



RMC Youth Engagement Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Zoom Teleconference

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions Charlotte Davis, Executive Director
- II. Overview of Committee Mission and Outcomes
- III. Previous RMC Projects
- a) Maryland 4-H ACTS and Youth Power
 - b) Upper Shore Youth Engagement and Assessment Initiative Final Report
- IV. Setting Priorities and Goals
- a) Career Enrichment Programs
- V. Next Steps and Action Items
- a) Meeting Frequency
- VI. Other
- a) 2025 Rural Summit Ideas
- VII. Adjourn

Committee Mission

Rural areas and its population, overall, are generally older demographically due to the attraction of retirees to rural areas and the out migration of youth for education or economic opportunities. In 2014-2016 the Rural Maryland Council hosted youth engagement activities in four counties - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil and Allegany Counties. Activities included surveying students in middle school and high school (6th through 10th grade), hosting focus groups and town halls in each County. The advisory committee identified ways to engage youth in civic strategies, apprenticeships, work force engagement.

Expected Committee Outcomes

- Track youth engagement initiatives and identify potential cases or programs for resources and development
- Identify and promote innovative summer enrichment or workforce development programs across the State
- Identify counties and school districts for potential expansion of the youth engagement project
- Work with local governments on identifying local boards and commissions to include student members
- Organize and implement a student Rural Maryland Day in Annapolis

Name	Organization
Jerry McLaurin	People for Change
Scott Warner	Mid-Shore Regional Council
John Hartline	Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
Delegate Stuart Schmidt Jr.	Maryland General Assembly
Brandon Rosario	Southern Maryland National Heritage Area
Carmella Watkins	Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities
Judi Walker	Goodwill Housing Strategies
Patricia Watson	Tew Advocate
Roseanne Vogt	Circle of Angels Initiative