

RMC/RMF Joint Planning and Development Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Via Conference Call
Minutes

Participants: Mike Thielke, Scott Warner, Dan Rider, Susan Harrison, Charlotte Davis, Meredith Donaho,

The meeting convened at approximately 1:01 pm.

Chair Mike Thielke led the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the RMC's progress implementing the key action items of the strategic plan.

Strategic Plan Key Action Item Review:

Goal #1:

1. Emails will be sent to interested people who have indicated an interest in a "Last Mile" broadband roundtable discussion. A new deadline will be set.
2. This key action has been accomplished.
3. The RMC staff will be tasked with designing a work plan for each Committee with responsibilities. Each committee will be tasked with reporting their accomplishments and actions that addressed strategies each December. Chair Thielke requested that "(above)" be struck, and Health, Legislative and RMPIF Committees will develop actions for the last three strategies.
4. This key action will be revisited in November 2017.
5. This key action is contingent on the key action #1 "Last Mile" broadband discussions.
6. This key action item was accomplished with the youth engagement project. RMC staff will reach out to Dorchester and Talbot Counties to obtain updated information from their youth engagement surveys.

Goal #2:

7. Chair Thielke informed the Committee that the business competitions for youth and adult were cancelled this year. More information regarding this key action item will be discussed in the future.
8. It was suggested that an additional section under goals for future goals include workforce development, and specifically include elder care and child care. It was suggested that Dan Rider and Doris Mason connect to discuss the metrics and report back to the Committee.
9. This key action item is part of the 2017 Legislative Priorities.
10. This key action item is due March 2017, it will be followed-up and discussed at a later date.

Goal #3:

11. It was suggested that Matt Tefteau, Josh Hastings, and Kurt Fuchs be reached out to for involvement in this key action item.
12. This key action has been accomplished, the Annual Summit for 2016 is set for December 1st at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club.
13. This key action has been accomplished, the Biennial Summit will be set for Friday, December 1st, possibly at the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis.
14. The due date is set for June 2017, there is more time to accomplish this item.
15. This item is currently being accomplished, there are board positions that are be moved including Josh Hastings who is becoming Chair in 2017.
16. This item is currently being worked on, due in 2018.

17. This key action item will be on hold due to the current administrative change due to the election.

Goal #4

18. This key action item is still be worked on, opportunities such as Day to Serve are being looked into to create more rural engagement
19. An inventory of other rural groups will be created and a list will be generated to communicate and increase awareness of the RMC.
20. Charlotte Davis serves in the Partners for Rural America organization, this key action item has been accomplished.
21. The RMC will host the Partners for Rural America Conference in September 2017.

Recommendations to advance the RMC and RMF were discussed, including incorporating new ideas to increase awareness.

The Committee agreed to save the May Meeting minutes to be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

No other items or comments were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Next RMC/RMF Joint Planning and Development Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2017 at 10:00 am via conference call.