



## 2024 Governor's Conference on Aging 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:  
*Bighorn/Stillwater*      **Streamlining Medicaid Programs for Those that are Aged or Disabled**  
Jennifer Fox, Medicaid Policy Bureau Chief, MT DPHHS  
Theresa 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:  
*Yellowstone*      **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. <i>Bighorn/Stillwater</i>	<b>Centenarian Luncheon - Sponsored by Wish of a Lifetime from AARP</b> Welcome Bob Meyers, Chair, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Caitlin Shepherd, Field Manager Mountain West, Denver, Colorado
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. <i>Bighorn/Stillwater</i>	<b>Don't Be Fooled: Shielding Yourself Against Scams</b> Jennifer Adkins, Securities Investigator/Examiner, Montana State Auditor Office 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: <i>Yellowstone</i>	<b>Older Americans Act New Regulations</b> Courtney Hoskins, CEO, C L Hoskins and Associates
Optimizing Health & Wellness: <i>Ballroom/BlueCross BlueShield</i>	<b>Exercise Your Way to Healthy Aging: Interactive Session</b> Melissa Dale, MPH, Arthritis and Falls Prevention Program, MT DPHHS Erin Bley, Arthritis Program, MT DPHHS
Empowering Caregivers: <i>Jefferson/Gallatin</i>	<b>Recharge and Renew: A Discussion on Respite for Caregivers</b> Dan Koltz, Assistant Professor, Gerontology Specialist, Montana State University Extension Vicki Clear, Lifespan Respite Program Director, DEAP
Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues: <i>Bighorn/Stillwater</i>	<b>Estate Planning and Probate</b> 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.	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. <i>Bighorn/Stillwater</i>	<b>Keynote: A National Perspective on Aging Policy, Programs and Trends!</b> Amy E. Gotwals, Chief, Public Policy and External Affairs, USAging
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 – 11:45 p.m. <i>Bighorn/Stillwater</i>	<b>Empowering and Supporting Older Montanans to Age Well: Montana Area Agencies on Aging in Action</b> <u>Moderator:</u> 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:              **Big Sky Waiver, Home Health, and Hospice**  
*Ballroom/BlueCross BlueShield*              Christina Rees, Program Manager for Big Sky Waiver, Home Health and Hospice, MT DPHHS

Optimizing Health & Wellness:              **Brain Health and Living Well with Dementia**  
*Yellowstone*              Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Alzheimer’s Association Montana Chapter  
Kyla Rock, BOLD Grant Project Manager, MT DPHHS

Empowering Caregivers:              **Caring for the Caregiver**  
*Jefferson/Gallatin*              Lindsey Niemeier, TCARE President

Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues:              **Social Security 101**  
*Bighorn/Stillwater*              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:              **Evolving from Nursing Home Care to Community Life**  
*Ballroom/BlueCross BlueShield*              April Staudinger, MFP Project Director, MT DPHHS  
Stephanie Goetz, Nursing Facility Section Supervisor, MT DPHHS

Optimizing Health & Wellness:              **Granting Dreams: Celebrating Older Adults with Wish of a Lifetime**  
*Jefferson/Gallatin*              Caitlin Shepherd, Senior Regional Field Manager, Wish of a Lifetime from AARP

Empowering Caregivers:              **Work With Me – Navigating with Those Who Have Dementia**  
*Yellowstone*              Becky Meisenheimer, CDP®, CMDCP®, Owner, R.X.F. Dementia Care Services and Dementia Friendly Coordinator, Big Sky Senior Services

Simplifying Legal & Financial Issues:              **Navigating Guardianship: A Panel Discussion**  
*Bighorn/Stillwater*              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:  
*Bighorn/Stillwater*

**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!**