**Rural Alliance Conference**

**A Continuum of Services**

**Northern Quest Resort & Casino**

**September 29th & 30th**

**Sunday, September 29th**

**4:00** Dinner at the Rivers Edge Buffet **(dinner is open from 4:00 to 9:00)**

 Please let the cashier know you are with the Rural Alliance

**5:30** Introductions and Opening Remarks

 Kevin Jacka

 CEO, The Rural Alliance

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**5:45**  The Rural Alliance Projects

 Personalized STEM Learning: STEM Gems and KIDSCode

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 John Mancinelli

 Executive Director of Educational Outreach and Partnerships

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**6:15** Giving all students postsecondary and career options: Collaborating to expand access

 to high quality CTE pathways

 Dan Read

 Superintendent, Odessa School District

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 MJ Bolt

 State Board of Education

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**6:50** Question

**7:00** 15-minute break

**7:15** Social and Emotional Learning: A New Rural Alliance Pilot Project

 John Glenewinkel

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**7:45** Child Protection

 Lisa Wright **|** Education Partnership

 Committee for Children

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**8:30** Adjourn

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 **8:15** Career Pathways: Data and Strategies Unique to Rural Areas

 Gilda Wheeler

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 Meg Lindsay

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 **9:10** Terrie Ashby-Scott

 Scholar Success Director

 Washington Opportunity Scholarship

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 **9:25** Question

 **9:35** 15-minute Break

 **9:50** Microsoft TEALS: Building Sustainable Computer Science Programs in Rural Schools

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**10:40** Northeast Washington Geospatial Environmental Technical Education Project

 Marilyn Nielson

 Project Director NWGETEP

 Spokane Community College

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**10:55** Question

**11:05** 10-minute Break

**11:15** DCYF Washington State Department of Children and Youth Services

 Preschool Development Grant

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**12:15** Lunch

 **1:00** Unpaved Road

 The Rural Alliance Early Learning Program

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**1:15** Career Connected Learning Program

 Career Connect Washington

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**2:00** High School Success and Academic Acceleration

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 **2:30** Other

 **2:45** Adjourn