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RAHEC Announces New Officers, New Name

At the annual meeting of the Rappahannock Area Health Education Center, the Board of Directors elected the following officers for FY2008-09:

Chair: Michael D. Jenkins, Executive Director, Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board from Gloucester County.

Vice Chair: Daniel B. Lawrence, DDS, Public Health Dentist A, Three Rivers Health District, from Warsaw.

Secretary: Paul Crews, MPH, Director of Quality and Organizational Excellence, Riverside Tappahannock Hospital, from Warsaw.

Treasurer: Gail Saylor, Branch Manager, Chesapeake Bank, Lancaster County.

Executive Committee: Mildred Roberson, RN, PHD, from White Stone.

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The RAHEC Board held its' annual meeting June 13th at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital. In a move to more clearly express the organizations' interest in ensuring adequate healthcare facilities, services and resources in the region, the Board voted to change the organizations' name to the Rappahannock Rural Health Development Center (the Center). Contact information will not change.

The Center is a nonprofit organization serving the fifteen local jurisdictions of the Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck, and greater Fredericksburg area. The Center seeks to improve access to health care for medically underserved and vulnerable populations through workforce development initiatives such as the Virginia AHEC and Virginia SEARCH programs and through initiatives to ensure adequate facilities and services such as the birthing center pilot project and creation of the telemedicine consortium. The RAHEC office is in Warsaw and can be reached at 804-333-3733 or you may visit www.rahec.org. -end-