

Rural Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes – Draft

November 10, 2020

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

The following Rural Health Collaborative (RHC) members were in attendance:

Christina Bartz, PA-C, MMS	Sherry Perkins, PhD, RN, FAAN
Childlene Brooks	Sara Rich, MPA
Joseph Ciotola, MD	Timothy Shanahan, DO
Jennifer Dyott, DNP, CRNP, FNP C	Anna Sierra, MS, EMT
Roger Harrell, MHA	Lorelly Solano, PhD
Margaret Ellen Kalmanowicz	Mary Ann Thompson, RN
Matthew King, MD	Sara Visintainer
Beth Anne Langrell, MS	Fredia Wadley, MD
Shelly Neal-Edwards, MSW	William Webb, MS

Also in attendance: Sara Seitz, MPH, Director, State Office of Rural Health, Maryland Department of Health (MDH); Lindsey Snyder, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, MDH; Ron Bialek, MPP, Executive Director, RHC, and President, Public Health Foundation (PHF); Kathleen Amos, MLIS, Assistant Director, Academic/Practice Linkages, PHF; Anastasia Brennan, BSN, RN, CPN, Intern, PHF; Kathleen McGrath, Director, Outreach and Community Health, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health (UM SRH); Sam Orosz, Maryland Rural Health Association

Welcome and Review of Agenda

Joseph Ciotola, MD, Queen Anne’s County Health Officer

Meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by RHC President Joseph Ciotola, MD. Dr. Ciotola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and Approval of September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Joseph Ciotola, MD, Queen Anne’s County Health Officer

Dr. Ciotola requested any comments on the draft minutes for the September 15, 2020 meeting. No additions or corrections were provided. Roger Harrell, MHA, made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Fredia Wadley, MD, seconded the motion. The RHC unanimously approved the minutes.

Draft Rural Health Collaborative Report

Ron Bialek, MPP, RHC Executive Director

RHC Executive Director Ron Bialek, MPP, reviewed the draft of the RHC’s December 2020 report. RHC members discussed the draft recommendations to be included in the report. Dr. Ciotola asked for a motion for a voice vote on consensus on the recommendations in the report. Dr. Wadley made a motion. William Webb, MS, seconded the motion. The RHC unanimously voted in favor.

Next Steps

Joseph Ciotola, MD, Queen Anne's County Health Officer

Dr. Ciotola and Mr. Bialek discussed next steps for the RHC's work. The RHC will send any additional comments on the draft report to PHF by November 12, 2020. PHF will revise the draft report as needed and send the final report to the RHC for a vote on approval by November 19, 2020.

Dr. Ciotola updated the RHC on plans for transitioning the RHC to the local health improvement coalition (LHIC).

Other Business and Wrap-Up

Joseph Ciotola, MD, Queen Anne's County Health Officer

Dr. Ciotola thanked everyone for their dedication to the RHC and wrapped up the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

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