

Rural Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Queen Anne’s County Health Department, 206 N. Commerce St., Centreville, MD, 21617, 2nd floor conference room

The following Rural Health Collaborative (RHC) members were in attendance:

Mary Bourbon	Teresa Schaefer, PhD
Joseph Ciotola, MD	Timothy Shanahan, DO
Roger Harrell, MHA	April Sharp, LCSW
Ken Kozel, MBA, FACHE	Anna Sierra, MS, EMT
Scott LeRoy, MPH	Lorelly Solano, PhD
Maria Maguire, MD, MPP, FAAP	Mary Thompson
Shelly Neal-Edwards, MSW	Fredia Wadley, MD
Sara Rich, MPA	William Webb, MS

Also in attendance: Eleanor Dayhoff-Brannigan, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Health (MDH) (phone); Ron Bialek, MPP, Executive Director, RHC, and President, Public Health Foundation (PHF); Kathleen Amos, MLIS, Assistant Director, Academic/Practice Linkages, PHF; Faiza Naz, Intern, PHF; Amy Travers, Senior Practice Manager, Anne Arundel Medical Center (phone); Simone Mobley, Talbot County Health Department

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer

Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by RHC President Fredia Wadley, MD. Dr. Wadley thanked everyone for attending, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Review and Approval of June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer

Dr. Wadley requested any comments on the draft minutes for the June 13, 2019 meeting. No additions or corrections were provided. The RHC unanimously approved the minutes.

Questions on Mid-Shore Rural Health Collaborative Interim Report

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer

Dr. Wadley requested any questions or comments on the RHC Interim Report. None were provided.

Discuss Results of County Meetings

Ron Bialek, MPP, RHC Executive Director

RHC Executive Director Ron Bialek, MPP, provided a summary of the results of meetings held in each county with the county’s Health Department, Department of Social Services, Area Agency on Aging, and

other partners. These meetings occurred in August 2019 and were held at the request of the RHC's Integrating Clinical and Social Support Services Workgroup to learn more about how clinical and social services are coordinated in each county for the Medicare population. Meeting topics included roles, leadership engagement, identifying and addressing needs, partnerships, successes, challenges, and future opportunities. What was learned from these meeting in relation to agency staffing, community resources, coordination and integration, identifying needs, Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS), transportation, partnerships, successes, and commitment and creativity was summarized. Presentation slides are attached.

RHC members shared their reactions to the meeting summaries. RHC members discussed informal networks, awareness of resources available, the Village model, connections between clinical and social services, education and training, community health workers, mobile integrated health, need for data, engaging IT expertise, emergency management, and care transformation organizations (CTOs).

Steps to Advancing the Rural Health Model and Rural Health Complex

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer, and Joe Ciotola, MD, Queen Anne's County Health Officer

An opportunity to meet with CTOs serving the Mid-Shore Region was discussed. Dr. Wadley and Dr. Ciotola will meet with the CTOs to learn more about needs. Dr. Ciotola may form a workgroup with other RHC members to explore connections with CTOs.

Dr. Wadley will work with a workgroup on drafting components and standards for a rural health complex.

Nominations for Rural Health Collaborative Members

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer

The RHC has three vacant seats that need to be filled: a primary care provider who practices in the Mid-Shore Region, health care provider from Dorchester County, and primary transportation provider in the Mid-Shore Region. In addition, terms will end on January 31, 2020 for four current RHC members: those representing a health care provider from Caroline County, health care consumer from Dorchester County, health care consumer from Kent County, and local Board of Education in the Mid-Shore Region. RHC members whose terms are ending are eligible for an additional term. RHC members offered nominations for individuals to fill these seats. A reminder requesting nominations will be sent by email. Nominations will be compiled and presented to the RHC Executive Committee for consideration.

Other Business

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer

A. Cross-Sector Innovation Initiative Brief Proposal

Ron Bialek, MPP, RHC Executive Director

PHF submitted a brief proposal for a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded initiative focused on cross-sector innovation, but was not invited to submit a full proposal.

Next Steps

Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer

Dr. Wadley wrapped up the meeting and asked for final comments. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.



County Meetings about Coordination of Services: Summary

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Purpose of Meetings

- Learn more about how clinical and social services are coordinated in each county for the Medicare population
- Hear from leaders of each county's Department of Social Services, Area Agency on Aging, and Health Department
- Contribute to discussions of the Rural Health Collaborative

Structure of Meetings

- Roles
- Leadership Engagement
- Identifying and Addressing Needs
- Partnerships
- Successes
- Challenges
- Future Opportunities

What We Learned

➤ Agency Staffing

- Commitment
- Creativity
- Numbers
- Planning for future needs

➤ Community Resources

- Community organizations
- Funding
- Primary care and specialty providers
- Structures within and across counties
- Awareness

What We Learned

- Coordination and Integration
 - Relationships
 - Structures
 - Opportunities
 - Data sharing

- Identifying Needs
 - Informal networks
 - Utilization of services
 - Data
 - Needs assessments

What We Learned

- Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS)
 - Helps people remain in their homes
 - Health department program
 - Access to services
 - Fee-for-service
 - Opportunities

- Transportation
 - Existing systems
 - Volunteers
 - Resources
 - Location of services
 - “Lifelong drivers”

What We Learned

- Partnerships
 - Support services
 - Engagement
 - Opportunities
- Successes
 - Providing healthy food
 - Responding to crises
 - Transforming a life
- Commitment and creativity