2019-2020 House Rural Development Council
August 20th – 21st, 2019

Chattahoochee Technical College, Appalachian Campus
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Jasper, GA 30143

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

12:00 - 12:15 Welcome from Co-Chairs Rick Jasperse and Sam Watson

12:15 - 12:30 Dr. Ron Newcomb, President, Chattahoochee Technical College

12:30 - 1:00 Dr. David Bridges, Acting Director, Center of Rural Prosperity and Innovation

1:00 - 1:30 Jack Spruill, Division Director, Georgia Department of Agriculture’s Marketing Division and Georgia Grown

1:30 - 2:30 Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE)
- Barbara Wall, State Director, CTAE
- Rick Goble, CTAE Director and Assistant Principal for Pickens High School

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 - 3:45 Character Education/Soft Skills
- Eric Thomas, Chief Turnaround Officer
- Arch Smith, 4-H
- Billy Hughes, Future Farmers of America
- Aidan Blackwell, THINC Academy

3:45 - 4:45 Local Superintendent Panel
- Dr. Carlton Wilson, Pickens County Schools Superintendent
- Dr. Shanna Downs, Gilmer County Schools Superintendent
- Dr. Damon Gibbs, Dawson County Schools Superintendent
4:45 - 5:00  Amy Carter, Deputy Commissioner, Rural Georgia Initiatives Division of Economic Development

5:00 – 5:30  Angela Palm, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Georgia School Boards Association

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

8:30 - 9:30  Panel on School-based Health Centers (SBHC)
   - Veda Johnson, Georgia School-based Health Alliance
   - Duane Kavka, Georgia Primary Care Association
   - Steven Miracle, Georgia Mountains Health
   - Sherrie Williams, Global Partnership for Telehealth

9:30 - 10:30  Mental Health
   - Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
   - Dr. Erica Sitkoff, Executive Director, Voices for Georgia’s Children
   - Whitney Carnes, School Social Worker, Pickens County Schools

10:30 - 11:00  Census Coordination
   - Rusty Haygood, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs
   - Julie Walker, State Librarian, Georgia Public Library Service

11:00 – 11:30  Rural Libraries
   - Julie Walker, State Librarian, Georgia Public Library Service

*Please note that the agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the chairmen.*