



RMC Health Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Zoom Teleconference  
Minutes

Participants: Christine Karayinopulos, Kat Rodgers, Lara Wilson, Melissa Kelly, Noelle Flaherty  
RMC staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Molli Cole, Leeza DeCheubel

Megan D'Arcy welcomed the committee and initiated the meeting at 10:06 am.

Charlotte Davis requested for approval of the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Members had no objections; the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Davis reviewed highlights from the 2025 legislative session regarding rural health. On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Governor Moore signed the Preserve Health Act.

Ms. Davis discussed the potential impacts of proposed public health insurance acts. Articles were provided to participants that explore the consequences of Medicare pay cuts, along with Medicare cuts under the Trump administration. These cuts may leave Maryland patients and communities unusually vulnerable by stripping insurance from low-income families, older adults, and disabled individuals. Moreover, they could force many rural hospitals to eliminate essential services or shut down entirely, undermining healthcare access and economic stability in rural communities.

Committee members discussed the 2025 Rural Summit. The Council is planning to host a Pre-Conference Rural Bus Tour with a Healthcare Focus on November 19, 2025. This will travel along the Eastern Shore, with potential stops in Caroline, Talbot, and Queen Anne's County.

Ms. Davis opened the floor to members for other business topics. Members were encouraged to attend the Mid-Atlantic Rural Health Innovation Symposium on Friday, May 16, 2025. Members were also encouraged to register for Bridging Rural Communities: Telehealth Innovations for Appalachia and Beyond, which will be held in multiple locations and offers CME/CE credits to attendees.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 10:00 am -11:00 am, via Zoom

Noelle Flaherty motioned to adjourn the meeting; Melissa Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:34 am.