

The Mid-Shore Regional Council (MSRC) held a scheduled Executive Board meeting on January 4, 2023. The meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, MD. Walter Chase, Chuck Callahan, Frank Bartz, Ricky Travers, Bill Christopher, Delegate Chris Adams, and Larry Porter were in attendance. MSRC staff Scott Warner and Terry Deighan were also in attendance.

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

The agenda item was the request from the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health (UMSRH) for the MSRC to issue a letter of support regarding their Certificate of Need (CON). The UMSRH is issuing the CON on January 6, 2023.

Mr. Travers handed out a list of questions/concerns regarding the new Freestanding Medical Facility in Dorchester County. He explained that this list included various promises UMSRH made that have not been met.

The board discussed that if promises have not been met with the Dorchester facility what will happen with the new Regional Medical Facility in Talbot County. The Regional Medical Facility is the hospital that serves the entire 5-county region (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties).

The board discussed various ways to draft a letter, from writing a letter of concern to writing a letter in support of a larger hospital (e.g. beds) than is being proposed.

Mr. Porter asked who has interested party status. This was an issue when Caroline County commented to the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) a few years ago. No one had an answer.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided that the board would hold their letter of support until they speak with UMSRH President and CEO Ken Kozel. The board instructed Mr. Warner to:

- Reach out to Mr. Kozel and get some dates from he can meet with the MSRC Executive Board in person at the MSRC office.
- Once the dates are received, Mr. Warner is to poll the MSRC Executive Board to determine the best date to book the meeting.
- Mr. Warner is to draft a list of questions from the MSRC Executive Board to Mr. Kozel and send the list to the board.
- Once the board approves the list, Mr. Warner should send the list to Mr. Kozel so he can prepare to answer the questions at the meeting.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:28 a.m.