RMC Joint Planning and Development Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference
Minutes

Participants: Chair John Hartline, Susan Harrison, Don Mulrine, Daniel Rider, Scott Warner
RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Leeza DeCheubel

The meeting was called to order by John Hartline, Chair, who welcomed all attendees and led introductions.

Following introductions, the Committee proceeded with a review of the minutes from the November 12, 2025, meeting. Susan Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes; Don Mulrine seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

The Committee then reviewed the FY2027 Workplan and discussed the planned activities, priorities, and anticipated areas of focus for the upcoming fiscal year. Members considered the workplan in relation to the Committee's ongoing responsibilities and program objectives.

The discussion continued with a review of the FY2027 RMPIF/MAERDAF Guidelines and Criteria. The Committee reviewed the requirements and timeline for the upcoming grant cycle. The RMC grant cycle will open on April 20, 2026, with applications due by May 15, 2026.

The Committee next discussed the Rural Readiness Program. Discussion included the program's metrics and evaluation strategies, with particular attention given to how program activities, participant engagement, and outcomes may be measured and evaluated. The Committee also reviewed the proposed program curriculum, along with the guidelines and application criteria. Staff will begin a call for applicants in the coming months.

The Rural Health Transformation Program was also reviewed by the Committee. Discussion focused on the Program Coordinator job description and the proposed program guidelines and criteria.

The Committee then reviewed the finalized report of the Rural Maryland Resident Needs Survey. The survey findings were discussed, along with the potential use of the survey questions in future years. RMC intends to continue utilizing the survey questions to help track resident needs and identify changes and emerging priorities across rural Maryland.

The RMC Education Committee item was also on the agenda; however, discussion of this item was deferred to a future meeting.

Susan Harrison made a motion to adjourn; Don Mulrine seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.