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AGENDA

8:30-9am	Sign In
9-9:15am	Welcome and Housekeeping Dean Elizabeth Merwin, PhD, RN, FAAN & Aspen Drude, MBA
9:15-10:15am	Keynote: Family Approach to Rural Health John & Dr. Henderson
10:15-11am	Panel on Rural Health Efforts through the Center Dr. Elanda Douglas, Melynda Hutchings, Joann Grimes, Dr. Laurel Pilkington, & Marianne Doan
11-11:15am	Break
11:15am-12:15pm	Grow Your Own Callie Ann Bittner, MS, RN, Co- Active Coach, CNE Scholar, & Ingrid Johnson, DNP, MPP, RN, Coach-CTI
12:15-1pm	Lunch
1-2pm	Introduction to AHEC and the Rural Scholars Program Kelly Cheek, AHEC & Chris Williams, AHEC
2-2:45pm	Burnout and Hospital Closures in Texas Dr. Jessica Smith, PhD, RN, CNE
2:45-3pm	Break with snacks
3-3:45pm	OB Services in Rural Areas Brenda Hoolapa, RNC-OB, MS, BSN
3:45-4:15pm	Rural Health Resources in TX – Agencies and Professional Organizations SuLynn Mester, DNP, CENP, RHCNOC, RN
4:15-4:45pm	Round Table Expert Discussions
4:45-5pm	Closing Dean Elizabeth Merwin, PhD, RN, FAAN and Aspen Drude, MBA

ROUND TABLE AGENDA

TOPIC	LEAD BY
Table #1 Partnering for RN retention	Joann Grimes, Marianne Doan, & Laurel Pilkington
Table #2 Rural Health Advocacy & Policy.....	Dr. Sulynn Mester
Table #3 Rural Scholars Program - AHEC.....	Melynda Hutchings
Table #4 Grant Writing & How to Find Rural Health Grants	Timothy Ponce
Table #5 Writing for Publication & Rural Health.....	Dr. Deborah Lewis
Table #6 Evidence Based Programs in the Rural Setting.....	Dr. Jessica Smith
Table #7 The Importance of Community Health Workers.....	Rebecca Garner
Table #8 Diversity, Inclusion, & Health Equity in a Rural Setting.....	Margarita Trevino
Table #9 Leadership in the Rural Setting	Aspen Drude
Table #10 Grow Your Own.....	Elanda Douglas