



RMC Joint Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Type: Zoom Teleconference

Participants: Chair Mike Thielke, Susan Harrison, Don Mulrine, Dan Rider, John Hartline, Charlotte Davis, Molli Cole, Amanda Clevenger.

Chair Mike Thielke welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. Chair Thielke reviewed the March 9, 2023, meeting minutes with the Committee. He stated that he will complete the cover paragraph introduction for the survey early next week and forward it to RMC staff. Chair Thielke asked RMC for an update on contacting the YMCA regarding youth engagement and Charlotte Davis stated that staff have not contacted the Y. Chair Thielke asked that both the survey introduction and the YMCA outreach be revisited at the next meeting. Susan Harrison provided information on the survey and stated that once questions are submitted, IGSR will need to submit the survey to an internal review board and that may take time to process and change the timeline slightly. Chair Thielke asked about the status of the State Meat Processing Inspection program. Charlotte Davis reported that MDA decided to drop the idea of the State deploying a livestock processing program and it will be discussed at the upcoming May 16, 2023, Agriculture Committee meeting. Ms. Davis stated that the State did create a Value-Added State Specialist position. Chair Thielke inquired about the removal of the loan language in the Strategic Plan, and it was recommended to make a note and remove the word loan in the Plan. Chair Thielke asked about outreach to the Committees regarding questions for the survey. Ms. Davis reported that all the Committees were contacted, and questions were submitted to RMC staff, which were forwarded to IGSR. John Hartline asked to be added to the Agriculture Committee. **The Committee Members were all in favor of accepting the March 9, 2023, meeting minutes.**

Charlotte Davis informed the Committee about the special FY2024 RMPIF health care addition that includes \$300,000 that the RMC Executive Board decided to dedicate to non-emergency medical transportation. Ms. Davis asked the Committee how the additional funding should be treated as staff felt this was one-time funding. Ms. Davis also asked for input on the desired outcomes for projects related to non-emergency medical transportation. The criteria currently includes: a coordination function, provides inter-regional transportation, and offers on demand response. Ms. Davis stated that the Legislators expect RMC to return next year to ask for funding to support such a program. She further stated that we need to show a return on investment and that such a program is worthy of state investment because every dollar invested results in improved health outcomes or reduction of health care costs. RMPIF Chair Scott Warner recommended changes to the Health Care Guidelines and Criteria, and it was decided that inter-regional must be included as a component and the following text was suggested 'Must at minimal include inter-regional transportation.' The Committee discussed the use of 'non-emergency

transportation' versus 'health and human services transportation' and chose the former as it is what the bill refers to. An additional recommendation was made to better state that the money is for Fiscal Year 2024 only. Grammatical errors were corrected. **Chair Mike Thielke made the motion that in the absence of time for the RMPIF committee to review and approve the FY2024 RMPIF Committee Health Care Guidelines and Criteria, the Joint Planning and Development Committee have been asked to review and approve this document. RMPIF Committee Chair Scott Warner made the motion, Dan Rider seconded the motion. The motion to approve the FY2024 RMPIF Committee Health Care Guidelines and Criteria unanimously was accepted.**

The Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft 2023 Rural Issues Survey. It was recommended that revisions be made, and Committee members volunteered to wordsmith different sections. It was recommended that RMC staff reach out to colleagues in the survey-related fields to provide input. The Committee decided to remove all the questions that relate to RMC questions that ask if the organization is addressing certain issues. The Committee decided that there were too many demographic questions and there should only be three that focus on age range, sex, and region. RMC staff will submit revisions to IGSR team once received. The Committee stated that they would like to review the next version of the survey once completed and decided to meet on May 30, 2023 at 1:00pm.

Chair Mike Thielke asked about the status of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement. Charlotte Davis reported that she met with Susan Harrison, and they developed a draft statement that needs to be reedited and they plan to present it at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.