

SPC Regional Broadband & Connectivity Summit

Thursday, February 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. Networking/Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

Leslie Osche, Chairman, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission & Chairman, Butler County Board of Commissioners

9:15 a.m. State of the Region

Regional Perspective – *Andy Waple, Deputy Executive Director of Programs, SPC Planning* – *Lance Grable, Director, Beaver County Office of Planning & Redevelopment*
Access & Equity – *Heidi Norman, Director, Department of Innovation & Performance, City of Pittsburgh*
Implementation – *Mike Belding, Chairman, Greene County Board of Commissioners*
Moderated by *Amy McKinney, Director of Planning & Community Development, Lawrence County*

10:00 a.m. Legislative Panel

Representative Nick Pisciotto, 38th District, PA House of Representatives
Todd Eachus, President, Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania
Melissa Gates, Government Relations Manager, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Moderated by *Jim Penna, Regional Director External Affairs, AT&T*

10:30 a.m. Networking Break

10:40 a.m. Internet for All Funding Panel

Brandon Carson, Executive Director, PA Department of Community & Economic Development, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA)
Robert Fry, General Field Representative for the Rural Utility Service, Telecom Division, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Curtis Hansen, Broadband Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
Nicole Ugarte, Federal Program Officer, Pennsylvania, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
Moderated by *John Timney, Executive Director, Washington County Authority*

11:45 a.m. Networking Break

12:00 p.m. Lunch/Keynote Speaker

Anna Read, Senior Officer, Broadband Access Initiative, Pew Charitable Trust
Introduced by *Alexandra Taylor, Program Officer, Hillman Family Foundations*

1:30 p.m. Networking Break

1:40 p.m. Getting Connected: Digital Equity & Affordability

Itha Cao, Director of Digital Inclusion and Innovation, Neighborhood Allies
Lyle Ishida, Chief, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Alka Patel, Vice President, Government and External Affairs, Comcast Keystone Region
Moderated by *Kirstin Compitello, National Broadband Digital Equity Director, Michael Baker International*

2:15 p.m. Pennsylvania Statewide Implementation Plan and Summary of Regional Efforts

Brandon Carson, Executive Director, PA Department of Community & Economic Development, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA)
Dr. Kyle Kopko, Executive Director, Center for Rural Pennsylvania
Moderated by *Byron Stauffer, Executive Director, Indiana County Office of Planning & Development*

2:45 p.m. Closing Remarks & Networking

Pat Fabian, Vice-Chairman Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission & Commissioner, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners

3:30 p.m. Adjourn