

**Rural Health Economic Development Advisory Group  
Questions to be Answered/Discussed in Future Meetings**

**I. Health Industry Employment**

*Current Employment*

What is the current staffing of the hospitals located in the five county region and where do they live?

Chestertown:

Number of employees:  
Counties they live:

Easton:

Number of employees:  
Counties they live:

Cambridge:

Number of employees:  
Counties they live:

What is the current compliment (total employed) of all medical practices owned by Shore Health in each county (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot)?

How many of these practices are located in whole or part in each county?

*Future Employment*

What is the forecasting of the staff required in each hospital once the new regional medical center is built in Easton?

Number of employees:

Chestertown:

Easton:

Cambridge:

**II. Construction Impact for Shore Health Regional Medical Center**

Is there a plan to have at least some percentage of the construction of the regional medical center to be awarded to companies in Talbot County or companies located in the five county region?

**III. Real Estate Impact**

What is the impact on commercial real estate and real estate taxes when any of these three hospitals move, down size or close? This is in relation to the private ancillary businesses, e.g. doctor practices, therapy centers, treatment centers, etc. (This relates to both short-term and long-term plans.)

Example specific to Easton:

Given the long-term plans to build out office space at the regional medical center site, what will be the impact on the Idlewild Avenue/Dutchman's Lane corridor?

Will all of the office space build-out at the regional medical center site be under the non-profit umbrella and what is the timing?

**IV. Retail Sales Impact**

What is the economic impact on the towns of Chestertown, Easton and Cambridge from a retail sales perspective, when the hospital moves or converts to a FMF?

**V. Engagement with local employers and labor**

How much outreach does the UM Shore Regional Health system reach out to local vendors?

**VI. Staff retraining**

Will there be a need to retrain staff upon as the UM Regional Health System reconfigures there services?

If so, how will it affect each location?

Chestertown:

Easton:

Cambridge:

**VII. Define disposition of a facility – how can it be repurposed?**

What are the plans for facilities that will be abandoned by a move to new facility or service restructuring in each of the towns?

Chestertown:

Easton:

What are the specific plans for the existing Easton hospital when the regional medical center is complete?

What are the specific plans for the other facilities in Easton that will be relocated to the regional medical center?

Cambridge: