



Making Work Comp Work 2025 Draft Conference Agenda

Wednesday, September 3rd

Pre-Conference Meetings

8:30 – 10:00	Montana Self-Insurers’ Meeting – Featuring Claire Muselman - Open to the Public	Skybridge 4
10:30 – Noon	Kids’ Chance of Montana Annual Board Meeting – Open to the Public	Skybridge 1

Conference Meetings

8:00 – 4:00	Registration Desk Sponsored by Crowley Fleck	3 rd Floor Lobby
1:00 – 1:10	Conference Opening Remarks – Cindy Zimmerman & Jason Swant	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:10 – 1:20	Welcome to Billings – Chris Kukulski, Billings City Manager	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:20 – 1:30	Kids’ Chance of Montana Update – Leah Tietz, President	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:30 – 2:30	History of Work Comp Reforms - Jason Swant	Grand Ballroom ABC
2:30 – 2:45	Break	3 rd Floor Lobby
2:45 – 4:00	Work Comp Claim Experience: Can Someone Help Me – Dr. Lisa Fitzpatrick	Grand Ballroom ABC
4:00 – 5:00	Improved Communications: Listening, Influencing & Persuading - Brian Holmes	Grand Ballroom ABC
5:00 – 6:00	Cocktail Reception Hosted by Multiple Conference Sponsors	Ponderosa Room

Thursday, September 4th

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom ABC
8:00 – 10:00	Opioids and Pharma - Dr. Gary Franklin & Dr. Jennifer Jutte	Grand Ballroom ABC
10:00 – 10:15	Break	3 rd Floor Lobby
10:15 – 11:15	Medical Panel Discussion - Dr. Jennifer Jutte, Dr. Gary Franklin & Dr. Maggie Cook-Shimanek	Grand Ballroom ABC
11:15 – 12:15	Legislative Panel – Nick Mazanec & Amanda Frickle	Grand Ballroom ABC
12:15 – 1:30	Governor’s Awards Luncheon	Copper Room
1:30 – 2:30	Medical Innovation - Amy Rolando	Grand Ballroom ABC
2:30 – 3:30	PT Panel Discussion - Samantha Schmidt, Lorena Payne & Peter Strauss	Grand Ballroom ABC
3:30 – 3:45	Break	3 rd Floor Lobby
3:45 – 5:00	Technology Innovations - James Benham	Grand Ballroom ABC
6:00 – 9:00	Cocktail Reception Hosted by REOH	TBD

Friday, September 5th

7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom ABC
8:30 – 9:30	Negotiating Successful Return to Work - Dr. Tyrone Spears	Grand Ballroom ABC
9:30 – 10:30	Innovation and AI - Bob Wilson	Grand Ballroom ABC
10:30 – 11:30	WCC Case Review – Judge Lee Bruner	Grand Ballroom ABC
11:30 – 12:00	Conference Closing and Door Prize Drawings	Grand Ballroom ABC