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Governor's Broadband Task Force on Connecting North Carolina Meeting

North Carolina Central University Law School
Room 201
640 Nelson St., Durham, NC 27707
Room 201
Oct. 31, 2019
9-11 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions   **9:00 a.m.**
Eric Boyette, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Information Technology

Gregory Clinton, North Carolina Central University School of Law

Digital Equity & Inclusion Explained   **9:10 a.m.**
Amy Huffman, Digital Equity & Inclusion Program Manager
NCDIT Broadband Infrastructure Office

According to the FCC, 94.8% of North Carolina households have access to broadband (25Mbps/3Mbps). Yet, only 59% of households adopt - subscribe and use - broadband. This adoption rate is alarmingly low. Adoption affects income potential, civic engagement, educational opportunities and access to services. There are several factors that contribute to the adoption of internet use and solutions to address those.

Video: *Digital Equity & Inclusion and its Impact on our Communities*

Local & Regional Digital Equity & Inclusion Initiatives   **9:25 a.m.**
Moderator: *Amy Huffman*

Role of universities in digital inclusion and partnerships with community programs
Leah Kraus, Chief Information Officer, NCCU

Role of academics and librarians in digital inclusion
Jon Gant, Dean of School of Library and Information Sciences, NCCU

Role of local digital inclusion alliances and digital literacy community programs
Bruce Clark, Executive Director, Digital Charlotte

Role of computer refurbishers and community partnerships
Michael Abensour, Executive Director, Kramden Institute
Pat Millen, Executive Director, E2D (Eliminate the Digital Divide)

***Facilities Tour*: Virtual Justice Project and Overview of Program**   **10:30 a.m.**
Gregory Clinton, CIO, NCCU Law School

The Virtual Justice Project is an innovation in legal education and technology pioneered by NCCU School of Law to address the under-representation of African American lawyers and a lack of access to justice for low income and marginalized communities. Virtual pre-law courses prepare students, wherever they are, for the rigor of law school. The Know Your Rights series offers legal information sessions that empower participants to understand the law and promote self-advocacy. Both the pre-law courses and the legal information sessions are made possible through Telepresence and high-definition videoconferencing.

Task Force Questions and Discussion   **10:45 a.m.**

Adjourn   **11:00 a.m.**