

The Graying of Montana: Population Projections and Policy Planning

September 10-11, 2012 • Helena, Montana

AGENDA

Monday, September 10

This portion of the event is free and open to the public

6:30 pm **Dessert/Coffee Reception**

7:30 pm **Keynote Robert Romasco, National President, AARP**

Romasco, who resides in Virginia, holds an MBA from Harvard, and will serve as President of AARP through 2014. Romasco's experience in leading companies and dealing with organizational change will come to bear as he shares his views on issues affecting older Americans across the country: What lies ahead? Who is in charge of planning and preparing for an older population in America, and what should they do?

Bradley Snow, Chair of the Wheeler Board will welcome attendees, and Mr. Romasco will be introduced by **Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger**.

9:00 pm **Adjourn**

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 am **Breakfast and Conference Check-In**

8:20 am **Welcome and Introductions: *Addressing the Changes, Meeting the Needs***
Bill Bryan, Chair of *One Montana* will welcome attendees. Moderator for the panel discussions will be **Bob Brown**, former Montana Secretary of State and Wheeler Board Member.

8:30 am **Overview**

The 2030 project, an overview of the joint MSU/UM project focused on demographics in our state through the year 2030, presented by **Doug Young, Myles Watts** and **George Haynes**, MSU and **Patrick Barkey**, UM. Introduction by **Dr. Bill Tietz**, retired President of MSU

9:45 am **Revenues and Expenses: Who Plays? Who Pays?**

How statewide revenues and expenses may be affected by an aging population, presented by **Dan Bucks**, Director, Montana Department of Revenue, **Linda Reed**, Executive Director, Montana Community Foundation and **Terry Johnson**, Principal Fiscal Analyst, Montana Legislative Fiscal Division.

10:10 am **Q and A**

10:30 am **Break**

10:45 am **Health and Healthcare**

- Helena **Anna Whiting Sorrell**, Director, Dept. of Health and Human Services,
Lori Brengle, Director, Area Agency on Aging #1, Glendive
Cindy Hiner, Director of Nursing, Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge
Linda Torma, Assistant Professor of Nursing, MSU Missoula Campus
- 11:45 am **Lunch and Presentation**
Kay Van Norman, Owner, Brilliant Aging, Bozeman. An aging and wellness expert, Van Norman will discuss "Ageism" and how it affects health beliefs, impacts and outcomes. She will encourage participants to identify their own attitudes and expectations of aging.
- 1:00 pm **Housing, Food and Transportation**
Connie Bremer, Director, Eagle Shield Center for Elders, Browning
Dave Schulz, Madison County Commissioner, Ennis
Jim Shepard, Chairman, CTA architects, Boise, ID
Joe Foster, Division Administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs
- 2:00 pm **Education and Workforce**
John Cech, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Higher Education, Helena
Cindra Stahl, Project Coordinator, Montana Office of Rural Health and Area Health Education Center Program, MSU, Bozeman
Peter Bogy, retired executive, Bozeman
Barbara Wagner, Senior Economist, MT Department of Labor & Industry
- 3:00 pm **Break**
- 3:15 pm **Legislative planning for 2013**
Sen. Carol Williams
Sen. Jim Peterson
Rep. Walt McNutt
Rep. Margie McDonald
- 3:45 pm **Concluding remarks**, Wheeler Center and *One Montana*
- 4:00 pm **Adjourn**
- 4:00 pm **Post-conference interest group meetings** (until 5:00 pm)
The room will be available until 5:00 pm for interest groups to meet on an informal basis. Please organize yourselves and let us know if your group will meet so we can help you get the word out.

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