

RMC/RMF Joint Planning and Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
11am -12pm
Via Webinar/Conference Call
Minutes

Participants: Chair Mike Thielke, Denise Lovelady, Scott Warner
RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Meredith Donaho, Amanda Clevenger

The meeting convened at approximately 11:05am.

Chair Mike Thielke led the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2019 Strategic Plan Update Survey questions and FY2019 Working Committees documents.

2019 Strategic Plan Update Survey Questions

The Committee reviewed and discussed the revised survey questions. A request was made to include fields for name (not required); county of residency; and, work sector. A request was also made to include a brief note at the top of the survey informing participants that eight questions requiring short answers be included.

May 10th Board Retreat – Strategic Planning

Charlotte Davis shared a sample strategic plan completed by the Community Development Network of Maryland with the help of a facilitator, LaCharla Figgs. The plan provides a roadmap for completing activities and is in chart form. A motion was made by Mike Thielke to employ LaCharla Figgs for the May 10th Board Retreat to craft a similar strategic plan; the motion was seconded by Scott Warner. All were in favor and the motion to employ LaCharla Figgs for the May 10th Board Retreat to craft a similar strategic plan was unanimously approved. The survey questions will be shared with LaCharla Figgs for input prior to being distributing to the Rural Maryland Council membership before the Board Retreat.

FY2019 Working Committees

Several recommendations were suggested: removing Holly Ireland from list (no longer works for MidShore Behavioral Health); adding ex-officio to Scott Warner under Rural Maryland Foundation; and, considering adding aquaculture, producer or value-added producer representatives to the full Executive Board by adding additional seats to the Executive Board.

Next Steps

- The Committee will present to the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for March 22, 2019 the following: consider eliminating or maintaining the Agriculture and Health Care Committees; requiring Ad Hoc Committees to be renewed on an annual basis and show they are producing outcomes.
- A motion was made by Scott Warner to engage facilitator LaCharla Figgs to update the FY2020 Work Plan; the motion was seconded by Mike Thielke. All were in favor, and the motion to engage facilitator LaCharla Figgs to update the FY2020 Work Plan was unanimously accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

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– 3:30pm, Maryland Department of Agriculture