

## Making Work Comp Work 2025 Conference Agenda

### Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Pre-Conference Meetings

8:30 – 10:00	Montana Self-Insurers' Meeting – <b>Featuring Claire Muselman</b> - Open to the Public	Skybridge 1 & 2
10:30 – Noon	Kids' Chance of Montana Annual Board Meeting – Open to the Public	Skybridge 4

#### Conference Meetings

8:00 – 4:00	Registration Desk Sponsored by <b>Crowley Fleck</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lobby
1:00 – 1:10	Conference Opening Remarks – <b>Cindy Zimmerman &amp; Jason Swant</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:10 – 1:20	Welcome to Billings – <b>Chris Kukulski, City Manager</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:20 – 1:30	Kids' Chance of Montana Update – <b>Leah Tietz, President</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
1:30 – 2:30	The Montana Workers' Compensation Act: Making History & Moving Forward - <b>Jason Swant</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
2:30 – 2:45	Break	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lobby
2:45 – 4:00	Virtual Agents of Change: Navigating Workers' Compensation Future with AI, Automation and API's - <b>James Benham</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
4:00 – 5:00	Improved Communications: Listening, Influencing & Persuading - <b>Brian Holmes</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
5:00 – 6:00	Cocktail Reception Hosted by <b>Multiple Conference Sponsors</b>	Ponderosa Room

### Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom ABC
8:00 – 9:00	Evidence-Based Disability Prevention in Workers' Compensation - <b>Dr. Gary Franklin</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
9:00 – 10:00	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: A Rapidly Changing Landscape in Workers' Compensation – <b>Dr Jennifer Jutte</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
10:00 – 10:15	Break	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lobby
10:15 – 11:15	Addressing Health Care Quality and Q&A with the Medical Experts on Emerging Issues – <b>Dr. Jennifer Jutte &amp; Dr. Gary Franklin</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
11:15 – 12:15	2025 Legislative Session Updates – <b>Nick Mazanec &amp; Amanda Frickle</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
12:15 – 1:30	Governor's Awards Luncheon	Copper Room
1:30 – 2:30	How Medical Innovation – Paired with a New Value-Based Care Model – Is Making Workers' Comp Work - <b>Amy Rolando</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
2:30 – 3:30	Integrating Physical Therapists as Primary Provider for Management and Treatment of Workplace Injury - <b>Samantha Schmidt, Lorena Pettet Payne &amp; Thomas Little</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
3:30 – 3:45	Break – Sponsored by <b>Treasure State Occupational Health</b>	Hotel Parking Lot
3:45 – 5:00	Work Comp Claim Experience: Can Someone Help Me – <b>Dr. Lisa Fitzpatrick</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
6:00 – 9:00	Cocktail Reception Hosted by <b>REOH</b>	TBD

### Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom ABC
8:30 – 9:30	Negotiating Successful Return to Work - <b>Dr. Tyrone Spears</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
9:30 – 10:30	Integrating Historical Advances, Medical Technology and Education in the Work Comp System - <b>Bob Wilson</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
10:30 – 11:30	WCC Case Review – <b>Judge Lee Bruner</b>	Grand Ballroom ABC
11:30 – 12:00	Conference Closing and Door Prize Drawings	Grand Ballroom ABC