

The Mid-Shore Regional Council (MSRC) Executive Board and MSRC's Maryland General Assembly representatives met with representatives of the University of Maryland (UM) Shore Regional Health (UMSRH) at the UMSRH Cambridge facility.

Attendees were:

Mid-Shore Regional Council

- Walter Chase – Chairman
- Frank Bartz – First Vice-Chairman (Caroline County Commissioner)
- Ricky Travers – Second Vice-Chairman (Dorchester County Council)
- Kurt Fuchs – Treasurer (Maryland Farm Bureau representative)
- Tom Hutchinson – Maryland State Delegate (General Assembly representative)
- Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio – At-large member (Private business representative)
- Bill Christopher – At-large member (Private business representative)
- Clay Stamp – MSRC member (Talbot County Manager, standing in for Chuck Callahan)
- Johnny Mautz – Maryland State Senator
- Chris Adams – Maryland State Delegate
- Sheree Sample-Hughes – Maryland State Delegate
- Scott Warner – Executive Director

Members who could not attend due to scheduling conflicts are:

- Chuck Callahan – Third Vice-Chairman (Talbot County Council President)
- James Redman – Secretary (Private sector/private citizen)

UM Shore Regional Health

- Ken Kozel (President and CEO)
- Dr. Ali Tabatabai (Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs)
- Dr. Bob Corder (Medical Director, UM Shore Medical Center at Cambridge)
- Tisha Thompson (Senior Director, Emergency Services)
- AnnMarie Hernandez (Nurse Manager & Site Administrator, Emergency Services, UM Shore Medical Center at Cambridge)
- Lara Wilson (Director, External Affairs & Community Liaison)

Everyone met at the Emergency Room lobby at 9:00 a.m.

UMSRH representatives provided a tour of the facility while explaining the services delivered.

- Registration to triage averages just a few minutes
- 22 beds in the emergency room which includes 4 negative pressure rooms
- 2 behavioral health rooms in a closed area with a transition room between the main emergency room and closed area
- 2 trauma rooms
- 6 observational beds (observational rules are stays up to 48 hours with 2 midnights)

It was stated that the current hospital in Easton has 118 beds. The new hospital will have 147 beds including 25 observational beds. For a breakdown of the licensed bed change, see attachment 1 "UM Shore Regional Medical Center Licensed Bed Change."

UMSRH recently completed an 11-month pilot project staffed 24/7. The outcome was there is currently not enough need to keep the unit operational. The observational unit can be used for emergency room overflow.

Following the tour that encompassed the first floor of the two-story facility, the group met upstairs to receive presentation providing an overview of various metrics, materials, and programs that UMSRH wanted to highlight, see attachment 2 "Cambridge MSRC presentation final 091225."

Additionally, the Stop the Bleed program was discussed. www.stopthebleed.org

There was ample discussion between the MSRC representatives and UMSRH representatives during the tour and the presentation.

Revisited from the MSRC's last meeting held on August 6, 2024, with University of Maryland Medical System President and CEO Dr. Mohan Suntha:

- UMSRH agreed to share the observation data with the MSRC on a quarterly basis
- Mr. Kozel will check to see if Dr. Jarrell and Mr. Hayman should meet with the MSRC to talk about the UM Baltimore commitment to the regional medical center project and the Eastern Shore or another valuable information session should be scheduled.
- Mr. Kozel stated that he is willing to meet with the MSRC at any time upon request.

There was not time to tour the surgery rooms which are located on the second floor.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.