



2020 Montana Housing Partnership Virtual Conference

Affordable Housing in the Age of COVID

Agenda

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Session
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Federal and State Responses: Changes Since COVID-19, Impacts on Housing
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Housing and Healthcare: Updates on Collaborative Efforts Around the State
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Break
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Housing Development: Current Barriers and Opportunities
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Client Services: Supporting Renters and Homeowners in Uncertain Times
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Closing Session and Awards



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Dear Colleagues,

The conference planning committee welcomes you to the 2020 Montana Housing Partnership Conference. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we adjusted from our in-person conference to this virtual space!

This year's conference will focus on four main sessions, each highlighting collaborative efforts being made in light of the current situation we find ourselves in with COVID-19, as well as to identify areas of vulnerability that have emerged with this crisis and how we can address them going forward.

We are grateful to the sponsors who help make our conference successful and to the many people who have been involved in planning the conference. As you go through this program, please note that you can click on sponsor ads to visit their websites (when available) and learn more about them.

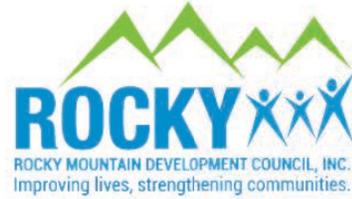
We hope you get a lot out of our time together today! Thanks again for joining us.



Thank you!



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- The sessions will be recorded and posted to our website for future viewing.
- Throughout the sessions we will be using tools such as non-verbal reactions, , and polls.
- During each of the breaks we will be showing a series of slides highlighting our sponsors, giving tips, and sharing news of upcoming events.



9:30 AM Session

Federal and State Responses: Changes Since COVID-19, Impacts on Housing

Hear from state and federal agencies and regulators as to the status of the housing sector and programs. The impacts of COVID-19 are being felt in how programs are being implemented, where resources are being directed, and what policies are being shaped. In this rapidly changing current environment this is a chance for us all to stay up to speed on new challenges and opportunities.



Meet the Presenters

Federal and State Responses Session



Julie Flynn, Session Moderator

Julie is the Housing Development Program Manager, with the Department of Commerce in the Community Development Division working with the HOME, Housing Trust Fund and Community Development Block Grant Programs to help Montana communities address their affordable housing needs.



Cheryl Cohen, Presenter

Cheryl joined Montana Housing as Operations Manager in October 2018, and was appointed Executive Director in May 2020. She has over 15 years of affordable housing compliance, property/asset management, and operations experience in the public and non-profit sectors.



Libby Starling, Presenter

Libby is the Community Development Manager of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. In this work, she leads the Minneapolis Fed's efforts to promote policy supporting housing affordability as part of its work advancing the economic resilience of low- to moderate-income individuals and communities across the Ninth Federal Reserve District.



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11:00 AM Session

Housing and Healthcare:

Updates on Collaborative Efforts Around the State

Learn about work underway between the Department of Public Health & Human Services, Department of Commerce and the Montana Healthcare Foundation to enhance alignment of healthcare and housing, and further support Montanans to live in the community of their choice with the supportive services they need to thrive. Session will include an update on the state's work under the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program, and solicit feedback from attendees on what housing-related activities would be critical for the state to pursue in the future for potential Medicaid reimbursement. The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) will also provide an overview of the Montana Healthcare Foundation and Montana Housing Coalition Affordable Housing Study.



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Zoe Barnard, Presenter

Zoe is the Administrator of the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. Her responsibilities include oversight of three facilities as well as publicly funded prevention and treatment programs for substance use disorder and mental health.

Brandon Bridge, Presenter

Brandon is an economist and director of forecasting at the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana. He holds an MA and Ph.D. in economics from the University of New Mexico and a bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University.

Meet the Presenters

Housing and Healthcare Session



Traci Clark, Presenter

Traci has served in various roles during 16 years with the Montana Department of Health & Human Services including protective services, advocacy for seniors and those with disabilities in long term care facilities, grants management, and project management. She is currently as the Medicaid Reform Initiative Specialist within the Senior and Long Term Care Division.



Ted Madden, Presenter

Ted is the Chief Operating Officer the Montana Healthcare Foundation, leading the investments, financials, and operations. He also manages the Partnerships for Better Health focus area. Ted brings over 20 years of nonprofit foundation and health care administrative experience to his position at the Foundation.

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12:30 PM Session

Housing Development: Current Barriers and Opportunities

Development of homes Montanans can afford continues to be a critical need in our state. Bring your burning questions, your most jaw dropping stories and your curiosity to this lively roundtable discussion about development challenges from financing, to regulatory hurdles, to Nimbyism, to construction contracting. Panelists will provide their perspectives on how COVID-19 is changing the development landscape, take questions from the audience and discuss current topics in the field.



Meet the Presenters

Housing Development Session



Bonnie Craigie, Session Moderator

Bonnie has more than 20 years of experience in affordable housing as a housing developer, lender and asset manager. She is the Senior Project Developer at Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). Bonnie is also certified by National Development Council as a Rental Housing Development Finance Professional and is familiar with Federal, State, and Local funding programs.



Jacob Kuntz, Presenter

Jacob is able to combine his love of carpentry and non-profit management in his role as Executive Director of Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. He brings his experiences and training as an educator, mediator, home builder, and community organizer to the work of housing. He holds a master's degree in conflict resolution from Trinity College Dublin.



Heather McMilian, Presenter

Heather has a Master of Architecture degree and a Bachelor of Environmental Design from MSU. Upon joining the Homeword team early 2003, Heather became a licensed architect as well as received extensive training and experience in sustainable design and the design of homes people can afford. Heather focuses her professional strengths to develop, preserve and shape home creation and development policy across Montana.

Meet the Presenters

Housing Development Session



Tyson O'Connell, Presenter

Tyson joined the principals of Wishcamper Partners in 2011 and manages the company's more complex tax credit rehabilitation projects. He holds a Bachelor's degree with a double major in Economics and Sociology from Macalester College and received his Law degree with honors from the University of Montana School of Law.



Ellie Ray, Presenter

Ellie has over six years' experience in public sector planning. As a planner with the City of Helena, she serves as a housing policy coordinator, grant coordinator, and ADA coordinator in addition to assisting with general municipal planning duties. She was the staff lead on the City's downtown zoning code update, and has assisted in the formulation and management of the City's urban renewal districts.



Jennifer Wheeler, Presenter

A graduate of Columbia Falls High School, she used her self-earned college money and bought a house at 19 years of age. She started her career at Glacier Bank in 2000 as a processor and worked her way up to a Commercial Loan Officer, a position she has held since 2007. Jennifer currently serves as a Vice President of the Kalispell branch.

Community Give Back

Good Samaritan Ministries Hunthausen Fund

With gratitude to our sponsor, Wishcamper Development Partners, the Community Give Back Funds will be given to the Good Samaritan Ministries Hunthausen Fund in Helena. The Good Samaritan Hunthausen Fund began to award grants to help house the working poor in the Greater Helena Area.

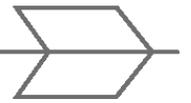
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2:00 PM Session

Client Services:

Supporting Renters and Homeowners

COVID-19 has caused significant financial stress on both renters and homeowners. Join our panel of professionals from across the state who will share tools that are helpful during a financial crisis, review the rights of homeowners and renters, discuss what people can do if they have experienced lost income, and consider the impacts COVID-19 has had on Montana Reservations.



Meet the Presenters

Client Services Session



Hanna Tester, Session Moderator

Hanna is NeighborWorks Montana's Housing Network Manager. She manages the grant compliance for NeighborWorks Montana's housing counseling grants and facilitates networking within the housing counseling partnership across the state. Hanna's work is driven by the passion that safe, secure housing is the key for families to prosper.



Amy Hall, Presenter

Amy is an attorney with Montana Legal Services Association, a nonprofit based in Helena, that provides civil legal assistance to Montanans statewide who cannot afford private attorneys. Amy graduated from law school in 1990, and has worked in public interest law her entire legal career -- first in Texas, then in Montana. Since 2006, her primary focus has been representing low-income tenants in landlord-tenant disputes throughout Montana.



Chuck Munson, Presenter

Chuck Munson is an Assistant Attorney General at the Montana Department of Justice in its Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services. He's been employed at the Montana Department of Justice since October 2009. Before that he served as an AmeriCorps and staff attorney at Montana Legal Services Association with a focus on consumer law for two years.

Meet the Presenters

Client Services Session

Tonya Plummer, Presenter

Tonya directs an emerging Native CDFI based on the Fort Belknap reservation, focused on building capacity for increased Native homeownership in Montana. For the past 12 years, while working in all sides of the mortgage process and receiving designation as an FHA-DE certified underwriter. She is fiercely committed to a culturally empowered rise in native homeownership.

Katie Sadowski, Presenter

Katie's enthusiasm for financial skill building began with her B.S. in Accounting from the University of Oregon. Her professional experience before working with Homeword included 10 years in tax preparation and outdoor education. Katie uses her training in experiential education to make finances come alive for her students. She is an active Enrolled Agent and is pursuing her Certified Financial Planner designation.

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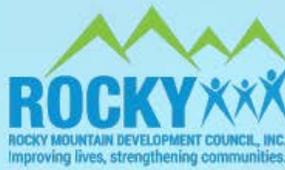
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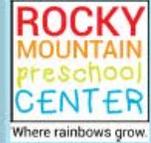
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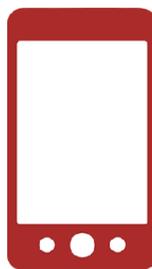
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Through data-sharing, case studies and discussion we will examine unique approaches and resources being used including the Multifamily Coal Trust Homes Program. This summit will be held virtually on Thursday, June 24 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The summit is co-hosted by Enterprise Community Partners and NeighborWorks Montana. Anyone interested in the preservation of affordable homes in Montana is encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the summit.

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