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Tuesday, June 22, 2021

3:00-3:30pm

Looking Back: The Ultimate Stress Test for FirstNet

Washington State Representative Cindy Ryu, Chair, WIG Board of Directors (moderator)
Carrie Johnson, Director of Strategy & Policy/Rural & Tribal Affairs Specialist, FirstNet Program, AT&T
Christopher Becenti, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

2020 was a challenging year for first responders and healthcare workers – severe wildfires, the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of the most active hurricane seasons on record. They are now on the frontlines of our nationwide vaccine efforts. As public safety's partner, FirstNet has stood alongside America's first responders and helped them effectively coordinate and communicate. This educational session will provide an update on FirstNet's nationwide buildout and support for public safety during both daily operations and in emergency events.

3:30-4:00 pm

Getting Back To Routine Vaccines

Washington State Representative Cindy Ryu, Chair, WIG Board of Directors (moderator)
Christine Liow, Associate Principal, Avalere Health
Dr. Thomas Clark, Acting Deputy Director, Director, Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This pandemic has led to a serious drop in immunization rates for recommended vaccines. A new analysis conducted by Avalere Health highlights the number of teens and adults who missed vaccines in 2020. The report found:

- From January – November 2020, teens and adults missed approximately 26 million doses of vaccines
- Vaccine claims among teens and adults fell up to 40 percent for non-influenza vaccines
- Despite warnings of a potential "twindemic," immunization rates for influenza were actually lower in 2020 than in 2019.

The sustained drop in immunization rates has created a growing vaccine deficit for recommended immunizations, placing individuals and communities at risk for disease outbreaks. This session will share data on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on immunization rates and discuss tools and resources for state policymakers to reverse this dangerous trend. It is critical that we prioritize catching up on missed vaccines as individuals return to school, work and normal daily activities. We cannot let immunizations become another casualty of the pandemic.



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Wednesday, June 23, 2021

3:00-4:00 pm **Dispelling the Myths of STEAM Careers: The Video Game Industry Is Powering Up**

California State Assemblywoman Autumn Burke (moderator)

Kayla Belmore, Senior Producer, Gearbox Software

Winslow Caliwag-Gomez, Video Game Producer, Walt Disney Games

Michael Lee, Senior Director, Next-Gen Talent & Global Co-Chair of BEAT!, the Black Employee Resource Group at Electronic Arts (EA)

Game designer, coder, software engineer, or animator may be some of the most commonly known STEAM jobs in the video game industry. But in actuality, that is only a small portion of the career opportunities in an industry that, behind television, is the world's largest form of entertainment. Join us and a distinguished group of industry professionals as we explore the myriad career opportunities in the video game industry and efforts to inspire and provide access to students today – specifically those that are underrepresented and under resourced – to pursue the growing number of STEAM careers.

Thursday, June 24, 2021

3:00-3:45 pm **Post-Secondary Education to Inclusive and Equitable Workforce Readiness**

Virginia State Delegate Kathy Tran (moderator)

Daniel Kuehn, Senior Research Associate, Benefits Policy Center, The Urban Institute

Bhavani Arabandi, Senior Research Associate, Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population, The Urban Institute

Julie Ellen Squire, Vice President of Policy and General Counsel, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

Join our expert panel as we discuss the role of Inclusive Apprenticeships in providing a career pathway for people with disabilities at a time when education, training, and other workforce entry norms are adjusting to a post-COVID environment. This session is part of Women In Government's ongoing partnership with the State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED) through the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP).

3:45-4:00 pm **Trends and Opportunities for State-Level Resilience**

South Carolina State Representative Heather Crawford, Southern Regional Director, WIG Board of Directors

Laura Lightbody, Project Director, Flood-Prepared Communities, The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Pew Charitable Trusts' flood-prepared communities initiative will discuss burgeoning state-led efforts to increase resilience to natural hazards.

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

3:00-3:30 pm **Advanced Recycling: Fact vs. Fiction**

West Virginia State Senator Patricia Rucker, Eastern Regional Director, WIG Board of Directors (moderator)

Prapti Muhuri, Manager of Recycling and Recovery, American Chemistry Council

Jodie Morgan, CEO, GreenMantra Technologies

Advanced recycling refers to technologies that convert post-use plastics into their original building blocks, specialty polymers, and other valuable products. Join industry experts for an interactive session to learn more about the technologies and opportunities that are moving us closer to a more circular economy for plastic. You will have a chance to test your knowledge about advanced recycling and learn some interesting facts about its environmental and economic benefits. Panelists will also address some of the common "fictions" associated with advanced recycling. This session will provide policymakers with an in-depth look at these technologies that are rapidly commercializing across the country and providing opportunities to create a cleaner environment and new jobs.



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Beyond the PREP Act (Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act): Ensuring Pharmacists Can Continue to Support Community Health

West Virginia State Senator Patricia Rucker, Eastern Regional Director, WIG Board of Directors (moderator)
Christie Boutte, PharmD, RPH, Senior Vice President, Reimbursement, Innovation and Advocacy, National Association of Chain Drug Stores
Kayla McFeely, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy Care, Health and Wellness Programs, National Association of Chain Drug Stores

This session will discuss the importance of expansion of scope of practice for pharmacists post-pandemic. Topics will include how states responded with expanding immunization laws, expanding technician ratios, allowing pharmacists to test and treat minor conditions, and the importance of making permanent waivers and exemptions for pharmacists for readiness for the next public health emergency.

Thursday, July 1, 2021

3:00-3:30 pm

Empowering Customers and Small Businesses

Hawaii State Representative Lauren Matsumoto, Vice Chair, WIG Board of Directors (facilitator)
Alyssa Betz, Director, Brand Protection and Customer Trust, Amazon (moderator)
Ashlyn Roberts, Manager, Governmental Affairs and Communications, Small Business Roundtable
Katie Vlietstra, Vice President for Government Relations & Public Affairs, National Association for the Self-Employed
Theo Prodromitis, CEO and Co-Founder, Spa Destinations
North Carolina State Senator Vickie Sawyer

Join us for a panel discussion on how e-commerce empowers small businesses and entrepreneurs around the world. Participants will learn about digital tools that support online growth for business owners and ensure a safe, secure, and trusted shopping experience for consumers, and policies and programs in both the private and public sectors that help small businesses thrive.

3:30-4:00 pm

MAGIC - Make a Great Impression on Constituents, Customers, and let's not forget Compliance

Hawaii State Representative Lauren Matsumoto, Vice Chair, WIG Board of Directors (moderator)
Elizabeth Bartz, President and CEO, State and Federal Communications

Learn how to make a great impression, even in a virtual environment, on constituents and customers!