



Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

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AGENDA

Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

Membership Workshop

10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Friday, March 1, 2019

Location:

Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC)

Room W108

Dr. Robert E. Dunker Student Center

Parking Lot #3

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP to Emily@simpc.org or call 279-6286 by February 22nd

10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions: Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director, SIMPCO

10:10 – 10:30 Session One: Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director

- **SIMPCO overview** – Find out what SIMPCO is all about. This is an informative session on the SIMPCO organizational structure, committees, divisions and how you can get involved.

10:30 – 11:15 Session Two: Max Gangestad- Gross- Wen Technologies

- **Green Wastewater Treatment Technologies** - Gross-Wen Technologies is an Iowa-based company working to solve one of the world's largest problems, water quality. Learn how algae is used to recover nitrogen and phosphorus from wastewater.

11:15 – 12:00 Session Three: Abbie Gaffey – Iowa State University Extension & Outreach

- **Marketing Home Town America** - Learn how to market your home town. The Marketing Home Town American is a facilitation, study circles, and strategic planning program to help rural communities market themselves to new residents and new businesses in order to maintain and enhance community economic vitality and combat rural depopulation.

12:00 – 12:15 Break

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch Session: Sarah Kleber- Heidman Law Firm

- **Employment Issues** - The world of employment law continues to evolve and change. Sarah Kleber of Heidman Law Firm will examine the hot topics that affect the day-to-day interactions between employers and their employees.



1:15 – 2:00 **Session Four:** Abbie Gaffey - ISU Extension

- **Rural Housing Readiness Assessment**- *Is your community ready for new housing development? The Rural Housing Readiness Assessment workbook helps community leaders identify and evaluate their existing housing plans, policies, codes, programs infrastructure, special needs housing, and community engagement efforts to identify gaps in services, funding, and housing construction strategies.*

2:00 – 3:15 Session Five: Speed Peer Networking - *Pick a topic below that is most interesting to you or that you want to know more about. Stay for 15 minutes and then move to the next topic! SIMPCO members and staff will be available to discuss current projects that may work in your community.*

- **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) - Jake Heil, SIMPCO Regional Planning Director
- **Comprehensive Planning** - Nicole Peterson, SIMPCO Regional Planner II
- **GIS Mapping for Rural Communities** - Gabriel Appiah, SIMPCO Regional Planner I
- **TIF Housing Projects** - Amanda Harper, SIMPCO Housing Specialist
- **Municipal Code Updates & Hazard Mitigation Plans** -Dawn Kimmel, SIMPCO Regional Planner

3:15 p.m. **Adjourn**