

Rural Health Care Workgroup
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Deborah Mizeur, MS, MHA, LDN

Deborah Mizeur is the owner of Apotheosis herb farm and resident of Kent County Maryland. Prior to relocating to the Eastern Shore, Ms. Mizeur worked extensively on Health Policy in Washington D.C. Her Capitol Hill experience includes staffing the Committee on Ways and Means, holding primary responsibility for a portfolio of health issues ranging from health tax and coverage expansion, to health quality, information technology and Part B Medicare Reimbursement. She also served as staff to Senator John D. Rockefeller of West Virginia, as a senior policy analyst for Ascension Health, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and taught health politics and financing at Georgetown University. Ms. Mizeur holds a MS in Herbal Medicine from the Maryland University of Integrative Health, a Masters of Health Administration from the University of Washington, and a BA in government from the University of Alaska Southwest in Juneau.

Joseph A. Ciotola, M.D.

Joseph Ciotola is the Health Officer for Queen Anne's County Health Department and Medical Director of the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services. Under Dr. Ciotola's leadership, in August of 2014, Queen Anne's County began operating a pilot program called the Mobile Integrated Community Health Program (MICH). The MICH program creates a team composed of a public health nurse and a paramedic who can jointly visit individuals in their home and link patients to community resources to improve health outcomes and reduce trips to hospital emergency departments. Previously, Dr. Ciotola served on the orthopedic staff of the Orthopedic Associates of Central Maryland, St Agnes Hospital and The James Lawrence Kernan Hospital where he served as Chief of Surgery. Dr. Ciotola received an M.D. from the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine and a B.S. from Loyola College.