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October 24, 2024
AC Hotel Waco Downtown
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

8:30 a.m. Welcome to the 2024 Prosper Waco Summit

*Virginia DuPuy, Prosper Waco Co-Founder; Former City of Waco Mayor
Jessica Attas, Prosper Waco*

8:45 a.m. The Role of Cities in Advancing Innovative and Equitable Solutions to Strengthen Their Community

*Introduction: Dillon Meek, Former City of Waco Mayor; Prosper Waco Co-Founder
Fireside Chat: Clarence E. Anthony, National League of Cities with City of Waco Councilwoman
Andrea Barefield, Prosper Waco Board Chair-Elect*

9:25 a.m. Addressing the Crisis: The State of Behavioral Health in Texas Today

*Introduction: Dr. Jackson Griggs, Waco Family Medicine; Prosper Waco Board Member
Presentation: Dr. Hani Talebi, Texas Psychological Association*

9:40 a.m. The Role of Primary Care in Addressing Mental Health Crisis

*Introduction: Dr. Hani Talebi, Texas Psychological Association
Presentation: Dr. Jackson Griggs, Waco Family Medicine; Prosper Waco Board Member*

10:00 a.m. From Crisis to Care: A Holistic Approach to Behavioral Health

*Moderator: Dr. Hani Talebi, Texas Psychological Association
Panel: Ryan Adams, HOT Behavioral Health Network
Dr. Lance Kelley, Waco Family Medicine
Chief Sheryl Victorian, PhD, Waco Police Department*

10:40 a.m. 2024 Waco Snapshot Report

*Introduction: Jessica Attas, Prosper Waco
Jeremy R. Rhodes, Prosper Waco*

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:00 p.m. The Texas Workforce Initiative: Leadership, Vision, and Action

*Moderator: Jessica Attas, Prosper Waco
Chairman Bryan Daniel, Texas Workforce Commission*

12:40 p.m. From Skills to Success: Building Tomorrow's Workforce Today

*Introduction: Sarah Roberts, KSR Advantage; Prosper Waco Board Member
Moderator: Rick Tullis, P.E.; WorkSITE Industry Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Panel: Kacey Darnell, Texas State Technical College
Councilman Darius Ewing, City of Waco
Tiffany Gallegos-Whitley, Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Frank Graves, McLennan Community College*



1:20 p.m. From Disconnection to Opportunity: Unlocking the Potential of Opportunity Youth in Texas and Beyond

Introduction: Commissioner Ben Perry, McLennan County

Presentation: Dr. Hannah Gourgey, Aspen Institute

1:35 p.m. Bridging the Gap for Opportunity: A Community-Driven Approach

Moderator: Josh Cabellero, City of Waco

Panel: Ron Kimbell, HOT Behavioral Health Network

Assistant Chief Jared Wallace, Waco Police Department

Dr. Tim Packer, The Cove

2:15 p.m. Recharge & Refuel | Snack Break

Snacks will be available outside the ballroom from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2:25 p.m. Hunger & Hope: The Role of Policy and Data in Shaping Solutions

Introduction: Alice Starr, Starr Strategies Co.

Moderator: Dr. Jeremy Everett, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty

Fireside Chat: The Honorable Pete Sessions, US House of Representatives (TX-17) with Sari Vatske, Central Texas Food Bank

3:00 p.m. Community Collaboration: Local Leadership in Tackling Food Insecurity

Introduction: Dr. Tracy Ayrhart, Central Texas Food Bank

Moderator: Deidra Emerson, City of Waco

Panel: Pastor Ruben Andrade Jr., Family of Faith Worship Center

Robert "Bob" Gager, Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

LaShonda Malrey-Horne, Waco-McLennan County Public Health District

Aranza Torres, McLennan Community College

3:35 p.m. Confronting the Teacher Shortage: Challenges and Solutions for the Pipeline Crisis

Moderator: Dr. Jerry Maze, Retired ESC Region 12 & Prosper Waco Advancement Chair

Panel: Dr. Kenny Berry, ESC Region 12

Dr. Brandi Ray, Texas Tech University

Dr. Sharon Shields, La Vega ISD

Bonnie Trammell, West Avenue Elementary - Waco ISD

4:00 p.m. Closing and Next Steps

City of Waco Mayor Jim Holmes, Prosper Waco Board Member



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