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The Somerset County Health Department is the CoC Lead for the Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS CoC). The HALS CoC is a group of individuals from Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties that was formed around the common concern of homelessness. Members include representatives from local housing programs, county Homeless Boards, area shelters, non -profits, service organizations, state and county agencies, faith community, local providers, foundations, business community, and local citizens.

The HALS CoC is open to all interested agencies and individuals who have an interest in homelessness and would like to assist the CoC with the purpose/vision and mission below:

Purpose/Vision/Mission

* HALS CoC coordinates homeless services and homeless prevention activities in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.
* HALS CoC envisions a community where residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties are free from homelessness and live in safe, stable and affordable housing.
* HALS CoC addresses the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through collaboration, advocacy and resource development in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

If you are interested in joining the CoC, please email Greta Rolland at [greta.rolland@maryland.gov](mailto:greta.rolland@maryland.gov) to get on our email group. The CoC meets every month on the second Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. with the meetings held in Salisbury. The next meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. It is being held at St. James AME Zionhouse Church at 521 Mack Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801. All are welcome to attend our meetings. To learn more about HALS CoC, visit our website: <https://somersethealth.org/homeless-alliance-for-the-lower-shore-of-maryland/>.