

## 2022 WNC Broadband Leadership Summit

Welcome by Hosts: Dr. Bill Sederburg, WNC Broadband Project

Nancy Cable – UNCA Chancellor

Janice Brumit – Dogwood Health Trust Chair

Kelli Brown- WCU Chancellor

Recognition of Dignitaries- Dr. Bill Sederburg

Conversation about Federal Policy in 2022: Hosted by Greg Vogt

Paul De Sa - Broadband Consultant to Pres. Biden

Angela Siefer - Director, National Digital Inclusion Association

State Policy and Funding:

Angie Bailey - Director of the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office

Regional Highlights:

Sara Nichols, Regional Planner, Land of Sky Regional Council

Russ Harris, Executive Director, Southwest Regional Commission

Filling the Gaps to Leverage Solutions: Hosted by Maggie Woods, IEI

Roberto Gallardo— Assistant Director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development and Purdue Extension Community & Regional Economics Specialist

Aaron Schill—NDIA -Director of Research and Programs

Ben Shelton—N.C. Center for Geographic Information and Analysis

Curtis Hansen— Appalachian Regional Commission

Breakout sessions:

Group 1: Federal Policy – Paul De Sa

Group 2: Digital Inclusion in 2022— Maggie Woods—NC Institute for Emerging Issues, Aaron Schill, NDIA

Group 3: Funding Opportunities – George Collier: NC BIO & Sarah Thompson—Dogwood Trust

Group 4: Future Steps—Bill Sederburg—WNC Broadband & Marc Hoit—NCSU

Group Summaries & Wrap Up: Deborah Porto– Haywood County

