

AGENDA

**“Building Nebraska’s Future Workforce Forum”**

October 29, 2009, The Doubletree Hotel, 1616 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68102

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

9:30-9:40

*Welcome and Setting the Stage*

**Becky Gould**, Executive Director, Nebraska Appleseed

9:45-10:30

*New Directions for Workforce Development: National Trends and Implications for Nebraska* - **Neil Ridley, CLASP**

10:30-10:50

*Strategic Directions for Nebraska*

**State Senator Heath Mello**

10:50-11:00

BREAK

11:00-12:00

*Nebraska Models: The Omaha Workforce Collaborative and Nurses Up!*

**Othello Meadows, Bob Boyer, Natalia Peart, Angela Carter, and Dell Gines**

12:00-1:30

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*Steps Toward a Strong Future Workforce*

Part 1: 12:30-1:15

Overview: Strengths and Gaps in Nebraska’s Workforce System **Kate Bolz**, Nebraska Appleseed and **Matt Hastings**, Future Force Nebraska

Part 2: 1:30-2:45

State Panel:

Dept. of Education - **Rich Katt**

Dept. of Labor - **Joan Modrell**

Dept. of Health and Human Services - **Jill Schreck**

Dept. of Education - **Dan Curran**

3:00-4:00

*Concurrent Workshops*

- Education and Job Training for Adult Populations
- Student Support Services
- The Demand Side

4:00-4:30

*Closing Session*