2015 Rural Summit – "Aspire Rural Maryland"
Thursday, December 3, 2015
DoubleTree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland

Draft Agenda
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One Day Conference

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Participant Registration and Exhibitor Set-Up
Opening of 2015 Rural Summit/Continental Breakfast	
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	**Welcome by RMC Chair, Scott Warner** **Keynote Address (To Be Announced)**

9:55 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	**Session - Agriculture**	**Session – Community Development**
10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	**Session – Economic Development**	**Session– Health Care**
11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	**Secretaries of Maryland Departments (MDA, MDE, DHMH, DHCD, DBED, DNR)**	
Luncheon with Maryland Rural Impact Awards		
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	*Plated Lunch and Maryland Rural Impact Awards* *Invited Speaker:* **Governor Larry Hogan** ✱ Rural Community Volunteer (up to two awards) - For leadership, dedication, and noteworthy volunteer achievement beyond the call of one's professional duties to help improve their community. ✱ Outstanding Rural Economic Development Award - For a program, project or organization that successfully attracts, retains or creates jobs in at least one rural county. ✱ Outstanding Rural Community Development Award - For a program, project or organization that substantially improves the quality of life in at least one rural community. ✱ Outstanding Legislator Award- This award is presented for outstanding leadership and public service in promoting legislation and/or policy solutions to benefit rural communities.	
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	**Session - Economic Development**	**Session – Health Care**
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	**Session - Agriculture**	**Session – Community Development**
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Panel Discussion – State Government Panel** **(Invited:** **Kumar Barve, Chair of House Environment and Transportation Committee** **Mac Middleton, Chair Senate Finance Committee,** **Maggie McIntosh, Chair House Appropriations Committee,** **Joan Carter Conway, Chair Senate Education and Environmental Affairs,** **George Edwards, Senator,** **Wendell Beitzel, Delegate)**	
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Networking Reception**	