**2023 Education Summit Agenda – DRAFT**

**“Advocacy & Action: Advancing Strategies for Educational Success”**

**Tuesday, April 11th & Wednesday, April 12th**

**Wedgewood Resort, Fairbanks**

**Day One - Tuesday, April 11**

***All Sessions will be in the Borealis Ballroom***

*8:00-8:45 AM BREAKFAST (Executive Boardroom)*

**9:00 AM Welcome**

Brian Ridley, *Tanana Chiefs Conference Chief/President*

**9:15 AM TCC Division Introduction and Introduction of Speakers**

Amber Vaska, *Executive Director of Tribal Government & Client Services*, Jason Johnson, *Division Director for Family Services & Support*, and Stephanie Hinz, *Education & Indigenous Learning Manager*

**9:30 AM The Alaska Education Challenge**

Susan McKenzie, *Director for Innovation and Education Excellence, Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED)*

*10:15 AM BREAK*

**10:30 AM Reimagining Education for Alaska Native Families**

Marcy Herman, *Director Strategic Projects & Initiatives, &* Joshua Franks*, Chief of Staff, Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC)*

**11:00 AM Tribal Compacting, A Perspective from Washington State**

Bernie Thomas, *Interim Director for the Office of Native Education, State of Washington (via Zoom)*

*12:00 PM LUNCH (Executive Boardroom)*

**1:00 PMAlaska Tribal Compacting**   
Joel Isaak, *Director of Tribal Affairs, AK DEED (via Zoom)*

**1:30 PM Johnson O’Malley**Angela Barnett, *JOM Program Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs*

**2:00 PM “Adaptation Isn’t Just for the Tundra: Rethinking Teaching and Schooling in Alaska’s Arctic”** – Dr. Diane Hirshberg (*Director & Professor of Education Policy, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage*), Dr. Douglas Cost (*Associate Professor and Secondary Education Department Chair for the University of Alaska Fairbanks*), & Mr. Edward Alexander (*Gwich’in Council International Co-Chair*)

*2:45-3:00 BREAK*

**3:00 PM “Championing Quality, Equitable and Adequate Public Education”**Sarah Sledge, *Director, Coalition for Education Equity*

**3:30 PM Alaska Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program**Gloria Burnett, *Director, Alaska Center for Rural Health & Health Workforce*

***4-4:30 Reserved for additional time if needed***

**4:30 PM Summit Day One Review, Question & Answer Session / “Parking Lot” activity**

***1:00-4:00 PM Garden Room Networking – Informational Tables***

**Day Two – Wednesday, April 12th**

*8:00-8:45 AM BREAKFAST (Executive Boardroom)*

**Yellow – Educator audience**

**Blue – Tribal/community audience**

**Green – General audience**

**8:30 Opening, “Parking Lot” activity discussion carry over**

**9:00-10:00 AM (hour session)**

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| **Title** | **Speaker** | **Location** |
| **AK Native Teacher Development** | **Dr. Olga Paniik Skinner**, *Assistant Professor, Alaska Indigenous Teacher Initiatives at UAF* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **“Trauma-Resilient School Systems and Practices”** (via Zoom) | **Amy Foster Wolferman**, *Director of School-Based Training & Technical Assistance, National Native Children’s Trauma Center* | Gazebo Room |

*10:00-10:15 AM TRANSITION/BREAK*

**10:15-10:45 AM (30-minute session)**

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| **“Cultivating Connections to Utilize Cultural Knowledge”** (via Zoom) | **Ethleen Iron Cloud Two Dogs**, *Technical Assistance Consultant, National Native Children’s Trauma Center* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **“How to Strengthen Culturally Responsive Early Childhood Education: Introducing the Guidelines for Culturally-Responsive Reflective Practice in Birth – Five Settings”** | **Dr. Diane Hirshberg**, *Director & Professor of Education Policy for the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage & Vice-President Academic, University of the Arctic* | Gazebo Room |

*10:45-11:00 TRANSITION/BREAK*

**11:00-12:00 PM (hour session)**

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| **“Centering Indigenous Knowledge and Decolonizing Research”** | **Dr. Jessica Black**, *Associate Professor in the Department of Alaska Native Studies, Rural Development and Tribal Governance at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **“The Reading Brain: How We Learn to Read”** | **Debbie Riddle**, *Division Operations Manager*, & **Dr. Kristi Graber**, *Academic Support Team Administrator, Division of Innovation & Education Excellence, DEED* | Gazebo Room |

*12:00-1:00 PM LUNCH (Executive Boardroom)*

**1:00-1:30 PM (30-minute session)**

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| **“Preparing a local workforce for a new mining project located on Tetlin Tribal Land”** | **Meg Smith**, *Human Resources and Workforce Development Manager for the Kinross Manh Choh project* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **TCC Early Childhood Programs** | **Jennifer Russell**, *Head Start Manager*, & **Gina Pope**, *Infant Learning Program Coordinator, TCC* | Gazebo Room |

*1:30-1:45 PM TRANSITION/BREAK*

**1:45-2:15 PM (30-minute session)**

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| **TCC GO & Career Explorers Panel** | **Jillian Bjornstad**, *Co-Instructor, Career Explorers, College of Business and Security Management, UAF*, **Isaac Bettis**, *TCC GO Program Coordinator*, **Angela Rutman**, *TCC GO Academic Advisor*, **Purestyn Milk**, *TCC GO Academic Advisor*, **Elliott Hinz**, *former Career Explorer*, & **Eric Galloway**, *Teacher, Effie Kokrine Charter School* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **Alyeska Pipeline Service Company – Scholarships & Opportunities** | **Carrie Irwin-Brown**, *Alaska Native Program Director, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company* | Gazebo Room |

*2:15-2:30 PM TRANSITION/BREAK*

**2:30-3:00 PM (30-minute session)**

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| **Indigenous Leadership Opportunities** | **Gloria Khaaswoot Wolfe**, *Director, Indigenous Leadership Continuum,* & **Jason “Oak” Richie**, *Coordinator, Indigenous Leadership Continuum,* *First Alaskans Institute* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **TCC Workforce Development** | **Katina Charles**, *Workforce Development Manager*, **Evelyn Ekada**, *Employment & Training Coordinator*, & **Amanda Race**, *Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator* | Gazebo Room |

*3:00-3:15 TRANSITION/BREAK*

**3:15-3:45 (30-minute session)**

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| **Career & Technical Education In Action** | **Anthony Cavan**, *CTE Instructor, Yukon-Koyukuk School District* | Borealis Ballroom |
| **Cultural Connections Process Model** | **Marine Vanlandeghem Gillespie**, *Education and Outreach Coordinator, Geophysical Institute, UAF* & **Mariah McNamara**, *Education Outreach Specialist, Geophysical Institute, UAF* | Gazebo Room |

*3:45-4:00 TRANSITION/BREAK*

**4:00-4:30 “Parking lot” Discussion**

**Survey/closing remarks**