**Vision:** A drug free Somerset County where individuals and families feel safe, secure, and supported through a system of care that emphasizes prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery processes.

**Mission:** To reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and other drug use in Somerset County and the negative consequences to affected individuals, their families, and communities.

**Guiding Principles:**

1. Goals and objectives engage a cross-sector partnership of stakeholders in all focus areas.
2. Goals and objectives are outcome driven and emphasize use of evidence-based practices.
3. Goals and objectives focus on addressing the full spectrum of substance use disorder needs.
4. Goals and objectives consider the needs of special populations, including youth, incarcerated, physically or developmentally disabled individuals.
5. Goals and objectives incorporate regional collaboration when appropriate to avoid duplication of services and increase access to services.

**Goals and Priorities:**

1. To develop and maintain an integrated individualized continuum of care that is accessible to individuals in need of substance use treatment.
2. To reduce the incidence and prevalence of substance use and overdoses in the Somerset County by empowering residents to live healthy lifestyles free of alcohol and other drugs.
3. To create a safe environment in the community where individuals in substance use recovery and their families or support networks can engage in recovery processes and supports.
4. To increase public awareness of substance use issues and services in order to promote prevention and early intervention, and to facilitate access to treatment and recovery services.

**Data Sources Used to Inform Process:**

2014 Somerset County Health Needs Assessment

Substance use and outcomes: 2015 Maryland State Epidemiological Profile

2014 Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey

2015 Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2015 Maryland Vital Statistics Annual Report

2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

2016 Maryland Overdose Annual Report

2016 Opioid Treatment Programs Needs Assessment

2016 Somerset County Local Management Board Community Needs Assessment

2016 United Way Maryland ALICE Report

2017 Maryland SYNAR report

National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices

**Progress Updates:** See attached FY16-17 strategic plan.