



Maryland Communities ... in Transition

The Ninth Annual

Maryland Rural Summit

Final Agenda

October 25-27, 2006

The Maryland Rural Summit is an annual gathering of rural leaders in the public, private and non-profit sectors who come together to discuss the major issues confronting rural and semi-rural communities. This year's theme focuses on the threats and challenges small communities are facing while trying to retain the best aspects of their pastoral heritage.

We welcome you to this important convening.

Hosted by: The Rural Maryland Council, the Upper Shore Regional Council, the Maryland Rural Health Association, and the Maryland State Office of Rural Health

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Agenda

Day #1: Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Noon to 5 p.m.: Summit Registration in the Chesapeake Foyer on the 3rd Floor

4 p.m.: Hotel check-in begins at the Front Desk of Sandy Cove

Mobile Workshop Tours

If you did not sign up for a tour or want to change tours, please check available space at the registration table.

Kent County Tours (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Tours depart from Stepne Station (Rt.289), Chestertown

Health Partnerships Mobile Tour

Board an open air trolley and visit the Townsend Memorial Medical Clinic and Headstart facility. Then enjoy a picturesque tour of Rock Hall, a quaint waterman's community. Include the Rock Hall Museum, Bayside Landing, and a sweet break at Sweet Rick's. *Transportation provided by Rock Hall Trolley Company.*

Organic Farming & Chesapeake Fields Tour

Tour organic farms (field crops and dairy) and learn more about the Chesapeake Fields Institute, which works to keep farming profitable by researching new crops, products and markets.

Cecil County Tours (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Tours depart from the front lobby of Sandy Cove.

Healthcare Innovations Tour

Visit various healthcare facilities such as Union Hospital in Elkton to experience patient simulators, which incorporate some of the latest technological advances in medicine. You'll also visit a state of the art Senior Fitness Center.

Transitional Agriculture Tour

Agriculture enthusiasts and those who enjoy nature will delight in this visit to Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program, Rumbleway Farms, Kilby Cream, and Hepbron's Vineyard. Wear clothing suitable for farm touring.

North East Adventure

Visit Tapeta Farm, an extraordinary horse training facility on the north end of the Chesapeake Bay. Then visit North Bay Adventure, an environmental education center for children, before shopping at the quaint shops along Main Street in North East.

5:30 to 9:00 p.m.:

Rural Maryland Council Board Dinner
Offsite. (Board Members Only)

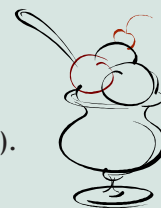
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.:

Maryland Rural Health Association Board Meeting
Offsite. (Board Members Only)

Dinner on your own, but please join us back at Sandy Cove for dessert.

8:00 to 10:30 p.m.: Dessert Social and A Movie (Chesapeake Foyer & Auditorium)

Come relax and take in a documentary (or two) while indulging in a little piece of heaven (or two). Cake and ice cream will be available from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Dessert Social
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Documentaries to be shown (starting at 8:30 p.m.):

- **Avoiding the Money Trap** – *Produced by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, this film highlights financial problems that often ensnare low-income families in rural America and gives practical advice on avoiding them.*
- **Keeping the Promise: The Rise of the University of Maryland** – *This documentary follows the institution from its infancy into one of the nation's top 20 research universities.*



Reminder!

Sandy Cove Conference Center does not permit smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages on its grounds, and no televisions are provided in sleeping rooms.

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Day #2: Thursday, October 26, 2006

- 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Registration. Chesapeake Foyer (3rd floor)
 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.: **Continental Breakfast** (2nd Floor Hallway)
 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.: Strengthening Rural Families Breakfast for grantees (Guistwite)
 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.: Maryland Rural County Health Officers Meeting (Dining Room)
 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.: Rural Maryland Council/Foundation Annual Meeting (Milburn)
 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.: Maryland Rural Health Association Annual Meeting (Hatfield)

*The Milburn,
Hatfield &
Guistwite
rooms are on
the 2nd floor.*

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.: Welcome and Keynote Address (Chesapeake Auditorium)

The Challenge of Growth in Rural Areas

Speaker: Dr. Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO, Sage Policy Group, Inc. This popular economist, researcher, professor, lecturer, and radio host will describe the strengths and challenges facing each rural and semi-rural region in Maryland. Dr. Basu will also explain what the regions have in common, where they differ, and how individual communities are responding (or not responding) to the threats coming their way.

11:30 to Noon: Break. View Exhibits, Chesapeake Auditorium and Foyer.

Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Annual Rural Impact Awards Luncheon (Dining Room).

Speaker: U.S. Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, who represents Maryland's First Congressional District, will share his thoughts about the challenges facing rural communities and how rural communities can better help themselves. He will also help present the Rural Impact Awards to outstanding rural leaders and programs.



1:30 to 2:00 p.m.: Break. View Exhibits.

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Educational Workshops.

Attend one of the three workshops described below.

Strengthening Rural Economies by Strengthening Rural Families (Milburn) Learn how the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Rural Maryland Council's *Strengthening Rural Families Initiative* is helping to improve a community's economic success by helping its families.

Speaker: Dr. Miriam Shark, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore

Moderator: Dr. Bonnie Braun, Department of Family Services, University of Maryland, College Park

There Ought to be a Law! An Introduction to the Maryland General Assembly (Hatfield) Ever wonder how the General Assembly really works? Learn what it can do and what it can't. This session will include a brief overview of the state budget process, how laws are made, and how citizens are represented in the legislative process.

Speakers: Maryland Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton
Karen Morgan, Principal Analyst, Department of Legislative Services

Moderator: Dr. Annie Kronk, Policy Consultant and retired Lobbyist

Good Jobs, New Jobs and An Apple a Day (Guistwite) Rural hospitals are often the largest employer in a community and often drive the community's economy. This session will show how advances in health care can create new, better jobs and stronger economies in rural areas.

Speaker: Dr. Kenneth S. Lewis, President and CEO, Affinity Health Alliance & Union Hospital, Elkton

Moderator: Denise Matricciani, Vice President, Government Relations, Maryland Hospital Association

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.: Break.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Time for fun! A Taste of the Upper Shore Cecil Community College

Sample delicacies offered by local venues, unwind with old friends and meet new colleagues during this Summit tradition. **Note:** Buses will leave from the lobby, starting at 6 p.m. **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE.** Parking is limited and students need those spaces. **Wear your name tag!** This will help ensure that only Summit attendees gain entry into the event.

This event sponsored by:



Transportation provided by the Cecil County Commissioners and Cecil County Department of Aging



3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Legislative Forum (Chesapeake Auditorium)

Elected state leaders will share their thoughts and address your concerns during this Q&A session. **Moderator:** Stephen McHenry, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council.

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Day #3: Friday, October 27, 2006

8:00 to 10:30 a.m.: Registration. (Chesapeake Foyer)

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.: Breakfast (Dining Room)

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.: **Emergency Preparedness in Maryland's Rural Communities** (Chesapeake Auditorium)

Emergency preparedness in rural areas is essential to the well-being of the entire state, indeed, the entire country. From terrorist attacks to hurricanes to bird flu and other bio- and agro-security issues, rural Maryland must use limited resources to protect itself. Learn how rural communities fit in to the state's overall preparedness and what they need to do to be better prepared.

Moderator: Dr. Bonnie Braun, University of Maryland

Speakers:

- John Droneburg, Director, Maryland Emergency Management Agency
- Gilbert "Buddy" Bowling, Center for Agro-Security and Emergency Management
- Al Romanosky, Medical Director, Hospital Preparedness, Office of Preparedness and Response, Office of the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

10:30 a.m. to Noon:
Preparedness Deliberation Session
(Milburn) Preparedness is a public policy matter calling for the engagement of citizens, policymakers and professionals, but how do you find common ground? Participate in a moderated forum on the costs and consequences of different approaches. You must be pre-registered to participate. Register in the Chesapeake Foyer. Moderator: Bill McGowen

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.: Break. Hotel Check Out!

Note: You must check out of your room and turn in your room key by 10:30 a.m. to avoid a late fee.

10:30 to 12:15 p.m. **Developing a Livable Maryland** (Chesapeake Auditorium)

Much of the new growth and development coming to Maryland has already migrated to formerly rural counties, eating up large amounts of farm and forest land, and requiring significant financial outlays for infrastructure and services from taxpayers. This session will bring you up to date on the findings and recommendations of the statewide visioning project called *Reality Check Maryland* and provide you with a summary of the trends and implications of growth for the state's rural and non-metro areas.

Moderator: Phyllis Kilby, Chair, Rural Maryland Council and Cecil County Commissioner

Speakers (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.):

- Richard Hall, Manager, Technical Planning Support, Maryland Department of Planning
- Dr. Gerrit Knaap, Professor & Executive Director, National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education

Responders Panel (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

- Bradly Broadwell, Director, Dorchester County Economic Development
- John Brooks, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Memo Diriker, Director, BEACON, Salisbury University
- Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer

12:15 to 1:30 p.m.: **Closing Buffet Luncheon** (Dining Room) Enjoy one last conversation with your colleagues or eat and run. Either way, stop by the dining room and tell us what you think are the most critical issues facing Rural Maryland today. Our straw poll will help us plan future activities and events to benefit those communities in transition.

1:30 p.m. Summit Adjourns

Thank You for Coming!

Speaker Biographies

Anirban Basu — *Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Sage Policy Group, Inc.* Dr. Basu is one of the mid-Atlantic region's most recognizable economists. He has been active in the areas of health economics, the economics of education and economic development. He has conducted numerous economic and fiscal impact analyses, conducted educational seminars, and has authored a number of high profile economic development strategies. He is a Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University, host of the Morning Economic Report radio show on Baltimore's WYPR and a Board Member of the Baltimore City Public School System. Dr. Basu holds a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a Master's Degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He earned a Master's Degree in economics at the University of Maryland, College Park and a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Gilbert O. "Buddy" Bowling — *Special Assistant to the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture and Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural Commission, as well as the Department's Public Outreach Coordinator.* Mr. Bowling's previous assignment was with the Charles County Government as the Agricultural Administrator with the Charles County Planning and Growth Management Department, working on agricultural preservation initiatives and other environmental programs. He developed a passion for emergency management after performing agricultural field assessments following the La Plata tornado and now also serves as the Co-Coordinator of the Center for Agrosecurity and Emergency Management. He is NIMS compliant and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture/Agronomy from the University of Maryland.

Bonnie Braun — *Associate Professor, State Family Policy Specialist, Maryland Cooperative Extension.* Dr. Braun's research focus is on family policy, welfare reform, low-income families and educational program evaluation. She holds a Ph.D. in Family Consumer Sciences Education from The University of Missouri. She is president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Braun is an experienced speaker/presenter, and the author of some 85 articles and seven family and consumer science teaching curricula. She is the director and/or co-director of grants and contracts totaling \$14 million. She is a member of the Rural Maryland Council Board and Health Care Working Committee, and a member of the Maryland General Assembly's Task Force on Access to Mental Health Care. A W.K. Kellogg Foundation Leadership Fellow, Dr. Braun is also the recipient of the University of Maryland Graduate Research Board Research Support Award and the University of Maryland System Women's Forum Research Award.

Bradly Broadwell — *Director, Dorchester County Economic Development.* Before taking this position on the Eastern Shore, Mr. Broadwell worked for the State of Vermont in two economic development capacities. He has more than 20 years experience in the areas of domestic and international development working in both the public and private sectors. He has worked in the Administration of former President George H.W. Bush as an appointee at the U.S. Department

of Commerce, for Governors Pete Wilson of California and Jim Douglas of Vermont. He has also held positions in international development and finance in Tokyo, Hong Kong and in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia. He currently serves as an Executive Board Member and Treasurer of the Eastern Shore Entrepreneurial Center and serves on the loan administration boards of a number of funds on the Eastern Shore.

John R. Brooks — *Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture.* Dr. Brooks is a mixed animal veterinary practitioner, having received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland in 1970 and his D.V.M. from the University of the Philippines in 1974. He has been in private practice for 30 years and established the Fork Veterinary Hospital in 1978 as a solo practice. Dr. Brooks joined the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) in 1974, served as a member of the Board of Directors for six years, and as president in 1991-92. He also has served as president of the Harford Veterinary Medical Association. He currently serves MVMA as its delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and a member of its executive board. A past trustee of the Maryland Veterinary Foundation, Dr. Brooks now chairs the MVMA Professional Affairs and Veterinary Technician committees, as well as the AVMA House Advisory Committee. Dr. Brooks has been active in obtaining full funding for veterinary students from Maryland for the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Memo Diriker — *Director, Business, Economic, And Community Outreach Network (BEACON), Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, Salisbury University.* Dr. Diriker has been involved in business, economic, workforce, and community activities as a practitioner, researcher and educator. He has worked with many federal, state and local government agencies and with private sector firms ranging from Fortune 500 mega-corporations to mom-and-pop microenterprises. His articles and research reports on these topics have appeared in a number of academic and practitioner publications. Five of his most recent regional projects have led to the launch of five successful regional initiatives on the Eastern Shore: Shore Transit, ShoreTrends, WaterShore, Bienvenidos a Delmarva, and GrayShore. He has served as President of the American Marketing Association in Boston, and as a former advisor to the Board of Directors of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Greater Boston, Inc. He also served on the Steering Committee for the Governor's 2010 Healthy Maryland Project - Maryland Health Improvement Plan 2000 - 2010; and on the Governor's Eastern Shore Economic Development Task Force. In 2004 he was appointed by Governor Ehrlich to the Task Force to Study the Dynamics of Elderly and Retiree Migration Into and Out of Maryland.

John Droneburg — *Director, Maryland Emergency Management Agency.* Mr. Droneburg was appointed director of MEMA in 2003 with the mission of modernizing and strengthening the organization and expanding its efforts to provide coordination and assistance to local jurisdictions. Prior to joining MEMA, he served as public safety director and emergency manager for Frederick County for eleven years and served more than 15 years as chief and president



of a volunteer fire company. He has also been a manager and trainer for the University of Maryland's Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and a project manager for the National Disaster Medical System where he served at several large disasters nationwide, most notably, at the Pentagon and in New York on September 11, 2001. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Wake Forest University and a Masters in Business Administration from Frostburg University. He is also a certified emergency services instructor and registered paramedic.

Wayne Gilcrest, U.S. Congressman — First District of Maryland. Congressman Gilcrest represents Maryland's 1st Congressional District which encompasses all nine Eastern Shore counties, along with substantial portions of Harford and Baltimore Counties, and a small part of Anne Arundel County. Elected in 1991, Mr. Gilcrest has emerged as a strong voice for fiscal responsibility and environmental protection. He has dedicated his attention to protecting and preserving the Chesapeake Bay region, and to enhancing and encouraging economic development. He serves as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, which oversees the nation's fisheries and has jurisdiction over all wildlife refuges. He co-chairs the bipartisan Oceans Caucus and is a senior member of the House Resources Committee and the House Transportation Committee. He's also a member of the House Rural Health Care Coalition. A Vietnam War veteran, he was decorated with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Navy Commendation Medal. He holds an Associate's Degree from Wesley College in Dover and a Bachelor's Degree in history from Delaware State College.

Rodney B. Glotfelty — Garrett County Health Officer. Mr. Glotfelty was appointed Health Officer for Garrett County in October of 1998. He supervises a staff of 125 individuals in the delivery of direct and preventative health care programs to a rural community with a permanent population of 30,000. With an annual budget of more than \$11 million, the Garrett County Health Department administers a large and diverse number of programs in areas such as Community Education and Outreach, WIC, Healthy Families, Personal Health, Environmental Health, Adult Evaluation Services, and the Maryland Med-Bank program. He also oversees clinical programs in the areas of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Dental Health and Family Planning. During his current tenure as Health Officer, he was instrumental in providing the leadership to consolidate all Health Department Services within a newly constructed building. In 1999, the Health Department successfully developed a partnership with area dentists to improve access to Dental Care for children and pregnant women. Garrett County now leads the State in providing dental services to MCHP recipients.

Phyllis Kilby — Chair, Rural Maryland Council; President, Kilby Inc., a dairy farm; and Cecil County Commissioner. In addition to running a family owned and operated dairy farm, Mrs. Kilby has served two terms as a Cecil County Commissioner, but has chosen not to seek re-election in 2006. She has been awarded the Smart Growth Champion for her work to preserve farmland and revitalize existing communities, and was recognized as a finalist in the Maryland Top 100 Women of Achievement Award. She sits on the Local Government Advisory Committee, one of six chosen from

across the State to foster communication between the Chesapeake Bay Program and local governments in the watershed. She is also on the Board of Chesapeake Fields Institute and is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Maryland. She is the former chair of the Upper Shore Regional Council. Mrs. Kilby holds a Master Degree in Human Services from Lincoln University. She received the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Cecil Community College, and served as the Chairman of the 2003 Cecil County March of Dimes WalkAmerica. She has been married to her husband Bill for 40 years.

Gerrit Knaap — Professor and Executive Director, National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education. The mission of the National Center for Smart Growth is to become a national and international leader in research and education on smart growth. Research remains the primary area of emphasis and productivity. Gerrit-Jan Knaap is an economist and professor of Urban Studies and Planning. He is the author of more than 50 articles and five books on state and local land use planning and economics. His research interests include the economics and politics of land use planning, the efficacy of economic development instruments, and impacts of environmental policy. He is co-author, editor, or co-editor of five books. He earned a Bachelors Degree from Willamette University, a Masters Degree and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. He received post-doctoral training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, all in economics.

Annie Kronk — Retired, Former Director of State and Local Affairs, The Johns Hopkins Institutions. Annie Kronk is completing two terms of service as First Vice Chair of the Rural Maryland Council Board and Chair of the RMC Health Care Working Committee. She retired in 2001 from nearly two decades with the Johns Hopkins Institutions, where she managed Hopkins' government affairs program and served as its registered lobbyist in Annapolis. She occasionally teaches courses in politics and policy, and regularly consults with higher education organizations and others on educational and rural health policy issues. Annie remains active in the Maryland Rural Health Association, where she served on the board of directors for many years. In 2005, she was awarded the Maryland Rural Impact Award for Volunteer of the Year for her leadership, dedication, and noteworthy volunteer achievement.

Dr. Kenneth S. Lewis — President and CEO, Affinity Health Alliance and Union Hospital, Elkton. Dr. Lewis, named president and CEO in 2003, is a Board-certified internal medicine specialist and has been a member of the hospital's medical staff since 1978. Most recently, he served as a hospital medical staff advisor and a member of the executive management team. In these roles he assisted the hospital with quality assurance, strategic planning, physician credentialing and recruitment activities, and management of the medical staff office. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1972, Dr. Lewis earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1974 and a Juris Doctor (law) degree from Widener University in 1994. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Dr. Lewis and his wife, Tina, have two grown children.

Denise Matricciani – *Vice President, Government Affairs Maryland Hospital Association.* During Ms. Matricciani's 33 years at the Maryland Hospital Association, she has held various positions with responsibilities in the areas of group purchasing, professional practices, health planning, rate regulation, Medicaid, government relations, and political fundraising. Since 1980, she has primarily been involved in the association's legislative program. Ms. Matricciani is responsible for coordinating the association's legislative activities; lobbying/advocacy efforts on behalf of hospitals and health systems at both the state and federal levels; and, providing timely and accurate information regarding MHA's positions on legislative matters to members, legislators, their staffs, MHA staff, and other interested parties. She also is responsible for MHA's Hospital Bond Project Review Program and serves on the Board of the Maryland Rural Health Association.

Bill McGowan – *Extension Agent, Community Development, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension.* Mr. McGowan works with communities and organizations interested in addressing complex issues. He has facilitated numerous community engagement processes, conducted organizational strategic planning efforts and taught workshops on community leadership and the adult learner. Current projects include state comprehensive economic development strategy, Broadkill watershed pollution control strategy development, Transfer of Development Rights/Community Development Districts legislation, and the Three College Coastal Community Initiative. Mr. McGowan is also a senior fellow at the Institute for Public Administration at the University of Delaware, and board member of the Sussex Conservation District, La Red Health Center, Delaware Agriculture Museum, Center for the Inland Bays, and Primeros Pasos Early Childhood Learning Center. He joined the University of Delaware in 1989 after 15 years of management experience in the agricultural supply and ornamental horticultural industries.

Stephen McHenry – *Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council.* Mr. McHenry, a lifelong Marylander, has worked for many years with small communities across the state on a variety of challenging public policy issues. He has served on numerous state task forces and other study groups that have focused on such wide-ranging issues as land uses, wastewater infrastructure improvement, regional intergovernmental cooperation, agriculture and resource based industry development, and rural economic development. He currently serves as the Interim Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO), and he chairs the State's Interagency Technical Assistance Committee for Wastewater Systems. He is a founder and past chair of both the Microenterprise Council of Maryland and Partners for Rural America. He is a "graduate" of both *Leadership Maryland* and *LEAD Maryland*, and he holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. Mary's College of Maryland and the University of Maryland Graduate School of Management and Technology (UMUC).

Thomas "Mac" Middleton – *Maryland State Senator Charles County.* Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton – the Maryland General Assembly's only full-time farmer – has been a member of the Senate since 1995 and has chaired the important Finance Committee since 2002. He has served as chairman of the Senate Capital Budget Subcommittee, was a leader on the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and co-chaired the Senate Legislative Ethics Committee. He is currently a member of the Legislative Policy Committee, the Spending Affordability Committee, the Executive Nominations Committee, and the Senate Rules Committee. He co-chairs the Committee on Agricultural Preservation and Open Space. In addition to his Senate duties, he sits on the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Tourism Council. Born in La Plata, Senator Middleton served in U.S. Army Intelligence from 1968 to 1971. He attended Charles County Community College and holds a Bachelors Degree in biology from Mount St. Mary's College. Prior to being elected to the Senate, he served as chairman of the Charles County Planning Commission and president of the Charles County Commissioners.

Karen Morgan – *Principal Analyst, Department of Legislative Services.* Ms. Morgan has been with the Maryland Department of Legislative Services for 23 years and has worked in nearly every aspect of the legislative process. She has drafted legislation, analyzed budgets, staffed statutory committees and the Baltimore City Delegation, and analyzed federal funding, among other duties. She now works on fiscal and policy notes for the department. Her areas of expertise include issues related to the death penalty, identity theft, child support enforcement, family law and drunk driving. Originally from Chicago, Ms. Morgan is an attorney who has dedicated her career to working for state legislatures. As a law student, she worked for the Wisconsin Legislative Council and later worked as a lobbyist for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Miriam Shark – *Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore.* The Casey Foundation is a private philanthropy dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children. Dr. Shark was one of the architects of the Foundation's Neighborhood Transformation/Family Development (NT/FD) agenda. NT/FD is the centerpiece of the Foundation's work and represents its commitment to strengthening the connections families in underserved neighborhoods have to the resources, relationships and help they need to succeed in raising their children. Subsequently, she developed a rural agenda that complements this work. She has on-going responsibility for work with a variety of national civic, philanthropic and service delivery organizations on awards programs, executive education and other activities designed to promote family-strengthening and family economic success strategies. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Shark was a Director of the Massachusetts Rate Setting Commission. Prior to that, she served as the director of a community-based mental health center. She holds an A.B. degree from Washington University, a Ph.D. in Clinical Child Psychology from St. Louis University, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.



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