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## Broadband Availability, Accessibility and Affordability in Rural Pennsylvania

Thursday, April 5, 2018  
Penn Wells Hotel - Wellsboro, PA

### AGENDA

- 9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Comments**  
Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman – The Center for Rural Pennsylvania  
Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati  
Representative Garth Everett, Vice Chairman – The Center for Rural Pennsylvania
- 9:15 AM Joseph Witmer, Counsel to Chairman Gladys Brown – Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- 9:35 AM Thomas Freeman, General Manager – Blue Ridge Communications  
Al Quimby, Corporate Account Executive – PenTeleData  
David Tews, Vice -President – Indigo Wireless, President – Extreme Enterprises
- 10:05 AM Anthony Ventello, Executive Director – Progress Authority  
Eric Bridges, Executive Director – North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission  
Edward Matts, Technology Director – North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission  
Craig Eccher, President & CEO – Tri-County Rural Electric
- 10:35 AM **BREAK**
- 10:50 AM Timothy E. Schoener, Vice President/CIO – UPMC Susquehanna  
Dr. Robert Gillio, Medical Director for Population Health and Clinical Innovations –  
JC Blair Memorial Health System
- 11:15 AM Terri Dennison, Executive Director – PA Route 6 Alliance  
Lori Copp, Executive Director – Visit Potter-Tioga  
Ed Szymanik, Owner – Susquehannock Lodge
- 11:40 PM Dr. Brenda Freeman, Superintendent – Wellsboro Area School District  
Gerald Port, Owner – Port Farms
- 12:00 PM Mark Smith, Executive Director – Broadband Initiatives, PA Governor’s Office
- 12:20PM **Closing Remarks**  
Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman – The Center for Rural Pennsylvania
- 12:30 PM **Adjournment**