



RMC Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 25, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Type: Zoom Teleconference

Participants: Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Amanda Clevenger, Molli Cole, Amy Keller, Diana Hsu, David Stewart, Sara Seitz, Kat Rogers, Jamie Cardillo, Judi Walker, Jackie Ward, Nan Mann, Melissa Kelly, Linda Kohler, Dianna Abney, Dan Schneckenburger

Committee Chair Sara Seitz welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 12:03 pm. Chair Seitz asked for approval of the May 24, 2023, meeting minutes. Kat Rogers moved the motion to approve the May 24, 2023, meeting minutes, and Dan Schneckenburger seconded the motion. The May 24, 2023, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Seitz shared an updated draft of the mission and vision for the Committee discussed at the previous meeting. The mission and values as presented were the following:

Mission

- Advocate for the health needs of rural Maryland.
- Support development of a robust healthcare workforce across the state;
- Improve rural populations' access to health care through innovative and appropriate models of care;
- Insure interconnectedness of rural Maryland's health with all aspects of Maryland living.

Values

- Uphold Diversity, inclusion, and equity throughout the committee mission
- Focus on the social drivers of health as a foundation for good health
- Embrace innovation
- Be data driven and an informed voice in support of rural Maryland's health

David Stewart made the motion to approve the RMC Health Committee Mission and Vision statement as noted, Judi Walker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Charlotte Davis asked the committee to review the draft healthcare track descriptions for the 2023 Rural Summit and to provide any feedback.

The committee members discussed the following:

- For Session A, the committee discussed reaching out to the Crisis Stabilization Center for the Lower Shore, Brook Lane, and the Frederick Health Department to participate in the session.
- For Session B, the committee discussed reaching out to the state health board for suggestions on a speaker for the session.

- For Session C, David Stewart mentioned discussing the AHEC shortage pipeline in the session and that he would reach out to contacts. The committee discussed including a discussion about the workforce ready program in Maryland for students looking for a future job in the health field. RMC staff would reach out to Lori Lee at Tidal health to speak on the panel. The following resource link was shared: [Health & Biosciences - Carroll County Career and Technology Center - Nursing - Physical Rehabilitation - Biomedical Science \(carrollk12.org\)](https://carrollk12.org/Health-Biosciences-Carroll-County-Career-Technology-Center-Nursing-Physical-Rehabilitation-Biomedical-Science).

Ms. Davis stated that the 2023 Rural Summit will be held on November 14, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland. There will also be an optional bus tour and annual dinner on November 13, 2023. She asked if there were any other speaker suggestions to send them to the RMC. RMC staff would be notifying speakers this week.

Chair Seitz stated that National Rural Health Day would be held on November 16, 2023. She mentioned Eblasts would be sent out on social media to promote the day and that there is a promotional toolkit for other organizations to spread the word about the event. The following toolkit link was shared with the committee: <https://powerofrural.org>. Ms. Charlotte Davis recommended to send a letter to the editor about the event to help with promotion.

Chair Seitz stated the Maryland Rural Health Association conference will be held on October 22-24, 2023, in Ocean City, Maryland and that registration is opened. The following registration link was shared with the committee: [Maryland Rural Health Association \(mdruralhealth.org\)](https://mdruralhealth.org).

Chair Seitz asked the committee if there was any other business to be discussed. Ms. Charlotte Davis mentioned that the committee discuss rural transportation issues before the 2024 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session since not everything was addressed in the roundtables that were held last fall. Ms. Judi Walker mentioned that a health fair would be held on October 7, 2023, in Frederick, Maryland.

Chair Seitz asked the committee to discuss the next meeting date decided November 29, 2023, and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dan Schneckenburger made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. David Stewart seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.