

**Working Agenda**  
**Summit on the Telecommunication Needs**  
**of People with Cognitive Disabilities**  
**October 28, 2015**

9:00 AM

**Welcoming Remarks**

Alison Kutler, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

9:10 AM

**Opening Speaker**

Dr. Emily Shea Tanis, Associate Director, Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities

9:30 AM

**Communications Technologies for Independent Living**

*Moderator:* Sabrina Fields, Vice-Chair, Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association

*Panelists:*

- Dr. Michael Wehmeyer, Ross and Mariana Beach Professor; Director and Senior Scientist, Beach Center on Disability; Director, Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities
- Amy Goldman, Co-Executive Director, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
- Julia Bascom, Deputy Executive Director, Autistic Self-Advocacy Network
- Elizabeth Weintraub, Advocacy Specialist, Association of University Centers on Disability
- Matthew Gerst, Director of State Regulatory & External Affairs, CTIA –The Wireless Association

10:30 AM

**Remarks**

Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

10:45 AM

**Emergency Preparedness / Living in the Community Safely**

*Moderator:* Cheryl J. King, Attorney Advisor, Disability Rights Office, FCC

*Panelists:*

- Phyllis Guinivan, Project Manager, Center for Disability Studies, University of Delaware; Association of University Centers on Disability
- Matthew Kaplowitz, President and Chief Creative Officer, Bridge Multimedia
- Representative, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Administration, Office of Disability Integration and Coordination
- Jamie Prioli, Program Coordinator - PA's Initiative on Assistive Technology, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University College of Education

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**EXPO**

Participants and audience are invited to view exhibitors' booths for demonstrations and exhibits of new and exciting accessibility technologies to assist people with cognitive disabilities in accessing telecommunications. Expo will be held in the Chairman's Meeting Room.

12:45 PM

**Lunch Break**

1:45 PM

**Ensuring and Funding Access to Equipment, Training and Broadband**

*Moderator:* Dr. Maggie Nygren, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

*Panelists:*

- Sue Swenson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, U.S. Department of Education
- Dr. Stephen M. Bauer, Program Manager, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Abe Rafi, Director, Digital Strategy and Online Services, the Arc
- Jodie Griffin, Attorney Advisor, FCC Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

2:45 PM

**Break**

3:00 PM

**Next Steps**

*Moderator:* Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

*Panelists:*

- Andy Imparato, Executive Director, Association of University Centers on Disability
- Peter Blanck, University Professor, Syracuse University; Chairman of the Burton Blatt Institute
- Dr. Scott Michael Robertson, Advocates for Autistic Adults
- Robert Pearson, Accessibility Officer, Accessible Media Inc.

4:00 PM

**Closing Remarks**

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**Registration and Attendance:** The event will be open to the public but will be limited to the seating available. There is no pre-registration. All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the event to allow time to go through our security process.

**Webcast:** The Commission will provide captioned audio and video coverage of the event over the Internet from the FCC's Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

**Questions:** The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions. Those following the live stream will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the event via e-mail at [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov). Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, session facilitators will work to respond to as many questions as possible during the event.

**Website:** Updates to the agenda, as well as presentation materials, will be available on the event webpage at <https://www.fcc.gov/events/summit-telecommunication-needs-people-cognitive-disabilities>. Interested parties can also follow the event on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FCC>. To signify your participation in this event via Twitter, you can tweet your comment or question and include the hashtag #FCCLive. Then click refresh to view your tweet.

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For additional information about the event, please contact Elaine Gardner at [Elaine.Gardner@fcc.gov](mailto:Elaine.Gardner@fcc.gov) or (202) 418.0581.