



2024 Conference Agenda

Monday, September 30, 2024

4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vendor Set-Up

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Vendor Set-Up

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Registration
Registration Table

Little Missouri Silent Auction Opens

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Welcome
Bighorn/Stillwater William A. Cole, Mayor, City of Billings
Lindsey Carter, Interim Senior & Long Term Care Division Administrator, MT DPHHS

Presentation of Flags
Eugene Sara Detachment 418 of the Marine Corp League of Billings

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Keynote: Healthy Aging and the Brain-Body Connection
Bighorn/Stillwater Sarah Lenz Lock, J.D., Senior Vice President for Policy and Brain Health, AARP and Executive Director, Global Council on Brain Health

10:00-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 11:45 p.m. Break-Out Sessions

Navigating State Programs:
Yellowstone Streamlining Medicaid Programs for Those that are Aged or Disabled
Jennifer Fox, Medicaid Policy Bureau Chief, MT DPHHS
Thresa Broad, Medicaid Program Supervisor, MT DPHHS

Optimizing Health & Wellness:
Jefferson/Gallatin Fighting Back Against Parkinson’s Disease
Jonathan Waterfall, Owner/Instructor of Rock Solid Martial Arts

Empowering Caregivers:
Ballroom/BlueCross BlueShield Hospice Benefit and Palliative Care
William Phillips, DO, Hospice Medical Director, Stillwater
Nathan Bates, DO, Medical Director Supportive & Palliative Care, Billings
Clinic and Medical Director, Riverstone Hospice

Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues:
Parlor 1001 Legacy Aspects of a Montana Medical Care Saving Account
Marsha A. Goetting, Ph.D., CFP®, CFCS, Professor & Extension Family Economics Specialist, MSU Extension

- 11:45 – 1:30 p.m.
Bighorn/Stillwater **Centenarian Luncheon - Sponsored by Wish of a Lifetime from AARP**
Welcome
Bob Meyers, Chair, Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging
Caitlin Shepherd, Field Manager Mountain West, Denver, Colorado
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Bighorn/Stillwater **Don’t Be Fooled: Shielding Yourself Against Scams**
Jennifer Adkins, Securities Investigator/Examiner, Montana State Auditor Office
Chris McConnell, CSI Attorney and financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Member
Rebecca Leary, Community Outreach Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Chad McNiven, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Brett Lapham, Retired Billings Police Department Detective, currently a BSA/AML Transaction Monitoring Analyst II, First Interstate Bank
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Break-Out Sessions
- Navigating State Programs:
Yellowstone **Older Americans Act New Regulations**
Courtney Hoskins, CEO, C L Hoskins and Associates
- Optimizing Health & Wellness:
Ballroom/BlueCross BlueShield **Exercise Your Way to Healthy Aging: Interactive Session**
Melissa Dale, MPH, Arthritis and Falls Prevention Program, MT DPHHS
Erin Bley, Arthritis Program, MT DPHHS
- Empowering Caregivers:
Jefferson/Gallatin **Recharge and Renew: A Discussion on Respite for Caregivers**
Dan Koltz, Assistant Professor, Gerontology Specialist, Montana State University Extension
Vicki Clear, Lifespan Respite Program Director, DEAP
- Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues:
Bighorn/Stillwater **Estate Planning and Probate**
Katy Lovell, Legal Services Developer, MT DPHHS
Susan Gecho Gobbs, Contract Attorney for MT Legal Developer Program, MT DPHHS

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Bighorn/Stillwater **Keynote: A National Perspective on Aging Policy, Programs and Trends!**
Amy E. Gotwals, Chief, Public Policy and External Affairs, USAging
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 p.m.
Bighorn/Stillwater **Empowering and Supporting Older Montanans to Age Well: Montana Area Agencies on Aging in Action**
Moderator: Heather Handran, Director, Area I Agency on Aging, Action for Eastern Montana
Marcy Brookie, Executive Director, Area II Agency on Aging
Jim Marks, Program Director, Rocky’s Agency on Aging (Area IV)
Lisa Sheppard, CEO, Missoula Aging Services (Area VII)

11:45 – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**
Bighorn/Stillwater Welcome and Awarding of Mini Grants
Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Break-Out Sessions

Navigating State Programs:
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**Community Based Services: Big Sky Waiver, Home Health, and Hospice
Community First Choice/Personal Assistance Services**

Christina Rees, Program Manager for Big Sky Waiver, Home Health and Hospice, MT DPHHS
Gloria Garceau-Glaser, CFC/PAS Policy Program Manager, MT DPHHS

Optimizing Health & Wellness:
Yellowstone

Brain Health and Living Well with Dementia

Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Montana Chapter
Kyla Rock, BOLD Grant Project Manager, MT DPHHS

Empowering Caregivers:
Jefferson/Gallatin

Caring for the Caregiver

Lindsey Niemeier, TCARE President

Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues:
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Social Security 101

David Baier, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Admin.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Break-Out Sessions

Navigating State Programs:
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Evolving from Nursing Home Care to Community Life

April Staudinger, MFP Project Director, MT DPHHS
Stephanie Goetz, Nursing Facility Section Supervisor, MT DPHHS

Optimizing Health & Wellness:
Jefferson/Gallatin

Granting Dreams: Celebrating Older Adults with Wish of a Lifetime

Caitlin Shepherd, Senior Regional Field Manager, Wish of a Lifetime from AARP

Empowering Caregivers:
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Work With Me – Navigating with Those Who Have Dementia

Becky Meisenheimer, CDP®, CMDCP®, Owner, R.X.F. Dementia Care Services and Dementia Friendly Coordinator, Big Sky Senior Services

Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues:
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Navigating Guardianship: A Panel Discussion

Jody McCampbell, APS Region One Supervisor, MT DPHHS
Tyler Amundson, Executive Director, Big Sky Senior Services
Susan Gecho Gobbs, Contract Attorney for MT Legal Developer Program, MT DPHHS

Thursday October 3, 2024

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **Registration**

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **The Care Network: Your Roadmap to Support**
Bighorn/Stillwater Mike Frigon, MHA, Operational Manager, A-Plus HealthCare
Miranda Meunier, Vice President of Care Services, Greater Good Health
Tyler Amundson, Executive Director, Big Sky Senior Services
Jenn Prunty, Aging in Place Specialist, National Association of Homebuilders, Co-Founder and Board Chair of My Glacier Village

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Break**
Silent Auction Closes

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Break-Out Sessions**

Navigating State Programs:
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Medicare and SMP 101
Janet Stellmon, SHIP Director, MT DPHHS
Renee Labrie-Shanks, SMP Director, Missoula Aging Services
MurrayLou McElveen, SHIP Coordinator, Area II Agency on Aging

Optimizing Health & Wellness:
Jefferson/Gallatin

Aging with Assistive Technology
Liz Kuehn, Eastern Clinic Coordinator, MonTECH

Empowering Caregivers:
Yellowstone

Unintentional Abuse and Neglect
Susan Lubke, Owner, Seasons Senior Services, LLC

Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues
Ballroom/BlueCross BlueShield

The Knock on Door-to-Door Sales: Protecting Yourself from Roofing and Direct Solicitation Services
Jacob Griffith, Supervising Attorney, MT Office of Consumer Protection
Michael L. Fanning, Elder Justice Prosecutor, MT Department of Justice

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Keynote: Riding the Big Sky One Mile at a Time**
Bighorn/Stillwater Ron Brevik

12:15 - 12:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Bighorn/Stillwater

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. **Pick Up Silent Auction Items (pay by cash, check or credit card)**
Little Missouri

Travel Safely!
See you Next Year!