th. The team just went to Annapolis to do Operation Tune up. Currently it is a 4 phase drug court but we will be moving into a 5 phase. We should be there by the end of this year and she will do a presentation to show us the new phases and the ins and outs of the new program</p> <p><b>Rachel Abbott-Gray</b> (SCPS) Teachers will be starting back on Monday and Students after labor day. There will be a Block party “Ready Set School “ coming up on August 28th. 12 pm- 6pm I would love to see everyone there. Will be offering Transportation from Crisfield and Deal island.</p> <p><b>Edwana Cottman</b> (TidalHealth)- TidalHealth working towards becoming a teaching school and starting in September they will have several spots for psychiatry which will also fall into place with the new Pediatric Development &amp; Therapy which helps with Autism, speech , feeding and swallowing.</p> <p><b>Sherry Hostelter</b> (Worwic) In progress of CIT Training in September and October for Dispatch training. We are always looking for speakers to come talk to Law enforcement about how you can help with certain populations, Homeless, mental health</p> <p><b>Claudia Nelson</b> (DHS Somerset County)- is retiring Nov 1, 2025 is planning to take off at least until January. We will need to appoint a new Chair as we will be getting someone else from DSS to attend this meeting.</p> <p><b>Stephanie Psilopulos</b> (Sante Group) We work with anyone in a crisis and are happy to have the referral, they are close and will meet with the family when it's convenient for them. Our hours work around them. We can usually get someone in crisis an appointment within 24-48 hours. They are located in the maple shade building. Once we have the referral we try to make sure we do at least one phone call and one home visit each week .</p> <p>Jessica Pastusak- we have a total of 5 Harm reduction Vending machines. one here at the heath dept., one at our Wellness and Recovery Center, UMES, Woodrow Wilson building, and last one is in Deal Island.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, <b>**Hybrid**</b> 8928 Sign Post Rd Suite 2 Westover, Md 21871</p>