

Welcome to the 10th Annual Maryland Rural Summit

October 17-19, 2007 — Solomons Island

*Imagine
Rural Maryland
Make the Vision
a Reality*



*For three days,
imagine a place where
economies thrive,
where everyone has
access to quality
health care, where
poverty is a thing of
the past.*

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Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Noon to 1 p.m. — Summit Registration Open. Conference Center Entrance Hallway
Noon to 5 p.m. — Exhibit Set Up. Chesapeake Concourse.

1:00 to 4:30 p.m. — Three Mobile Tours. These tours are included with a full registration. If you are not pre-registered, you can sign up onsite if space is available.

1 The Best of Both Worlds Tour (St. Mary's County)

Meet shuttle in front door of the Holiday Inn lobby. Tour the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum to learn about our nation's quest for aviation excellence, and hear local Economic Development Director Bob Schaller discuss BRAC preparedness and planning in Southern Maryland. Then travel one century back and a few miles up the peninsula to Sotterley Plantation on the Patuxent River which features an 18th-century mansion, an original slave cabin, and a full array of outbuildings set amidst 95 acres of rolling gardens and riverfront.

2 Charm of the Chesapeake Tour (Calvert County)

Meet at Calvert Marine Museum near the Holiday Inn. Learn about the rich maritime history at the Calvert Marine Museum; take a one-hour cruise around Solomons Harbor aboard the Wm. B. Tennison, the only Coast Guard-licensed log-hulled vessel in America; hear about the latest research at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, the oldest state-supported marine laboratory on the East Coast; tour the Drum Point Lighthouse, one of three remaining from 45 that once served the Chesapeake Bay; and browse the unique shops and boutiques along beautiful Solomons Riverwalk.

3 The Health and Community Tour (Charles County)

Meet at North Point High School for Science, Technology & Industry in Waldorf. Tour the 18 academic programs available at North Point, including its School of Health, Human & Protective Services and School of Advanced Technology, before hopping on a shuttle for a visit to the College of Southern Maryland. The tour culminates with a visit to Civista Medical Center, a regional, not-for-profit, integrated health system serving southern Maryland.

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. — Summit Registration Open

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — The Chamber's Welcome Reception, Isaac's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and Mountain Maryland invite you to this special waterfront welcome reception. Come take in the view of the dockside marina and unwind after a busy afternoon of mobile workshops (or after driving into Southern Maryland from places yonder). There is no formal program, just a few social hours to catch up with old friends and meet new ones before the Summit begins in earnest.

Reception sponsored by:



Maryland Rural Summit Thursday - October 18, 2007

Pre-Summit Meetings
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Rural Maryland Council Board & Annual Meeting – (Cedar) At this annual meeting, RMC members will elect a chairman and Board members and discuss upcoming Council business. All are invited; however, only RMC members may vote.



Maryland Rural Health Association Board & Annual Meeting – (Drum Point) The MRHA will discuss its upcoming listening sessions, elect new Board members, and report on its recent activities, including its recent strategic direction retreat. Everyone is welcome.

Rural County Health Officers Meeting – (Point Patience) This session is open only to county health officers. Moderator: Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer.

Strengthening Rural Families Grantee Meeting – (Back Creek) Past and current grantees of this initiative, which is made possible by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, will meet to discuss their progress and begin entering into mentoring relationships with like-minded colleagues. Organizations interested in applying for a future grant are welcome to attend. Moderator: Dr. Bonnie Braun, University of Maryland Department of Family Studies and RMC Vice Chair.

7:30 to 9:00 a.m.: Continental Breakfast & Exhibit Setup
(Chesapeake Concourse and Ballroom)

7:30 to 2:00 p.m.: Registration Desk Open
(Conference Center Entrance Hallway)

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. - Summit Opening and Welcome (Chesapeake Ballroom.)

- ◆ Charlie Ross, Chairman, Rural Maryland Council
- ◆ Wilson Parran, President, Calvert County Commissioners
- ◆ Michelle Clark, Director, DHMH Office of Rural Health
- ◆ Jake Frego, President, Maryland Rural Health Association

Summit Keynote Addresses

10:30 to 11:15 a.m.: The Impact of Health Care Shortages on Rural America. Dr. Martin P. Wasserman, Executive Director, MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, will provide an overview of the major challenges facing rural communities and their standards of living, now and in the future, due to the shortage of primary health care specialists.



Dr. Wasserman

11:15 to Noon: Killing Ourselves (and Our Economy) One Forkful at a Time: The Cost of Maryland's Obesity



Dr. Stanton

Epidemic. Nearly 60 percent of Maryland adults are obese or overweight, and the further away we get from eating farm gate products, the further away we are from a healthy lifestyle. Kenneth R. Stanton, Ph.D., the cofounder of the University of Baltimore's Obesity Research Initiative and co-author of *The Infrastructure of Obesity and the Obesity Epidemic: Implications for Public Policy*, will discuss the rising financial impact that obesity is having on the cost of doing business and on our economic competitiveness.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. – Rural Impact Awards Luncheon

(Patuxent Ballroom) Senate President Mike Miller, who represents Calvert County, will make welcoming remarks to Summit attendees. Maryland



Comptroller
Peter Francot

Comptroller Peter Francot will provide the keynote address and share his thoughts on what the future holds for Rural Maryland. He will then help present awards to six award recipients. In addition, Christine Bergmark, Executive Director of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, will give a brief overview of the tobacco transition programs so important to Southern Maryland. Moderator: Wayne Clark, Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. (See Page 6.)

Luncheon
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1:30 to 2 p.m. – Break. View exhibits

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2:00 to 3:00 p.m. – **Breakout Sessions.** Three workshops are offered during this hour. Pick the one that interests you most.

1 We're In This Together: A Regional Approach to Rural Prosperity. (Back Creek) When organizations and even local governments cross traditional boundaries, join forces, and work together, they often accomplish more than they ever could alone. Learn about three organizations that do just that. The Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC), through its Rural Community Assistance Project and Circuit Rider Program, assists small rural towns and communities across the Eastern Shore. The Rural Maryland Council's Rural Prosperity Fund, authorized in 2006, could help regional efforts across the state address problems they can't solve themselves. MARBIDCO, an outgrowth of the Rural Prosperity Initiative, provides assistance to agricultural and resource-based industries across the state. **Speakers:** Kevin Brooks, Executive Director, MRDC; David Jenkins, Executive Director, RMC; Stephen McHenry, Executive Director, MARBIDCO. **Moderator:** Charlie Ross, President/CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and RMC Chairman.

2 It Takes a Community to Solve a Community Problem. (Point Patience) The findings of the Rural Pharmacy Forums sponsored last fall will be presented along with case studies of how some communities are addressing their lack of access to pharmacists and prescription drugs. **Speakers:** Brian Cotter, Director of Pharmacy, Shore Health; Susan K. Stewart, Executive Director, Western Maryland AHEC; R. Dennis Hager, owner, Millington Pharmacy (and Mayor of Millington); Ellen Flowers-Fields, Economic Development Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. **Moderator:** Frank Palumbo, Professor and Executive Director, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Center on Drugs and Public Policy.

3 The Farmer and the Dell and the PC and the Impact of Broadband on Rural Maryland. (Theater) The Rural Maryland Broadband Cooperative will provide an update on how close rural Maryland is to being fully connected and how this technology can provide services that are currently lacking in rural areas. **Speakers:** Dr. Claudia Baquet, Associate Dean for Policy and Planning, University of Maryland School of Medicine; Susan Schoenian, Principal Agent and Regional Extension Specialist, Maryland Cooperative Extension, University of Maryland Western Maryland Research and Education Center. **Moderator:** John Dillman, Cooperative President and Executive Director of the Upper Shore Regional Council.

3:00 to 3:30 p.m. – **Snack Break. View Exhibits.**
(Chesapeake Concourse.)

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3:30 to 5:00 p.m. – **Rural Legislative Forum.**

(Chesapeake Ballroom) State senators and delegates will share their ideas on specific issues and then take questions from attendees. Topics to be discussed include improving access to health care, state financing and budgets, and economic growth in pastoral communities. Opening Remarks by Sen. Mac Middleton. **Moderator:** Lou Davis, WMAR-TV News and long-time political reporter.



WMAR-TV's Lou Davis will moderate the Forum

6:30 to 9 p.m. – A Taste of Southern Maryland
Calvert Marine Museum. (See information at right)



6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
**A Taste of
Southern Maryland**

**10th Anniversary
Celebration at the
Calvert Marine
Museum**

**Shuttle rides leave
from the front lobby.**

Enjoy the
culinary delights
of Southern
Maryland and the
company of
other Rural
Marylanders



while celebrating the
Summit's 10th Anniversary at
the Calvert Marine Museum.
Learn more about the culture
and natural history of
Southern Maryland in this
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7:00 to 8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast. Chesapeake Concourse

Choose the workshops or the track that interests you most

Track 1 – Barriers to Sustainable Agriculture, a four-hour workshop presented by the Governor’s Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture. (Drum Point)

Track 2 - Rural Issues Workshops, a series of break-out sessions on important rural issues. (Cedar Point)

8:00 to 8:45 a.m. –

■ **Track 1: Update on the Farmland Preservation Program**, the June workshop on Transfer of Development Rights, and other related issues. Moderator: Earl “Buddy” Hance, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture.

■ **Track 2: Curing What We Know Ails Us: Unveiling the Maryland Rural Health Plan, and the Challenges and Strategies for Improving Rural Health.** (NOTE: This session will go until 9:30 a.m.) This session will present the strategies and recommendations identified in the newly released Maryland Rural Health Plan, as well as implementation strategies. Speakers: Rebecca Love, Health Policy Analyst, Office of Rural Health, Office of Health Policy and Planning, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Jake Frego, Executive Director, Eastern Shore AHEC. The Rural Maryland Council’s Health Care Working Committee, represented by Deborah Neels, Government Affairs Coordinator, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, and the Maryland Rural Health Association will share what they have done to help the implementation process move forward.

8:45 to 9:30 a.m. –

■ **Track 1 and 2: Health Regulations and Agriculture:** Learn how new health department regulations can offer opportunities for economic activity within safety considerations. This session will also address the importance of transparency and consistency for both regulatory compliance and farm profitability. Moderators: Jody Menikheim, Food Control Facility & Process Review, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Rodney Glotfelty, Health Officer, Garrett County.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. –

■ **Track 1: Right to Farm Laws.** Learn how Right to Farm laws reinforce a local jurisdiction’s commitment to sustainable agriculture, minimize time and cost in addressing multiple needs, and improve interaction between the residential and agricultural communities. Moderator: Kurt Fuchs, Assistant Director for Government Relations, Maryland Farm Bureau.

■ **Track 2: Take this Job and . . . Try to Find Someone to Fill It.** Industry practitioners address the question: “How do we attract and retain employees when there are none out there?” Learn how leading companies create employee loyalty and reduce turnover. Take a look at the workforce shortages impacting rural Maryland. Engage in a candid discussion regarding the challenges and opportunities facing Maryland as we grow and our economy continues to change. **Speakers:** Anoop Mehta, Vice President and CFO, Science Systems and Applications, Inc.; Patsy Bergquist, Human Resources and Risk Manager, Chaney Enterprises; Eric Seleznow, Executive Director, Governors Workforce Investment Board; Stacey Cook, Human Resources Director, Civista Medical Center; and Kathy McNerney, Lead Coordinator, Career and Technical Education, Maryland Department of Education. Moderator: Ellen Flowers-Fields, Economic Development Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.



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10:30 to 11:00 a.m. – Coffee Break.

Be sure to check out of your hotel room by 11 a.m.

11:00 a.m. to Noon –

■ **Track 1: The Impact of Local Zoning Regulations on Sustainability.** Discuss definitions of agriculture, infrastructure and supporting services, and the flexibility of regulations. (This session will NOT include any discussion about zoning density.) Moderator: Cheryl DeBerry, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Garrett County Economic Development.

■ **Track 2: CROC: Taking a Bite Out of Early Childhood Cavities on the Eastern Shore.** The Children’s Regional Oral Health Consortium (CROC) is an innovative dental project working to build a dental home for Medicaid insured children of Dorchester County, expand a hospital-based pediatric dental program so it becomes a regional referral resource for other community-based dental programs on the Shore, and develop training opportunities to enhance the local health workforce. Speaker: Scott Wolpin DMD, Chief Dental Officer, Choptank Community Health System. Moderator: Marita Novicky, University of Maryland School of Medicine.

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Noon to 1 p.m. - Lunch



Eat and Run (Patuxent Ballroom) - Fill up before you hit the road with this grab-and-go buffet lunch or stick around and enjoy one last chance to network with your rural colleagues.

Dine with Rural Business Data (Back Creek) – MARBIDCO and Salisbury University will present the raw data from an agriculture and resource-based industry economic impact analysis study that is currently underway. The completed report will show the economic impact of ag and resource-based industry on a county-by-county basis. Grab lunch in the ballroom and take a seat to hear the latest findings. Data will be presented by Dr. Memo Diriker, director, BEACON, at Salisbury University.

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Summit Ends. Thank you for coming!

Announcements

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You're Invited! **Rural Health Plan Listening Sessions Scheduled for Eastern Shore**

The Maryland Rural Health Association, in partnership with the Maryland State Office of Rural Health, will be conducting a series of Statewide Listening Sessions to provide information on the new Maryland Rural Health Plan. The sessions are designed to receive suggestions for topics and issues to be studied and incorporated in future revisions of the Plan, which was released in June 2007. (A Summit session on the plan will be held Friday at 8:30 a.m.)

The following Eastern Shore Listening Sessions will be held from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

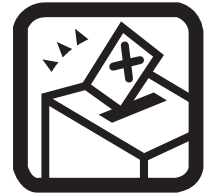
- **Chestertown:** Tuesday, October 23. Washington College, Casey Forum Room, 2nd Floor, Casey Academic Center.
- **Cambridge:** Wednesday, October 24. Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center, 814 Chesapeake Drive, Cambridge.
- **Salisbury:** Thursday, October 25. Community Foundation of Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Avenue- Suite 401, Salisbury.
- Future Listening Sessions are planned for Garrett County, Allegheny County, and St. Mary's County.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Jake Frego, at jfrego@esahec.org or call 410-221-2600.

Obtain a copy of the Rural Health Plan at:
www.fha.state.md.us/ohpp/ruralhlth/

Results: 2006 Rural Issues Ballot

During the 2006 Maryland Rural Summit, which used the theme: "Rural Maryland Communities in Transition," we asked attendees to name the top five issues they expect their communities or organizations to confront during the next five years. While the poll was not scientifically valid, it did provide an informed idea of what rural leaders are most concerned about and what they expect to face in the immediate future.



Making health care more accessible and affordable, and planning for residential growth that includes affordable housing but discourages sprawl, were the two biggest issues Summit participants said they expect to face in the next five years.

Protecting farmland and growing the state's agricultural and resource-based businesses was a close third.

Access to affordable health care has long been a difficulty facing rural communities; however, the problem is compounded by the fourth major issue identified on the survey: difficulty securing more quality health care practitioners and facilities.

Rounding out the top five issues identified on the poll was difficulty providing appropriate services that support new business development and entrepreneurial activity.

We thank everyone who participated in this straw poll and provided us with the ideas for planning this year's event.

2007 Rural Impact Awards Luncheon

For the last ten years, rural Maryland leaders and organizations from across the state have been recognized with Rural Impact Awards for their outstanding efforts to improve the quality of life in rural communities. This year, we honor six recipients for going above and beyond every-day expectations.

The awards are sponsored by the Rural Maryland Council, the Maryland Rural Health Association, the DHMH State Office of Rural Health, the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, the Upper Shore Regional Council, the Mid-Shore Regional Council, the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore, and the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland.

Luncheon Program

Moderator: Wayne Clark, Executive Director, Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland

Welcome Remarks

- Maryland Senate President Mike Miller
- Christine Bergmark, Executive Director, Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, will give a brief overview of the tobacco transition programs so important to Southern Maryland.

Keynote Address. Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot

Presentation of Awards – Mr. Franchot will be joined by Jake Frego, President of the Maryland Rural Health Association; David Jenkins, Executive Director of the Rural Maryland Council; Michelle Clark, Program Director, State Office of Rural Health; and Wayne Clark.

2007 Rural Impact Award Recipients

- **Outstanding Rural Volunteer** — Miles Circo, a full-time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County
- **Outstanding Rural Health Achievement** — Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer
- **Outstanding Rural Community Development Award** — Kent Family Center in Kent County
- **Outstanding Rural Health Program** — St. Mary's County Health Department's Medical Transportation Program
- **Outstanding Rural Economic Development** — Charlie Ross, President and CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
- **Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award** — Dr. Matthew A. Hahn, Medical Director, Tri-State Community Health Center in Hancock



*The Maryland Rural Summit extends its thanks the **University of Maryland School of Medicine** for sponsoring this luncheon and helping to make this award program possible.*

*Special thanks also to Awards Program Coordinator **Jana Carter** at the Upper Shore Regional Council for managing the selection process.*

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Claudia R. Baquet

Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH
Dr. Baquet is Associate Dean for Policy and Planning, Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Director of Center for Health Disparities, UM School of Medicine, Baltimore. She is also the Former Deputy Assistant Secretary, HHS 1992-1994 (Minority Health); and Former Associate Director for Cancer Control Science and Chief Special Populations Research Branch National Cancer Institute 1984-1992. As Associate Dean for Policy and Planning, Dr. Baquet serves as an advocate for quality health care, including issues related to the health needs and models for underserved communities, telemedicine and rural health initiatives. She also serves as director of the Maryland Area Health Education Center Program and director of the UMB organized research center "Center for Health Policy/Health Services Research." In 2003, she became director of the University of Maryland Comprehensive Center (NIH Export P 60) for Health Disparities Research, Training and Outreach.



Cheryl DeBerry

Christine L. Bergmark, Ph.D
Dr. Bergmark is the Executive Director of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. In addition to creating the "So. Maryland, So Good" and the award-winning "Southern Maryland Trails: Earth, Art, Imagination" campaigns, she has also produced a documentary, and developed an innovative "Kids Cook" program designed to educate and excite children and their families about the long-term benefits of good health, fresh foods, and supporting local farms. She is also responsible for all aspects of the state's Southern Maryland tobacco transition program. She and her husband own and manage a 104-acre organic farm in St. Mary's County.

Patsy Bergquist
Ms. Bergquist joined Chaney Enterprises as Human Resources and Risk Manager in

2003. She came to Chaney Enterprises with a wealth of knowledge in the areas of human resources, training, team leadership, strategic planning, employee development, and bank branch operations. Ms. Bergquist received her Accounting I and II Certificate from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond and her Virginia Bankers Association School of Bank Management Certificate from the University of Virginia.

Bonnie Braun, Ph.D.,
Dr. Braun is President of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences and an Associate Professor and Extension Family Policy Specialist at the University of Maryland College Park, School of Public Health, Department of Family Science. Dr. Braun, who is also the Vice Chair of the Rural Maryland Council, has headed up the RMC's Strengthening Rural Maryland Families direct service grant program with the Annie E. Casey Foundation for the past three years. Her research focus is family policy, welfare reform, low-income families and educational program evaluation. She has written approximately 85 articles, directed or co-directed grants and contracts totaling \$14 million and has been a speaker at more than 90 conferences.

R. Kevin Brooks
Mr. Brooks is the Executive Director of the Maryland Rural Development Corporation and has been a community builder all his life. During his two decade tenure with MRDC, he has provided leadership and direction to establish a nationally recognized, \$6.5 million comprehensive organization, serving Maryland's rural, low-income families and communities. Mr. Brooks was recently appointed to serve on Governor O'Malley's Maryland Homeownership Preservation Task Force which is focusing on the current sub-prime mortgage crisis and its impact in our state.

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John Dillman

Brian Cotter

Mr. Cotter is Director of Pharmacy for Shore Health System, a member of the University of Maryland Medical System. He also serves as the Director of Pharmacy at Memorial Hospital in Easton and at Dorchester General Hospital in Cambridge. He moved to Maryland after serving 22 years in the New York State Health system where, for 14 years, he was the Director of Pharmacy at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, a nationally recognized comprehensive cancer center. During his tenure at Roswell Park, Mr. Cotter served as a clinical assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.



Earl "Buddy" Hance

Stacey M. Cook

Ms. Cook is the Director of Human Resources at Civista Medical Center, responsible for designing, executing and managing human resources strategies, policies, practices and programs as well as assisting in leading organizational change and process improvement initiatives. She has more than 18 years experience as a human resources executive and is also recognized as a subject matter expert by peers and managers.



Stephen McHenry

Lou Davis

Since 1983, Mr. Davis has covered state government news for WMAR-TV's 2News, reporting on Maryland's legislative and executive branches. Prior to his work at WMAR-TV, Davis was a NBC news correspondent, joining the network in 1970. Davis' 40-plus years of broadcast experience includes stops in Philadelphia, New York City, Cleveland and Atlanta before coming to 2News in Baltimore. He has won three Emmys and numerous other professional awards.

Cheryl DeBerry

Cheryl DeBerry has been the Agriculture Marketing Specialist for Garrett County since 2002. She works to expand local markets for agricultural and natural resources products, help agricultural entrepreneurs with marketing planning, write grants for agricultural

projects, keep local and state officials updated on agricultural issues and help agriculture remain a viable business option for young people. She is also part of DeBerry Farm, which markets fresh vegetables, melons and herbs at a roadside stand, at farmers' markets, and through a community supported agriculture subscription vegetable service.

John A. Dillman III

Mr. Dillman is the Executive Director of the Upper Shore Regional Council, serving Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties. In addition, he chairs the Board of Directors of the Maryland Broadband Cooperative. He formally served as State Personnel Director of the State of Delaware, a Cabinet Secretary position; Deputy Secretary of the Delaware Department of Agriculture, and Director of Human Resources for the Delaware State Police. Throughout his career, he has directed or consulted on management activities in the public sector specializing in the areas of human resource management, budgeting, employee development, labor relations, employment law, program development, grant administration, and strategic planning. As a consultant for public safety issues, Mr. Dillman's clients included the Maryland State Police, New York State Police, Massachusetts State Police, and various cities.

Ellen Flowers-Fields

Ms. Flowers-Fields is the Director of Regional Economic Development for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. She has more than 18 years experience in workforce development and human capital management. She is credentialed as a global career development facilitator from the Center for Credentialing and Education. She is also a member of the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals, the Maryland Economic Development Association, and the Maryland Workforce Development Association.

Jacob F. Frego

Mr. Frego has been the Executive Director of the Eastern Shore Area Health

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Education Center since 1997. His responsibilities include financial and budgetary management, staff supervision, grant development and evaluation, and administering a regional program that recruits, trains and supports healthcare professionals in rural, underserved areas. He is also President of the Maryland Rural Health Association.

Kurt Fuchs

Mr. Fuchs is the Assistant Director of Government Relations for the Maryland Farm Bureau. He is particularly focused on wildlife, transportation, local, and energy issues as they pertain to the state's general agricultural community. He graduated from Western Maryland College with a B.S. in Political Science and has worked with the Farm Bureau since his graduation. He lives near Denton in Caroline County.

Rodney Glotfelty

Mr. Glotfelty was appointed Health Officer for Garrett County in 1998. He directs a staff of more than 150 people in the delivery of preventative health and direct care programs to a rural community with a permanent population of 30,000. The Garrett County Health Department administers a large and diverse number of programs, and Mr. Glotfelty provided leadership in the financing and construction of a new facility that now houses all health department programs at one location. He is past president of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers, current vice president of Maryland Rural Health Association, and a Board member of the Maryland Rural Council. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland in 1974, and a Masters Degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in 1980.

R. Dennis Hager

Mr. Hager is the pharmacist-owner of Millington Pharmacy in Millington, which he has owned and operated for the past 20 years. He is experienced in both community and hospital pharmacy. Mr. Hager has also served as the Mayor of Millington for 14 years. He received

his B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and his M.B.A. from Southern Illinois University. He also completed a residency in hospital pharmacy administration from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Earl F. "Buddy" Hance

Mr. Hance was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture in February 2007. A fourth generation Southern Maryland farmer, he previously served as president of the Maryland Farm Bureau, chair of the Maryland State Tobacco Authority, and chair of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Commission, among other farm and community activities. A former tobacco farmer, Deputy Secretary Hance and his family continue to farm 400 acres of corn and soybeans and operate several commercial greenhouses.

David M. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins was named Executive Director of the Rural Maryland Council in May 2007. He was previously Executive Director of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, working with local and state elected and appointed officials to develop transportation plans and economic development policies while working to enhance intergovernmental cooperation between county governments and state agencies. Prior to joining the Tri-County Council, he was a professional land use planner with extensive experience in zoning, land development, transportation planning and project management. He maintains his professional certification as a planner and is a member of the American Planning Association and American Institute of Certified Planners.

Rebecca Love

Ms. Love is a Health Policy Analyst in the Office of Health Policy and Planning in the Family Health Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The office leads and supports administration-wide policy development and decision-making and is also home to the Primary Care Organization and State Office of Rural Health.

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Ms. Love's primary responsibilities are strategic planning, evaluation, and policy research analysis. She is also a participant in the National Rural Health Association Rural Health Fellows program.



Kathy McNerney

Stephen McHenry

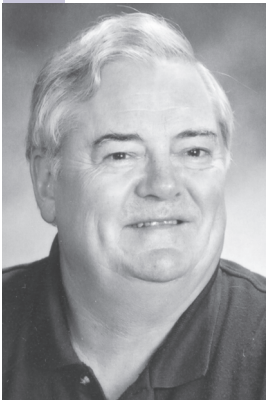
Mr. McHenry is the Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO), a newly formed organization that provides business development assistance and low-interest loans to agricultural and resource-based businesses. A lifelong Marylander, Mr. McHenry was Executive Director of the Rural Maryland Council for nine years. He has worked with small communities on many challenging public policy issues and has served on numerous task forces and study groups.



Anoop N. Mehta

Kathy McNerney

Kathy McNerney joined the Maryland State Department of Education in 2001 and now works in the Division of Career Technology and Adult Learning, which promotes quality career preparation and lifelong learning. The division is responsible for administering and supervising all aspects of correctional education, adult education and literacy services, and career and technology education (CTE). Since 2005, she has been the lead coordinator in the Systems Branch of CTE, responsible for overseeing the work of four regional coordinators.



Charlie Ross

Anoop N. Mehta

Mr. Mehta is the Vice president and CFO for Science Systems and Applications, Inc., where he is responsible for managing corporate finances, formulating and implementing corporate policies, overseeing government and commercial contracts, and preparing business and cost proposals. He is also responsible for assuring that the company's financial and business practices comply with Defense Contract Audit Agency as well as other regulatory agencies applicable to the industry. Mr. Mehta has more than 27 years experience in government contracting, accounting, finance, tax, and corporate administration.

Frank Palumbo, Ph.D, JD

Dr. Palumbo is Professor and Executive Director of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Center on Drugs and Public Policy in Baltimore. He received his B.S. in Pharmacy from the Medical University of South Carolina, M.S. and Ph.D. in Health Care Administration from the University of Mississippi, and J.D. from the University of Baltimore Law Center. He is a licensed pharmacist, a member of the Maryland Bar, and has practiced both pharmacy and law. He has been the principal investigator on major federal research grants examining the use of drugs in long term care patients.

Charlie Ross

Mr. Ross is President and CEO of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and chair of the Rural Maryland Council. He returned to his native Garrett County in 2002 after 25 years in Baltimore and Annapolis, working as a government and public affairs consultant for a variety of clients. His experience includes a stint as a lobbyist for Baltimore city and as the architect of the state's first office of volunteerism. From 1975 to 1977 he worked as an attorney in private practice and was appointed assistant state's attorney for Garrett County. During that time, he was also chair of the Western Maryland Health Care Corporation.

Eric Seleznow

Mr. Seleznow is the Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, Maryland's chief policy-making body on workforce development. Previously, he was the Director of Workforce Investment Services for the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development where he oversaw the county's workforce development system, including the local Workforce Investment Board and two One-Stop workforce centers serving more than 10,000 jobseekers and employers each year. Mr. Seleznow has more than 20 years experience with local employment and training programs.

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Kenneth R. Stanton, Ph.D.

Dr. Stanton is the cofounder of the University of Baltimore's Obesity Research Initiative which constructed projections of obesity prevalence and expected costs and developed the UB State Obesity Report Cards and maps. Dr. Stanton has also written about various aspects of obesity control legislation including how taxes can be used as a policy tool to address the epidemic. Dr. Stanton coauthored *The Infrastructure of Obesity and the Obesity Epidemic: Implications for Public Policy* and has helped guide and support obesity control measures in several states.

Robert R. Schaller, Ph.D.

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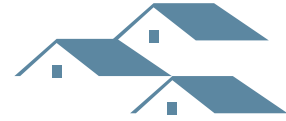


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