

AGENDA

Thursday November 18, 2010:

10:00 - 10:20 am

Welcome and Summit Review (Main Auditorium)

David Terrell, Deputy Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and Executive Director, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

10:20 - 11:20 am

Keynote Address: “Re-calibrating a “Place Primacy” in Public Policy: Rural Communities, Rural Regions and the Rural-Urban Continuum.”

Charles Fluharty, President and CEO, Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) and Associate Director and Research Professor, Truman School of Public Affairs.

Introduction By: Sam Cordes, Associate Vice President for Engagement and Assistant Director, Purdue Cooperative Extension.

11:20 - 11:40 am

“Re-calibrating a “Place Primacy” in Public Policy Response Panel:

Moderator: Beth Archer, Executive Director, AgrInstitute and President, Indiana Rural Development Council.

Panel Members: Phil Lehmkuhler, State Director, USDA Rural Development.
David Terrell, Deputy Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and Executive Director, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
Sam Cordes, Vice President for Engagement and Assistant Director, Purdue Cooperative Extension.

Audience Q&A between Keynote and Response Panel

12:15 - 1:45 pm

Lunch (Scholars Hall)

Keynote Address: Lt. Governor Becky Skillman

Introductions By: David Terrell, Deputy Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and Executive Director, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Dr. Daniel J. Bradley, President, Indiana State University



2:00 - 3:00 pm

Four Concurrent Track Sessions (Please choose one):

Regional Frameworks: (Room 222)

Thinking and acting “regionally” is a vital strategic tool for rural communities. The *Regional Frameworks* track will provide participants an opportunity to learn about specific rural issues utilizing a regional reference point. In this 2:00 pm. session, the issues and challenges of rural health are discussed by leading Indiana health care educators and professionals.

Moderator: Susie Bruce, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
Topic: The Rural Health Innovation Collaborative
Presenters: Dr. Richard Williams, Indiana State University
Sarah Snider, Rural Health Innovation Collaborative
Dr. Taihung Duong, Indiana University School of Medicine
Dr. James Buechler, Richard, G. Lugar Center for Rural Health

Rural Capacity Building/Resiliency: (Room 102)

How does a community build capacity? The *Rural Capacity Building/Resiliency* track will explore a number of key components communities need to have in place in order to build capacity and be resilient. In this 2:00 pm. Session key state legislators will share their views on a variety of rural issues and policies.

Moderator: Bob Cherry, Indiana House of Representatives, Industry Relations, Indiana Farm Bureau
Topic: Panelists will discuss a variety of rural issues from their perspectives.
Presenters: The Honorable Jean Leising, Indiana State Senate
The Honorable Richard D. Young Jr., Indiana State Senate

Energy & Environment: (Room 134)

The issues of energy and the environment represent both challenges and opportunities to Indiana rural communities. In the *Energy & Environment* track participants will have the opportunity to learn more about both topics. In this 2:00 pm. session, an exciting discussion about what works and what doesn't will be presented by two of the top professionals in the field of energy and the environment.

Moderator: Connie Neining, Exec. Dir. White County Economic Development Corp.
Topic: “Alternative Energy Sources for Indiana – What Works and What Doesn't.”
Presenters: Dr. John Bickham, Director, Center for the Environment, Purdue University
Dr. Maureen McCann, Director of Energy Center, Purdue University

Agriculture, Local Foods & Food Safety: (Room 226)

Indiana has a strong history and tradition in agriculture. However, as in other industries, agriculture will need to continue to address many issues and challenges, as well as, to re-invent and innovate as we move forward into the 21st century. The *Agriculture, Local Foods & Food Safety* track brings a variety of pertinent issues to the discussion table. This 2:00 pm. session provides a dynamic look into these issues by a panel of successful agri-business leaders from both the private and public sectors.

Moderator: Roy Ballard, Hancock County Extension Service
Topic: Local Foods, Local Impacts
Presenters: Janet Ady, Voltedge Inc.
Andrea Neu, Image Maker
Jim Gage, Local Foods Business Consultant
Pete Eshelman, Heritage Farms
Alice Eshelman, “The Emporium”
Annie Schmelzer, Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture

3:00 - 3:15 pm

Networking Break

3:15 - 4:15 pm

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Moderator: Connie Neining, White County Economic Development
Topic: Regional Cooperation
Presenters: Greg Bossaer, White County Extension Service
Tyler Cotterman, Western Indiana Sustainable Energy Resource
Steve Eberly, Warren County Local Economic Development
Jody Hamilton, Greater Lafayette Commerce
Craig Lamb, Ivy Tech Community College

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Moderator: Joe Pearson, Indiana House of Representatives
Topic: “Opportunities, Challenges and Innovations in Indiana Rural Education”
Presenters: Dr. Brad Balch, Dean, Bayh College of Education, Indiana State University
Susie Pierce, COO, Rural Community Academy

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Moderator: Brandon Seitz, Director, Indiana State Dept. of Energy
Topic: “Understanding Alternative Energy Solutions”
Presenter: Mark Stoerman, Fair Oaks Farm

Topic: “Wind Energy”
Presenter: Jimmy Bricker, Benton County Extension Service

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Moderator: Gina Sheets, Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture
Topic Issue: Estate Planning: Impact on Family Businesses and Communities.
Presenters: Lynette Hanes, J.P. Morgan Banker, J.P. Morgan
Karin Veatch, Private Wealth Management’s Midwest Region, J.P. Morgan.

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Keynote Address: “Small Cities Are Cool.” (Scholars Hall)

David Ivan, State Specialist, Michigan State University Extension

Introduction By: Randy Haymaker, Director, Public Affairs, Hoosier Energy

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Indiana Rural Summit Reception (Scholars Hall)

Master of Ceremony: Kent Yeager, Director of Public Policy, Indiana Farm Bureau

The Indiana Roundtable would like to give a special THANK YOU to the Indiana Wine Grape Council for sponsoring the Indiana Wine tasting!

Friday November 19, 2010:

7:00 - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast (Scholars Hall)

8:00 - 8:30 am

Keynote Address: “Leveraging the Strengths of Our Rural Economies: Lessons from the Front.” (Scholars Hall)

Ed Morrison, Economic Policy Advisor, Purdue Center for Regional Development

Introduction: Sarah Yeager Browning, Education and Training Director, Building Better Communities, Ball State University

8:45 - 9:45 am

Rural Café (Scholars Hall)

Using an “open space” framework, participants choose the rural topic of interest and participate in facilitated roundtable discussions. Please refer to your summit packet for specific information regarding the Rural Café topics and Rural Café process.

Moderator: Don Koverman, Senior Associate, Purdue Center for Regional Development

10:00 - 11:30 am

USDA Rural Development Listening Session (Main Auditorium)

Understanding that the best ideas about economic growth come from local and community leaders, USDA Rural Development invites you to participate in a Listening Session that will feature panelist representing small business, agriculture, economic development and health care officials, as well as representatives from local government.

Moderator: Dick Heupel, Director, Community and Economic Development- Building Better Communities, Ball State University

11:30 - Noon

Indiana Rural Summit - Closing Remarks

Phil Lehmkuhler, State Director, USDA Rural Development