

## Samantha Marts | Program Specialist



Sam Marts joined CHAD as the Administrative and Program Coordinator in May 2024. Sam now works in the Program Specialist position. In her role, Sam provides administrative, finance, communication, and program support. Sam previously worked with CHAD as an intern, authoring health workforce shortage whitepapers for North Dakota and South Dakota. Sam grew up in Winner, South Dakota with a strong family background in healthcare. This is where she found her passion for serving low-income, geographically isolated, minority, homeless, migrant, and other underserved populations.

Sam graduated from Augustana University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a minor in Medical Humanities and Societies. Through her minor, Sam grew her passion for developing healthcare, bioethics, and population health in underserved communities. She then pursued a Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Dakota, where she served on multiple committees and grew a network of advocates for Public Health.

Sam lives in Sioux Falls, SD with her corgi Blitzen, tabby cat Bert, and fiancé Caleb. She enjoys playing summer and winter volleyball leagues, pickleball, and golf. When she is tired of being active, she likes to snuggle with her pup, rewatch *New Girl*, and enjoy her monthly book club read. She thinks the *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series is a must-try.