

INTERNET FOR ALL: CONNECTING THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

JULY 13, 2023 | STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

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AGENDA

This event is co-hosted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Municipal League, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

Virtual Access Link

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| 8:00 – 8:45 am | Registration |
| 8:45 – 9:00 am | Welcome/Update on Implementation of Federal Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brandon Carson, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development• Evan Feinman, BEAD Director, NTIA |
| 9:00 – 9:45 am | Infrastructure Best Practices in Pennsylvania <p><i>Pennsylvania is home to many leading infrastructure specialists. Learned experiences and first-hand knowledge of what did and did not work can be critical when looking to expand in the unserved and underserved areas.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss innovative approaches and best practices in infrastructure and how local governments can partner with industry and other stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Brandon Peters, Deputy Director, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Timney, Executive Director, Washington County Authority• President Commissioner Julie Wheeler, York County• Jessica Horan-Kunco, Planning Director, Erie County |
| 9:45 – 10:00 am | Break |
| 10:00 – 10:45 am | Why Digital Equity Matters <p><i>We live in a digital economy where everyday tasks like healthcare appointments and seeking employment opportunities can be accomplished utilizing digital technology.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss the impact a digital economy has on its communities and the opportunities provided when equity is a driving factor.</i></p> |

Moderator: Julia Brinjac, Digital Equity Program Manager, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority

- **Amy Huffman**, Policy Director, National Digital Inclusion Alliance
- **Jake Varn**, Associate Manager, Pew Charitable Trusts
- **Knowledge Build Hudson**, Digital Equity Advisor, NTIA

10:45 – 11:30 am

Infrastructure Access and Equity Barriers and Tools to Break Them Down

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to addressing the unique infrastructure access and digital equity challenges across Pennsylvania.

Panelists will highlight some of the solutions that work to combat these challenges.

Moderator: Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry

- **Kate Rivera**, Executive Director, Technology Learning Collaborative
- **Byron Wright**, Computer Program Manager, Housing Authority, City of Pittsburgh
- **Nicole Ugarte**, Federal Program Officer for Pennsylvania, NTIA
- **Jill Foys**, Executive Director, Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning & Development Commission

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch Break

12:00 pm

Keynote Speaker

- **Secretary Rick Siger**, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Local Coordination: How to Get Involved/How to Maximize Dollars Regionally

Maximizing Pennsylvania's broadband funding will rely on strong local and regional coordination.

Panelists will discuss how stakeholders can work with the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority, and each other, to share needs, challenges, and solutions to access and equity challenges across the Commonwealth.

Moderator: Chris Field, Customer Success Manager, University of Pittsburgh

- **Juliet Fink Yates**, Digital Inclusion Manager, City of Philadelphia
- **Commissioner Marty Qually**, Adam County
- **Kristen Rotz**, President, United Way of Pennsylvania
- **Matt Leonard**, Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association

2:00 – 2:15

Break

2:15 – 3:00 pm

Data Collection and Mapping – Why It Still Matters

This session will focus on Pennsylvania’s efforts to identify access, affordability, and adoption and why ongoing data updates are paramount to addressing Internet For All. Updates from NTIA will also be provided.

Moderator: Scott Zubek, Director, GIS (Mapping), Tioga County

- **Kyle Snyder**, Broadband Planning Specialist, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority
- **Dr. Christopher Ali**, Pioneers Chair, Profession of Telecommunications, Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, PennState
- **Commissioner Dave Glass**, Clearfield County
- **Nick Alexander**, Senior Telecommunications Policy Analyst, NTIA (*Virtual*)

3:00 pm

Closing and Next Steps