PURPOSE
To create action plans that address the region’s priority issues/opportunities.

AGENDA
8:00 Gather, Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Introductions
   Overview of the Day
   Connecting the Issues - Embracing a Regional Vision of Communication, Innovation and Connectivity.
   Table Team Introductions
   Team members introduce themselves to their table teams and briefly share why the issue they selected is important to them.

9:00 Keynote Address – Mr. Steve Motenko
   “Gracious Space”

10:00 Break

10:15 Team Meeting Time #1
   The objective of this first team session is for the members to understand their team’s issue from the multiple perspectives at the table.
   ✓ What’s included or not included in this issue?
   ✓ How extensive is this issue in the region?
     (E.g. Is this an issue for the entire region or just certain areas? Is this an issue for everyone or only certain populations? Is this a pervasive issue – has it been an issue for a long time and/or is it likely to be an issue long term if not addressed?)
   ✓ How is this issue related to the other issues being discussed?

11:30 Buffet Lunch

12:15 Team Meeting Time #2
   The objective of this meeting time is to prioritize the possible root causes. These will guide the action planning work for the remainder of the afternoon.
   ✓ Brainstorm or conduct a cause and effect analysis of possible root causes for your issue (Anne will teach this analysis)
✓ Is additional information or data needed to verify or further understand these causes?
✓ Individuals multi-vote to narrow the causes to a maximum of three.

1:15 Break

1:30 Team Meeting Time #3
The objective for this meeting time is to develop action plans for achieving a set of strategies aimed at the three priority causes.
✓ Brainstorm and categorize strategies (Affinity Process)
✓ Select strategies with greatest potential for success and regional impact (attainability, resources, political will or leverage, connection and alignment with other issues, etc.)
✓ Complete action planning template (Anne to provide)
  (Critical to look at an “Insurance Policy” around these action plans: Communication, Accountability, Skill, Alignment and Measurement.)

2:45 Sharing of Plans
Each team will have 5-7 minutes to share their strategies with the rest of the group. Themes and cross – issue similarities will be identified. These will provide the basis for a small group of volunteers (one per issue team) to refine and integrate them into a comprehensive plan of action for the region.

3:25 Volunteers Identified, Feedback / Evaluation
(Would like the feedback to be more pronounced as this is not just a one day exercise……..we want them to stay engaged and to look at the “next steps.” Identify at each table who will be the lead person and identify others at the table to help, as well as inviting others that were not able to attend this forum, to work on the initiative. Our hope is that they report back as they develop and work their action plan so all individuals can be kept apprised of what is happening.)

3:30 Adjourn