



Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs
Rural Development Council Q4 Meeting

Lakeview Lodge at Treasure Lake PRD
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AGENDA

11:30 – 12:45 In-person Lunch with Meet and Greet (RSVP needed)
12:45 – 1:00 Welcome
1:00 – 2:00 Speaker Program
2:00 – 2:45 Discussion and Updates from Council members
2:45 – 3:00 Council Business

Speaker Program: Rural Prosperity: A Conversation with Iowa and Kansas

We will be joined virtually by two speakers who are leading rural development efforts in their states. **Sacha Wise** is the Director of Empower Rural Iowa at the Iowa Economic Development Authority, where she leads the implementation of the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Task Force initiatives. Her work includes grant program, policy development, stakeholder engagement, and outreach to rural communities. **Trisha Purdon** is the Director of the Kansas Office of Rural Prosperity. Since 2019 the Office has worked with rural communities across Kansas to understand their needs, support local leadership, and lead initiatives that help communities advance their own goals and priorities.

This conversation is an opportunity to learn from states that are taking innovative approaches to rural development, hear how their initiatives are structured, how they are



working with local communities and explore what they have learned along the way. Their experiences can help inform our own conversations about how Pennsylvania can strengthen coordination and build on existing resources to better support the long-term vitality of our rural communities.

Council Business to include old/new business, setting 2027 meeting dates and next steps.