



# Register Now! Rural Maryland Council's **Rural Health Roundtable**



Come together with rural Maryland leaders to develop an action plan to increase the recruitment & retention of rural health care providers.  
(A priority of the 2007 Rural Health Plan)

**When:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. October 2, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to Noon, October 3, 2008  
**Where:** Maryland Dept. of Agriculture Building,  
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis  
**Fee:** \$75 per person

**Who should attend?** Rural health care advocates, policy experts and analysts, rural health providers & practitioners, health educators, county health officials, elected leaders at all levels, and agency representatives.

*See tentative agenda on the reverse side.*

## Roundtable Registration Form

The registration fee of \$75 includes admittance for two days, continental breakfast and lunch for two days, and all breaks. Space is limited. Registration **must** be paid prior to the Roundtable. To encourage full participation and engagement, no one-day registrations are available. If paying by R\*Stars, fax this form to the RMC at 410-841-5987.

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# Rural Maryland Council's **Rural Health Roundtable** Tentative Agenda

(Agenda is subject to change. See our website for the most current information: [www.rural.state.md.us](http://www.rural.state.md.us))

## Day #1: Thursday, October 2 — Setting the Stage.

**9:00 to 10 a.m. -- Registration & Welcome.** Continental Breakfast and Coffee

**10 a.m. to Noon -- Setting the Stage.** This session will provide an overview of the various task forces, studies and commissions that have been working to address health care work force shortages in Maryland, especially as they relate to rural areas. Presenters include:

**Michelle Clark, Program Director, State Office of Rural Health: Implementing the Maryland Rural Health Plan.** Ms. Clark will discuss the priorities identified in the Maryland Rural Health Plan, which the State Office released during the summer of 2007. Her talk will focus especially the need to address workforce shortages and retention across all health care specialities in rural areas.

**Robert Barish, M.D., University of Maryland School of Medicine: An Overview of Physician Workforce Shortages.** Dr. Barish will discuss the results of the Physician Workforce Shortage Study recently completed by the Maryland Hospital Association and Med Chi.

**Catherine M. Crowley, Ed.D., Vice President, Maryland Hospital Association: An Overview of Nursing and Allied Health Shortages.** Dr. Crowley will provide an overview of the activities of the Maryland Healthcare Workforce Shortage Committee and the Governor's Workforce Investment Board. She will also discuss nursing recruitment and retention initiatives as well as the *Who Will Care?* plan.

**Alice Burton, Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: An Overview of State Initiatives and Programs.** Ms. Burton will review the work of the Governor's Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement, the Task Force to Review Physician Shortages In Rural Areas, the Loan Assistance Repayment Program, and the Maryland Health Care Commission on Health Information Technology.

**Noon to 1 p.m. -- Lunch**

**1:00 to 4:30 -- Grow Your Own:** An overview of how other states have created a pipeline of health care professionals and a review of what Maryland has (and doesn't have) in place to grow our own. Presenters include **Hilda Heady, Associate Vice President of Rural Health, West Virginia University.** Moderator: **Susan Stewart, Executive Director, Western Maryland Area Health Education Center (AHEC).**

Dinner: On Your Own



## Day #2: Friday, October 3 — Developing An Action Plan

**7:30 to 8:30 a.m. -- Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 to Noon -- Developing an Action Plan.** Participants will focus on how to make the Grow Your Own model work in rural Maryland. Three Action Groups will be created to identify the steps that need to be taken in policy, practice and financing to achieve a viable pipeline. Each group will report out to the larger session, and an expert facilitator will help create an action plan for achieving necessary results.



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