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

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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.