AGENDA

8:30 am  Registration

9:00 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks

Leila Samy, Rural Health IT Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

Thomas Williams, State Director, USDA Rural Development-Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA

9:30 am  Keynote Panel Presentation
Leveraging Federal Funding to Support Local Information Technology and Telehealth Infrastructure: Success Stories from the Field

Moderator: Lisa Davis, Director, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health and Outreach Associate Professor of Health Policy and Administration, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Greg Snyder, Vice President for Technology, Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Alliance, DuBois, PA

Ron Cowan, Vice President of Information Management and Chief Information Officer, Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital, Lewistown, PA

Bill Shuffstall, Extension Educator, Economic and Community Development Specialist, Penn State Extension, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

11:00 am  Plenary Panel Discussion
Federal Resources to Support Local Information Technology and Telehealth Needs

Moderator: Martin Ciccocioppo, Vice President for Research, Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA
USDA Rural Development: Kendrick Gordon, Regional Utilities and Field Representative for Broadband and Telemedicine Grant Programs and Sue Gantz, Program Director for Rural Utilities-Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers (PA REACH): Anita Somplasky, Director of Measure and Instrument Development and Support, WVMI and Quality Insights, Charleston, WV

Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority: Kelly Hoover Thompson, Chief Counsel & Privacy Officer, Office of General Counsel, Harrisburg, PA

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC): Paloma Costa, Manager of Outreach Rural Health Care, Washington, DC

Appalachian Region Commission (ARC): Mark DeFalco, Manager, Broadband Issues, Washington, DC

12:15 pm Lunch and Networking with Information Technology and Telehealth Funding Agencies

1:30 pm Plenary Session Resources for Securing Information Technology and Telehealth Support Kathy Wibberly, Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

2:30 pm Closing Plenary Session Implementing Information Technology and Telehealth: Questions, Answers and General Discussion Barry Denk, Director, Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA

3:30 pm Evaluation and Adjournment