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MEETING MINUTES

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| Meeting Name: | LHIC | | |
| Date of Meeting: | 11.12.2024 | Time: 9:30am – 11:30am | . |
| Minutes Prepared By: | Sharon Creasy | Location: Sign Post Conference Room | Call-in: N/A |
| 1. Attendees: | | | |
| Andra Taylor (SCHD), Crystal Meadows (SCHD), Danielle Weber (SCHD), Ben Dashiell (SCHD), Julie Krenzer (CareFirst), Katherine Rodgers (TidalHealth), Erica Hunter (Life Crisis), Lisa Widmaier (AHEC), Marie-Therese Oyalowo (UMES), Candice Johnson (Carefirst), Sharon Creasy (SCHD), Kathy Walker (MAC), Grace Penzenstadler (UMES Pharmacy), Jocelyn Feis (Woman supporting Women), Bobby McDonald (TidalHealth), Korey Colbert (SCHD), Patrica Salem (SCHD) | | | |
| 2. Agenda Item: | Discussion/Action/Follow-Up: | | |
| Welcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andra Taylor | | |
| Introductions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table introduction | | |
| Purpose and Mission of Council | 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. | | |
| Women Supporting Woman - Jocelyn Feis | <p style="text-align: center;">Women Supporting Woman - Jocelyn Feis</p> <p>We are a local Breast Cancer nonprofit. We can offer all of the services for free, which covers wigs, hats, scarfs, and prostheses. If they are having a bilateral mastectomy we offer a lift chair for the recovery period of 2-4 weeks depending on that person's recovery stage. There are support group meetings and the times and locations are as follows:</p> <p>Salisbury - at 6:30pm Berlin the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm Easton - 5:30pm Pocomoke - 5:30pm</p> | | |
| Annie Carver (University of MD) | <p>Annie Carver (University of MD) Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy – Cannabis Update <u>Somerset Community Needs Assessment Results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a strong concern for the impact on pregnant and breastfeeding persons, there is also a strong concern for the product safety measures for legal cannabis and hemp products | | |

- The biggest health concern is use by underage kids and pregnant people.
- Currently partnering with local obstetrician offices to educate pregnant women.
- Partnering with universities to educate students because the underage students are getting into their parent's cannabis.
- Our greatest challenge is getting the target population to engage.

Legislative Update

- HB 253-Cannabis Reform Act-Alterations (Passed)
- SB 399-Outdoor Cannabis Advertising (Failed)
- HB805/SB537-Local Zoning Authority and Community Protest (Passed)

Public Health Issues and Legalization

- **Cannabis and Driving - Restrictions**
 - A person may not drive any vehicle while impaired by any drug.
 - A driver of a motor vehicle may not smoke or consume cannabis in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on a highway.
- **Cannabis and Driving – Evidentiary Concerns**
 - Law enforcement officers are prohibited from initiating a search of a person or motor vehicle based solely on cannabis odor.
 - ★ However, if the totality of the circumstances create probable cause that a crime has been committed, the police may still conduct a search.
 - Unlike alcohol, there is no universally-accepted chemical test that can indicate current level of cannabis impairment.
 - THC tests can indicate cannabis consumption, but do not indicate how long ago consumption occurred or whether the driver is currently impaired.
 - Officers are instead reliant upon field evaluation of the driver’s capacity to drive.
- **Cannabis and the Family - Pregnancy**
 - If a healthcare practitioner detects that a newborn has been exposed to cannabis, they are required to report the parent to the local Department of Human Services (DHS).
 - Reporting is required even if the parent is a medical cannabis patient.
 - Upon receiving the report, the DHS must meet with the parent to perform an evaluation, which may result in the creation of a safe care plan.
 - The report by itself does not create a presumption that the child has been or will be abused or neglected.
 - However, it does expose the parents to increased state supervision and intervention, which could lead to loss of custody for substance abuse or other reasons.

Employment

- Maryland is an “at will” employment state.
- Employers have the right to require drug testing and can set their workplace policies for legal and illegal drug use.
- Some states have specific public policies prohibiting the firing of employees for legal cannabis use outside work hours.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maryland does not have such a policy; employees may be fired for legal cannabis use outside of work hours. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">CHIP Updates-Korey Colbert</p> | <p>Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain coverage rate for hispanic residents to a baseline of 90% ● To have our CHWs promote health equity at three locations in Somerset County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seton Center - Princess Anne ➤ Dept of Social Services ➤ Senior living communities <p>We are in the process of collecting data for the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment. We have contracted with a consulting firm, Ascendient, to help us with this project. There will be a survey going out to everyone, please take the time to complete as it helps us know where the needs are in the county.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">HERC Updates- Chris Osment</p> | <p>Health Equity Resource Communities Grant</p> <p>A 1.7 million dollar was awarded to Somerset County Health Dept under this grant from Community Health Resources Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A new program called HEALTH (helping everyone achieve long-term health) ➤ Expanding our Community Health Workers (CHW) and hiring additional CHWs to work closely with our partners. ➤ Monthly meetings to discuss what is happening around the community, bring in the community members to keep us focused and on track. ➤ To access more people by using our new mobile van to reach people that lack transportation which is a big problem in this community. ➤ Adding a nutritionist to the health dept. |
| <p>Health Department Updates:</p> | <p>Danielle Weber - Somerset County Health Department (SCHD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mobile Van <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There will be a committee offering surveys to the clients receiving services from the wellness van. ➤ The wellness van will be on the road providing services throughout the county. ➤ A schedule will be dispersed out in the communities providing the dates, times and locations.. ● Vending Machines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have two Harm Reduction vending machines that provide free harm reduction supplies. The machines currently have: xylazine and fentanyl test strips, narcan, hygiene kits, condoms, wound care kit and Deterra® bags for safe medication disposal. The vending machines are located in central and accessible areas, and can be accessed 24/7. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Somerset County Wellness and Recovery Center</u> 11674 Somerset Avenue Princess Anne, MD 21853</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Woodrow Wilson Community Center</u> 119 South 7th Street Crisfield, MD 21817</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Condoms are flying off the shelf. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Data shows overdoses are down. ➤ A 3rd machine will be put in on Deal Island |
| Colorectal Cancer Updates | <p>Ben Dashiell (SCHD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were 9 colonoscopies done so far and 7 more scheduled for this year. ● Colonoscopies are scheduled out until December 2025. ● We will be receiving Cologuard in the next few months which will help with the scheduling and with people that do not want to get a colonoscopy. ● Just learned we can use some of the unused funds for screening of skin and lung cancers, we are still working on our next steps to make this happen. ● Working on expanding the cancer program. |
| Partner Updates | <p>Kathy Walker - MAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Renovations are being done in the gym. Come by to see the new equipment and gym. ● MAC is having their 2024 Deck the Halls Holiday contest and silent auction. It's a time to enter holiday decor items to compete for cash prizes and a chance to win a \$100 value gift basket. Entries will be accepted November 21st, 22nd, and 25th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the agency, any live entries will be accepted December 2nd and 3rd. The entries may include wreaths, tabletops, arrangements, wall hangings, trees, and anything that has to do with holiday decorations. <p>Katherine Rodgers (TidalHealth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working with a Fundraiser to get our mobile mammogram van. We are hoping to have this on the road by next fall. <p>Lisa Widmaier (AHEC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Webinar on “The Long-Term Care Ombudsman as a Resource” on 12/06/2024 from 12:15pm – 3:45pm. ● There is a free CHW training on Cholesterol November 21st. <p>Marie-Therese Oyalowo (UMES)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New training to help understand poverty and how it affects daily living will be offered to the community and other agencies that work with that population. ● There is an abortion training program online, which is self-paced. It will be hybrid so there will be an on-line portion and a 2 day in person simulation in Baltimore. There is a \$4,000.00 stipend and free CME’s. |
| Wellness Van | <p>Danielle Weber (SCHD)</p> <p>Our wellness van is now on the road. It was used for the first time last Sunday, which was very exciting. If you would like to look around the van, we can have Chris pull it up for everyone to see.</p> |
| Next Meeting | TUESDAY, February 10, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. |
| Adjournment | 11:10 a.m. |