



2023 DRAFT Conference Agenda

Monday, October 2, 2023

4 – 8:00 p.m. Vendor Set-Up
(Lobby)

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7 – 8 a.m. Vendor Set-Up
(Lobby)

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Registration
(Lobby)

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
(Aronson) Barb Smith, Division Administrator, MT DPHHS Senior and Long Term Care Division

Presentation of Flags
Great Falls Boy Scouts

Silent Auction Opens

8:30 – 10 a.m. **Responding to the Escalating Crime of Elder Abuse in Montana: Learning How to Identify, Investigate and Prevent It.**
(Aronson)

Paul Greenwood, AARP Ambassador, Greenwood Law Corp., and retired Deputy District Attorney for San Diego.

Susan Bivins, AARP Montana Volunteer and Victim, Survivor, and Advocate. Paul and Susan will chat about her scam experience.

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Elder Justice Councils Panel**
(Aronson) The Councils will provide coordination of agency and community efforts implemented in Montana to address and reduce the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of senior citizens and adults with disabilities within each of the four regions.

- Moderator, Paul Greenwood
- North Central MT Council - Jennell Huff, Chair
- Eastern MT Council - Jodi Berry, Chair
- South Central MT Council - Nancy Andersen, Chair
- Western MT Council – Karla Painter, Member

11:45 – 12 p.m. Break before Luncheon

12 – 1:30 p.m. **Centenarian Luncheon**
(Aronson)

Welcome
Bob Meyers, Chair, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

Centenarian Luncheon Sponsor – Wish of A Life from AARP
Caitlin Shepherd, Field Manager Mountain West, Denver, Colorado

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| 1:30 – 2 p.m. | Visit Vendors! – Lots of Great Information |
| 2 – 3:30 p.m. (Aronson) | Cultural Humility Lisa Watson Whitford, Chippewa Cree Senior Citizen Programs/Center Director of the Rocky Boy's Reservation; Dugan Coburn, Director of Indigenous Education, Great Falls Public Schools; Bill Benson, President, International Association for Indigenous Aging & President, Health Benefits ABCs |
| 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Break |
| 3:45 – 5 p.m. | Break-Out Sessions |
| Session 1 (Trigg) | Senior Community Service Employment Program and SNAP Employment and Training Deb Matiska, Director of Senior Community Services Employment Program; Blake Inman, Program Manager of SNAP Employment and Training |
| Session 2 (Trailsend) | Social Security - Myths vs Facts Mike Batista, Montana Government Relations Director, AARP Loraine Wodnik, Montana State and Community Engagement Analyst, AARP |
| Session 3 (Aronson) | Estate Planning 101 Katy Lovell, Legal Services Developer, MT DPHHS Aging Services Bureau Susan Gecho Gobbs, Contract Attorney for MT Legal Developer Program |
| Session 4 (Russell) | Using Storybooks to Teach Children and Adults About Alzheimer's Dementia Marsha A. Goetting, Ph.D., CFP®, CFCS, Professor & Extension Family Economics Specialist, MSU Extension |

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

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| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (Lobby) | Registration |
| 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (Aronson) | Coping with Caregiving – Humor Goes a Long Way! Sandra Hare, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, Human Resources Executive, Bozeman Health |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Break-Out Sessions |
| Session 1 (Trailsend) | Healthy Meals on a Limited Budget Jaime Larese, MS RDN LN NBC-HWC CTTS |
| Session 2 (Russell) | Capturing the Stories of a Lifetime Kris Fife, Owner/Videographer, Winding Road Video Productions |
| Session 3 (Aronson) | Landlord Tenant - Understanding the Law Susan Gecho Gobbs, Contract Attorney for MT Legal Developer Program |
| Session 4 (Trigg) | Suicide in Montana: Facts, Figures, and Formulas for Prevention Karl Rosston, LCSW, MT DPHHS Suicide Prevention Coordinator |

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| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | Break-Out Sessions |
| Session 1 (Russell) | 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines - Best Nutrition Practices for Older Adults Jaime Larese, MS RDN LN NBC-HWC CTTS |
| Session 2 (Aronson) | Moving Montana to the Forefront of Advancements in Aging Research, Including Alzheimer’s and Other Neurodegenerative Disease Research Renee Reijo Pera, PhD, President, McLaughlin Research Institute and Dean of Research at Touro University – Montana; Tiffany Hensley-McBain, PhD, Assistant Professor, McLaughlin Research Institute and Touro University – Montana; Rebecca Brown, BSN, RN, Clinical Research Coordinator, McLaughlin Research Institute |
| Session 3 (Trailsend) | Medicare 101/Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Janet Stellmon, SHIP Director, MT DPHHS Aging Services Bureau; Renee Labrie-Shanks, Montana Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Director; Pam Roatch, SHIP Coordinator, Cascade County, Area VIII Agency on Aging |
| 11:45 – 12:45 p.m. (Aronson) | Luncheon Welcome and Awarding of Mini Grants Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging |
| 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. | Break-Out Sessions |
| Session 1 (Aronson) | Advocating For Yourself or Others - How To Decide What You Want and Actually Get It Sharon Stevenson, DVM, PhD, Board Certified Patient Advocate, Program Lead, CaringInfo.org |
| Session 2 (Trigg) | Dementia Live Simulation Lindsey Klebenow, CNA, BSCHS, MSG, Heart to Heart Home Care; Alyson Wooley, CNA, Heart to Heart Home Care |
| Session 3 (Russell) | Chronic Disease Evidence-Based Programs Melissa Dale, MPH, Arthritis and Falls Prevention Program Manager, MT DPHHS |
| Session 4 (Trailsend) | Understanding Your Mandatory Reporting Requirements Lianna Waller, Section Supervisor, MT DPHHS Adult Protective Services; Bill Benson, President, International Association for Indigenous Aging and President, Health Benefits ABCs |

- 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Break-Out Sessions
- Session 1
(Aronson) **Big Sky Waiver, Community First Choice and Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project**
Michelle Christensen, Section Supervisor, MT DPHHS Senior and Long Term Care
- Session 2
(Russell) **Alzheimer’s Memory Café**
Katrín Finch, MSU Extension;
Melanie Williams, Alzheimer’s Association, Montana Chapter
- Session 3
(Trailsend) **Housing, Aging and Affordability**
Sherrie Arey, Executive Director, NeighborWorks Great Falls
- Session 4
(Trigg) **Financial Self-Defense Training: Tips on Identifying & Avoiding Scams. Law & Order: What Does Jack McCoy Want From Me?**
Jacob Griffith, Supervising Attorney, MT Office of Consumer Protection
Michael L. Fanning, Elder Justice Prosecutor, MT Department of Justice

2:45 – 3 p.m. **Silent Auction** – Last Chance to Bid!
(Aronson)

3 – 3:15 p.m. **Silent Auction Closed** – Pick up and pay by cash, check or credit card.
(Aronson)

Travel Safely!
See you Next Year!