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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Board of Health City of Somerville

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne



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Positions funded but not yet filled in 2022:

Community Health Worker Manager

Health Communications Officer

Mental Health Manager

Youth Services Director

Message from the Director

Community and equity defined the work of Health and Human Services in 2022. The mobile farmers market and taxi-to-health programs provided low-income residents more accessible access to local healthy food and medical care. Narcan distribution and training increased community capacity for preventing overdose deaths. Youth services helped support activities for school-age children, which are especially critical for working parents and single-parent households. To support our residents across all ages, HHS supported after-school programs, provided home support to new parents, and provided social services to our senior population. Our nursing team organized numerous vaccine clinics and provided home visits for homebound individuals. Our human services staff supported residents' mental health and access to resources, and events such as the Moving Wall memorial created space for community-building and collective memory among our veterans. I am particularly proud of our department's partnership with community organizations. We supported Somerville Homeless Coalition in developing a new engagement center with amenities, including personal storage lockers, a clothing exchange, private counseling offices, and community events facilities. We also visited OnPoint NYC, an experienced operator of two overdose prevention centers. Working with Fenway Health, we developed an in-depth report on conceptual design and location assessment for an overdose prevention center here in Somerville. As we enter 2023, Health and Human Services will continue to provide equitable opportunities for the city of Somerville and lead the way in public health.



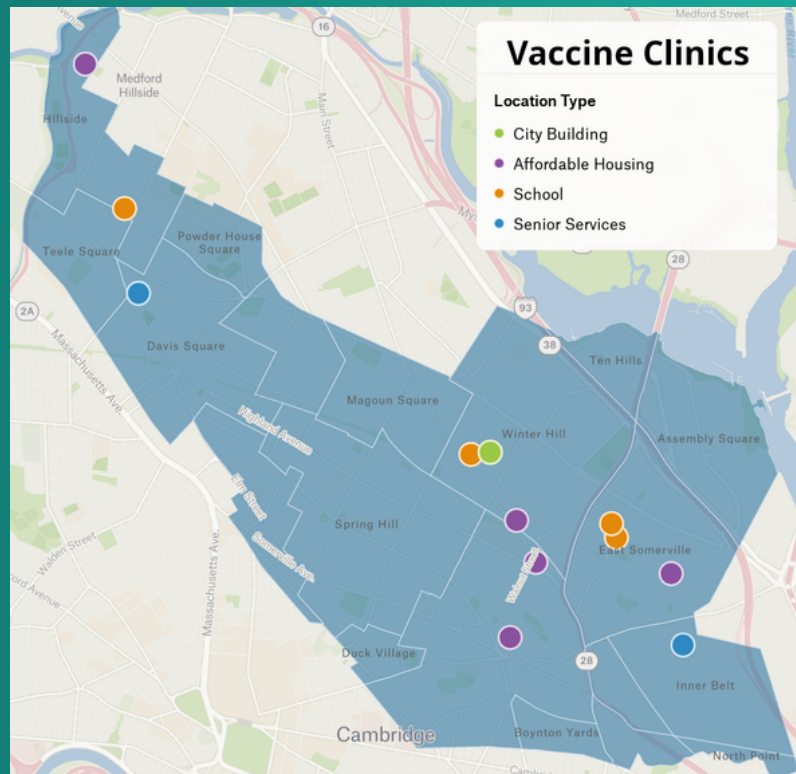
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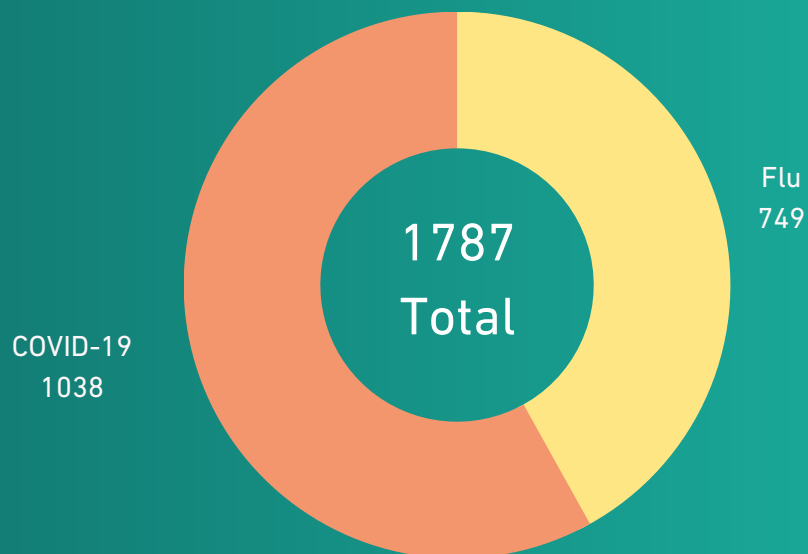
Karin Carroll, MPH
Director of HHS

Vaccine Clinics

Somerville Neighborhood Map



In 2022, the Somerville Public Health Nursing Division organized 24 vaccine clinics at 12 sites. Nurses visited 25 homebound individuals to administer vaccines.



Reportable Diseases

The CDC requires health providers to report the following diseases to state or local public health officials. These diseases are selected due to their contagiousness, severity, or frequency.

Disease Name	Total
Amebiasis	<5
Calicivirus	7
Campylobacteriosis	22
Cryptosporidiosis	<5
Giardiasis	8
Group A Streptococcosis	<5
Hepatitis A	<5
Hepatitis B	9
Hepatitis C	20
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	<5
Influenza	489
Legionellosis	<5
Lyme Disease	50

Disease Name	Total
Malaria	<5
Meningococcal Disease	<5
Mpox	13
Mumps	<5
Novel Coronavirus	13,044
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	<5
Salmonellosis	14
Shiga Toxin Producing Organism	<5
Shigellosis	9
Tuberculosis	<5
Varicella	7
Yersiniosis	<5

Total includes confirmed, probable, and suspected cases

Inspectional Services Department

The Inspectional Services Department (ISD) ensures the safety of residents and community members by enforcing health and building standards via permits and inspections listed below.

Body Art Permit	
Apprentice	4
Establishment	2
Practitioner	12
Farmers Market Permit	
Entire Season	70
Partial Season	22
Food Establishment Permit	
Caterer	13
Food Service	320
Mobile	5
Retail Food	160
School Kitchen	11
Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Only	7
Temporary	110

Certificates of Inspection	
Day Care or Child Care	51
Hospitals, Nursing Homes	2
Hotels, Lodging, dorms	24
Residential	28
Restaurants, Bars, Theaters	176
Certificates of Occupancy	
Residential	81
Commercial	73
Garbage	
Dumpster	375
Dumpster Hauler	10
Miscellaneous	
Occupancy License	6
Tanning Facility	1
Swimming Pool	2

Office of Food Access Healthy Communities

Taxi to Health - April 2022 through March 2023

400+

UNIQUE CLIENTS
SERVED

4,137

RIDES PROVIDED

\$22

AVERAGE COST
PER RIDE



Initially an emergency measure during the height of the pandemic, the Taxi to Health program has been extended through October 2024. In its first year, this program improved equity and access to care through low-cost taxi rides to grocery stores and medical appointments.

"I have no living family and I hate to be a burden on friends. This program helps me get to my doctor's appointments. I do not know what I do without your help."

-Taxi to Health Client

Somerville Prevention

Narcan and Overdose Prevention



81%

OF PARTICIPANTS
FELT VERY CONFIDENT
ADMINISTERING
NARCAN AFTER
RECEIVING TRAINING

1,302

DOSES OF NARCAN
DISTRIBUTED

500+

FENTANYL TEST
STRIPS DISTRIBUTED

Somerville Prevention partnered with the Somerville Homeless Coalition, COHR, and Fenway Health to host seven Narcan Distribution events. Utilizing the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant, these partnerships led to 60 overdose prevention trainings in 2022.

"We've seen individuals take the training and put it into action. Fenway trained an individual who returned weeks later reporting that they actually reversed an overdose for the first time and felt confident because of our training."

-Matthew Mitchell, LSW
Prevention Services Manager

Grant Information FY 2022

Title	Annual Amount	Purpose
Tobacco Control Grant - DPH	\$94,662.16	Tobacco Control Prevention
Bureau of Substance Abuse- OD2A 'Overdose Data to Action'	\$100,000.00	Deliver overdose prevention materials and track effectiveness of these efforts.
Regional Public Health - Pass-through	\$1,920.00	
MassCall3	\$125,000.00	On July 1, 2021 Somerville will assume leadership for SAPC's next iteration, the Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning 3 Substance
Metro North Workforce Board: Youth	\$65,496.00	Funds a portion of kids in the Summer Youth
Commonwealth Childrens Fund	\$45,162.23	Provide the best possible start to MA youth ages 0-5.
Attorney General's Office--Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Program	\$3,669.60	Funds a portion of kids in the Summer Youth Employment Program. Providing training and skills development in
DON #1 - Javier & Nancy	\$122,627.00	
Local PH Covid Grant	\$300,000.00	Local health support for COVID-19 tracing
Determination of Need Strategy #3: SomerPromise	\$122,627.00	To develop comprehensive child well-being and education systems that help eliminate
Medical Marijuana Stablization Fund	\$130,530.00	

Grants listed include all grants which ran partially or fully within Calendar Year '22

Grant Information FY 2023

Title	Annual Amount	Purpose
OD2A 'Overdose Data to Action'	\$116,666	Deliver overdose prevention materials and track effectiveness of these efforts.
Tobacco Control Grant	\$94,662.16	Tobacco Control Prevention
MassCall 3	\$250,000	Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning 3 Substance Misuse Prevention Grant Program (MassCALL3). The participants in the
Local Health Support for COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing	\$300,000	Local health support for COVID-19 tracing and investigation
DPH Metropolitan Area Planning Council Public Health Excellence	\$108,226.71	
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: SomerPromise Division for LGBTQIA Out-of-School Youth Time Programming	\$75,000	Provide LGBTQ+ programs for Somerville youth outside of normal school hours.
Determination of Need Strategy #1: Community Health Worker Program	\$122,627	Strategize, develop, and implement a community health worker division
Determination of Need Strategy #3: SomerPromise	\$122,627	To develop comprehensive child well-being and education systems that help eliminate the link between children's
MA Department of Agricultural Resources: Local Food Policy Council Grant	\$17,950	Centering equity in food program design, creating highly resilient program design, and improving contractor capacity.
ARPA Somerville Homeless Coalition Engagement Center	\$1,022,227.40	To support the Homeless Coalition Engagement center.
Metro North Workforce Board: Youth Works Summer Jobs Program	\$73,101.60	Provide jobs to Somerville youth to support their longtrm careers

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FY 2023 Operational Budget

Name	FY2022 Original Budget	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Adopted Budget	\$ Change
Expense Objects				
PERSONAL SERVICES				
SALARIES	\$1,505,976	\$905,513	\$1,731,584	\$225,608
SAL MTHLY	\$18,968	\$15,807	\$11,628	-\$7,340
S&W TEMP	\$27,000	\$26,351	\$27,000	\$0
OT	\$8,034	\$5,749	\$8,034	\$0
LONGEVITY	\$2,800	\$2,300	\$0	-\$2,800
HOL NON U	\$7,913	\$5,703	\$2,472	-\$5,441
HOL SMEA	\$3,637	\$3,117	\$856	-\$2,781
OTHR LUMP	\$0	\$35,036	\$0	\$0
AUTO ALLOW	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0
Total PERSONAL SERVICES:	\$1,575,528	\$999,575	\$1,782,774	\$207,246
ORDINARY MAINTENANCE				
REP OFFICE	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
MNT CONTR	\$3,150	\$3,050	\$3,150	\$0
R&M REC EQ	\$1,215	\$0	\$1,215	\$0
RENTAL	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
RENTAL WAT	\$400	\$192	\$400	\$0
PROF&TECH	\$550,780	\$333,672	\$631,980	\$81,200
EE TRAIN	\$4,000	\$1,829	\$7,000	\$3,000
ADVERTISNG	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$0
CUSTODIAL	\$150	\$0	\$0	-\$150
POSTAGE	\$500	\$61	\$1,000	\$500
EXP/FRGHT	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
LIC FEE	\$310	\$0	\$620	\$310
OFF SUPP	\$6,850	\$2,349	\$7,000	\$150
PRINT&STAT	\$6,500	\$521	\$6,750	\$250
OFF EQUIP	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
OFF FURN	\$2,400	\$407	\$2,400	\$0
FOOD SUPP	\$2,800	\$245	\$3,000	\$200
MED/DN SUP	\$21,850	\$18,539	\$23,000	\$1,150
EDUC SUPP	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
MAG & PUB	\$100	\$72	\$100	\$0
UNIFORMS	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,600	\$350
BDG EMB TR	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
PGM S&M	\$12,500	\$7,692	\$15,000	\$2,500
IN ST TRAV	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
IN ST CONF	\$800	\$284	\$800	\$0
OUT TRAVEL	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
OUT CONFER	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
DUES&MEMBR	\$3,568	\$2,204	\$3,600	\$32
REIM LIC	\$1,100	\$82	\$885	-\$215
Total ORDINARY MAINTENANCE:	\$625,373	\$371,198	\$714,650	\$89,277
Total Expense Objects:	\$2,200,901	\$1,370,773	\$2,497,424	\$296,523