

# 2016 RGPPC SYMPOSIUMS

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay ★ Half Moon Bay, CA  
Monday, June 27 – Tuesday, June 28

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## CHRONOLOGICAL SCHEDULE FOR ALL SYMPOSIUM EVENTS, COLOR-CODED AS:

**EDUCATION**

**HEALTHCARE**

**ENERGY**

### MONDAY, JUNE 27

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration and Hospitality

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Education Staff Only Session (Governor Staff Only)**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration and Hospitality

*\*\*Breakfast buffet will open at 8:00 a.m. \*\**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast and Education Policy Session I—Achieving Equitable Opportunities: The Turnaround Model**

Republican governors are working to ensure that all students, regardless of geography and income are able to receive a high-quality education. As Republican governors work to make sure students are equipped with the tools to succeed both in the classroom and beyond, many states are faced with the challenge of turning around underperforming school districts. During this panel, states will discuss the challenges of transforming turnaround schools and share what resources were successful in ensuring effective progress.

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Education Policy Session II—21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs**

Data reveals that employers across the United States continue to face an increasing skills gap as they seek to hire employees. A recent survey found that over 75 percent of manufacturers surveyed have difficulties finding skilled workers. Through partnerships with the business community, to innovative STEM and computer science education programs, to increased opportunities for vocational students, GOP governors are working to ensure students emerge from school fully prepared to join the workforce pipeline. This panel will explore how states are better preparing students for the 21st century workforce.

11:30 a.m. **Grab-n-Go Lunch for Education Symposium Attendees Only**

- 12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration and Hospitality
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Energy Symposium Luncheon and Staff Only Session *(Governor Staff Only)*
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Healthcare Staff Only Session *(Governor Staff Only)*
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29**

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration and Hospitality

*\*\* Breakfast buffet will open at 8:00 a.m. \*\**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Breakfast and Healthcare Policy Session I—Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

In 2014 the United States Census Bureau reported that 46.7 million Americans live in poverty. Today, Republican governors are developing anti-poverty initiatives to lift families out of poverty and into the workforce, in order to develop a better quality of life. Whether through programmatic reforms, healthcare efforts, or workforce programs, GOP states are leading the nation in addressing the needs of the under and unemployed. During this panel, states will discuss what anti-poverty reforms are working in their state and how Republican governors can work together to address the needs of the most vulnerable.

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Breakfast and Energy Policy Session I—Affordable and Reliable: All-of-the-Above Energy Strategies

An all-of-the-above energy strategy is implemented differently from state to state. And as a result of our country’s diverse geological and geographical makeup, some states rely on oil and natural gas as a large portion of their energy portfolio. To others, a sound energy policy places a greater emphasis on renewable sources including biofuels, wind, hydro and solar. Regardless of the unique landscapes, Republican governors are committed to utilizing all available resources in an efficient and responsible way. This panel will discuss the diversity of the 31 GOP states and the distinct approaches to pursuing an energy policy that is in the best interest of the state, its people, and the economy.

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Healthcare Policy Session II—Road to Recovery: How GOP Governors Are Addressing the Drug Crisis

Drug abuse is an epidemic affecting individuals living in every state, and a crisis affecting families without respect to income, age or race. Republican governors are tackling the opioid and heroin epidemic through commonsense reforms aimed at providing solutions for families caught in this destructive cycle. During this panel, states will share how they’ve helped individuals and communities battle the disease of addiction and discuss effective reforms as Republican governors work together to tackle this epidemic.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Energy Policy Session II—State Solutions: Managing Lands and Resources**

A key function of state government is the stewardship over its natural resources. No one is more invested or concerned about the health and vitality of the states' waterways, air quality, mineral and energy deposits, and wildlife habitats than the individual states and their governors. However, the state's ability to properly oversee these resources has become increasingly hampered as the Obama Administration continues to layer on onerous, and sometimes conflicting, federal rules and regulations. In spite of attempts by federal agencies to dictate state policies, GOP governors continue to lead by example and strike the right balance between good stewardship and responsible development.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Luncheon

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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- If one symposium is being attended, we will cover the hotel room for one night.
- If two symposiums are being attended, we will cover the hotel room for two nights.
- If the Sr. Staff Retreat is being attended, we will cover the hotel room for two nights.
- If a staffer is attending multiple symposiums and the Sr. Staff Retreat, you can add up the appropriate number of hotel rooms that we will cover based on the information above.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay is approximately 33 minutes / 23 miles from San Francisco International Airport (SFO). We will be partnering with Lyft for transportation from SFO Airport to the hotel. We will provide you with a Lyft code to use from the airport to the hotel. For your return, we will provide airport shuttles. If you would rather, taxis are available from SFO Airport and cost approximately \$95.00; however, please note that we will not reimburse for these costs as pre-paid Lyfts will be provided on the way to the hotel and pre-paid airport shuttles will be provided on your return to the airport.

**ATTIRE**

Business Casual

**RSVP**

To register for any of these events, please fill out our registration form by clicking [here](#). You must complete your reservation prior to the room block cut-off date of Wednesday, May 25, 2016 to ensure a room.

**QUESTIONS**

Please contact Laura Ciciarelli, Director of Operations, at (732) 272-7159 or [lciciarelli@rga.org](mailto:lciciarelli@rga.org) with any questions regarding travel logistics.

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