

Somerset County, Maryland
Strategic Plan

Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Opioid Overdose Prevention
January 2016/Revised June 2016

Vision: A Safe and Drug Free Somerset County			
Mission: To reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse and opioid overdoses and the consequences to affected individuals, their families and Somerset County			
Goal 1: Somerset County will transition from role of providing ambulatory substance use disorder treatment to role of planning, developing and managing full continuation of services.			
Problem Statement	Strategies	Performance Targets	Progress/Outcome
Somerset County does not have sufficient numbers of individuals in need of treatment to support 3 treatment providers	LHD to assist ESPS and McCready/Adventist Health in the implementation of their respective treatment programs.	All substance abuse patients will receive treatment services at ESPS or McCready/Adventist Health no later than Jan. 1, 2017.	In progress.
Access To MAT	Expand availability of Vivatrol and Suboxone in County.	MAT available through multiple providers.	ESPS offers Vivatrol; SCHD offers Suboxone & Vivatrol as part of treatment program. McCready Health prescribes Suboxone.
Affordability Of Care For Un/Under Insured	Provider will be paid for uninsured "eligible" through Beacon Health. Sliding fee scale is available at ESPS and McCready Health.	Transfer grand funding to Beacon Health July 1, 2016.	BHA has been notified of this decision by SCHD.
Continuity Of Care	Health Department clients will be given sufficient time to complete treatment. Health Department will complete referral process to new provider of clients' choice if necessary, including transfer of records.	New Princess Anne clients will be referred to ESPS unless they are seeking Suboxone.	Referral process in place. SCHD will continue to provide treatment until private provider is well established in southern end of county- no target date established.
Infrastructure Development	Hire positions associate with LAA. Educate public on role of LAA	LAA will be fully operational by July 1, 2016.	Director position submitted to DHMH personnel for classification and posting. Will interview and hire immediately.
Potential Loss Of Employment For Somerset County Health Department Addictions Staff	Direct to other employment opportunities when possible	Transition allowable positions to the LAA.	Due to continued need to provide treatment services, SCHD staff are not currently in jeopardy of losing employment.

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		Request staff be interviewed by new/expanding providers.	
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Goal 2: Expand capacity of private providers to deliver ambulatory treatment for substance use disorders to Somerset County residents.			
Problem Statement	Strategies	Performance Targets	Progress/Outcome
Access To Care	1. Expanded services/hours by ESPS.	Day and evening groups/individual appointments available Level 05, 1.0 and II.1 established	Achieved
	2. Establishment of services by Adventist Behavioral Health at McCready Health.	Not yet determined.	Under Discussion
Underutilization of Adolescent Services	Peer support specialist to transport & case management services to adolescent population.	ESPS will provide expanded services beginning 7/1/16	Grant submitted and approved 2/19/16 for 1 FTE Peer Support Specialist and .25 FTE LCSW-C.
Recidivism/Relapse Within Jail Population	1. Establishment of Level 1 treatment program at Somerset County Detention Center. 2. Availability of Vivatrol injection prior to release.	1. ESPS will establish jail based program effective 7/1/16 2. Detention Center staff, LAA, ESPS, P/P, State's Attorney, Public Defender and Alkermes rep will develop protocol for delivery of Vivatrol injection.	1. Funding applied and approved 2/19/16 for 1 FTE CAC-AD. 2. Planning initiated January 2016.

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Goal 3: Reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol, opioid and other drug overdoses in the county.			
Problem Statement	Strategies	Performance Targets	Progress/Outcome
Low Perception Of Harm	Educate public on dangers of opioid use and overdose potential.	Continue "Unmask Addiction" campaign. Meet with youth and their families to provide education.	OMPP Strategic Plan is being implemented.
Availability And Access To Prescription Medications	Educate prescribers on PDMP. Increase utilization of Drug Take Back Boxes.	Complete by June 30, 2016.	On target.
Access To Narcan To Reverse Overdose	Deliver Narcan certificate through the community. Provide medication at no cost for certificate holders.	Somerset County Health Department and Marion Pharmacy are both approved training entities for 2016-2018.	Standing order now allows certificate holders to obtain medication without prescription. New formulation (preassembled) of medication now available to certificate holders at Karemore Pharmacy. All current certificate holders will be sent renewal applications with instructions on how to obtain new medication by April 1, 2016. Additional trainings will be held for those seeking certification.

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Goal 4: Reduce the prevalence and incidence of underage and binge drinking in Somerset County.			
Problem Statement	Strategies	Performance Targets	Progress/Outcome
Access And Availability Of Alcohol	Increase retail sales compliance regarding sale of alcohol to minors.	TIPS training to vendors. Compliance checks by law enforcement. Media campaign	On target – in progress.

Goal 5: Reduce Incidence of Marijuana Use Among High Risk Populations/Especially Adolescents and Young Adults			
Problem Statement	Strategies	Performance Targets	Progress/Outcome
Decriminalization of marijuana is perceived as declaration that marijuana is harmless.	Develop and implement comprehensive media campaign that targets high risk populations (teens & young adults, family history of addiction, mental health diagnosis, pregnant women)	Utilize billboards, pamphlets, websites twitter and outreach activities to reach 3,000 people.	In progress Media campaign funded by BHA for Eastern Shore administered by Wicomico County Health Department.

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Goal 6: Create a safe environment in the community where individuals in recovery can continue to address their recovery needs.			
Problem Statement	Strategies	Performance Targets	Progress/Outcome
Addiction Is A Chronic Disease That Requires Engagement In Sober Support Systems To Prevent Relapse.	Peer Support Services	Expand to location other than SCHD	In progress.
	Recovery Housing	Continue to fund recovery housing through BHA Block Grant. LAA will administer.	In progress.
	Recovery Center	Identify vendor to operate Recovery Center in Somerset County.	RFP will be posted once funding is awarded. Several vendors have expressed interest.