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13th Annual Western Regional Conference

August 19-21, 2010
The Edgewater Hotel
Seattle, Washington



Agenda

Thursday, August 19, 2010

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Screening of *SIN BY SILENCE***

Hosted by Producer and Director Olivia Klaus

“From behind prison walls, SIN BY SILENCE reveals the lives of extraordinary women who advocate for a future free from domestic violence.”

6:30 pm **Welcome Reception**

7:00 pm **Dinner**

7:00 pm – 7:25 pm **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President
Women In Government

Welcome to Washington

Friday, August 20, 2010

7:45 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am – 9:10 am **Welcome**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President
Women In Government

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9:10 am – 10:00 am **State Implementation of Federal Healthcare Reform**

Susan Johnson

Director of Region X

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Matt Salo

Director, Health and Human Services Committee

National Governors Association

States must implement some healthcare reforms immediately, in 2010, and others must be implemented by 2014. What should state legislators know about the requirements versus options that they must consider in order to comply with the federal healthcare reform? What will be the costs to states?

Moderated panel with Q & A

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Criminal Justice and DNA Testing**

Jayann Sepich

In January of 2006, "Katie's Bill," which requires DNA for most felony arrests for inclusion in the database, was passed by the New Mexico state legislature in only thirty days. The bill was signed into law in March 2006 and went into effect on January 1, 2007. After passing "Katie's Law" in New Mexico, Dave and Jayann dedicated themselves to getting similar legislation passed nationwide.

Q&A – 10 minutes

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Morning Break**

10:45 am – 11:15 am **The Case for Adult Vaccines**

Maxine Hayes, MD

Washington State Medical Director

Chair, King County Board of Health

Betsy Hubbard, MN, RN

Immunization Clinical Practice Supervisor

Public Health - Seattle & King County

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) adults should be getting vaccinations to protect against influenza, pneumococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, and herpes zoster among others. Adults are less likely to get vaccinated simply because unaware of the need, have concerns about vaccine efficacy, the cost of vaccination, or a belief that risk of contracting a disease is small. However, contraction of vaccine preventable diseases and death caused by them is much higher among adults than children. This session will discuss the need for adult vaccines and the vital role legislators can play in supporting awareness and access.

Q&A – 10 minutes

11:15 am – 11:45 am **State Budgets in Crisis: The Economic Outlook for Western States**

Gary Zimmerman, PhD

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

With unemployment near a 30-year high and states facing many tough fiscal challenges, what are current economic indicators telling us about the condition of the economy and what is the outlook for the growth of the national economy, the inflation rate, and labor markets over the next two years? Finally, what does that outlook imply for western economies?

Q&A – 10 minutes

11:45 am – 12:30 pm **Osteoarthritis and Its Impact on States**

Danna Drum Hastings

Oregon Department of State Health Services Arthritis Program

Sue Grinnell

Director, Community Wellness Program

Washington State

Helen Emery, MD

Pediatric Rheumatologist

Seattle Children's Hospital

Volunteer Advocate, Arthritis Foundation Pacific Northwest Chapter

This session will provide an overview of the prevalence of osteoarthritis in the West and its impact on states' budgets. Advocates and champions will also share their experiences of working together to support legislation and state programs which support diagnosis, treatment, and support for osteoarthritis patients.

Moderated Panel Followed by Q&A

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12:30 pm - 1:30 pm **Networking Lunch**

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Renewable Energy Portfolios**

Rich Halvey
Program Director, Energy
Western Governors Association

Many states have already adopted renewable energy portfolio standards, but federal climate change legislation may soon require states to adopt these standards. Find out what state legislators need to know and how these requirements could impact your state.

Q&A – 10 minutes

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Prescription Drugs and Substance Abuse**

Representative Ruth McClendon
Texas State Legislature

Susannah Burt
Division of Substance Abuse
Utah Department of Human Services

This session will explore a variety of state programs and approaches to concerns regarding the abuse of prescription drugs used for pain management, including education and awareness campaigns, community-based assistance programs, storage and safety, and labeling.

Moderated Panel Followed by Q&A

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Innovations in Programs for Mental Health Recovery**

Ed Blackburn
Executive Director
Central City Concern

This session will explore an innovative recovery and housing program – the 12th Street Recovery Center in Portland, Oregon – that supports patients suffering from serious and persistent mental illness and assists them in successfully integrating into the community.

Q&A – 10 minutes

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3:30 pm **Wrap Up**
Mary Brooks Beatty
President, Women In Government

Saturday, August 21, 2010

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**

7:45 am - 8:15 am **State Director Nominations & Regional Bidding**

8:45 am – 9:30 am **Paths to Power**

Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
Speaker Pro Tem
California General Assembly

Senator Rosa Franklin
Senate President Pro Tem
Washington State Legislature

This segment will feature women who serve in a leadership role in their state legislature. Hear about their professional and personal experience on the path to power.

Q & A – 10 minutes

9:30 am – 10:00 am **Water Usage and Conservation**

Representative J.P. Pomnichowski
Montana State Legislature

Water is a crucial resource for communities, farms, energy and industry, yet with threats to its supply from increased demand, pollution and droughts, its scarcity poses challenges for consumers and policy makers. How can state policy makers guarantee sustainable water supplies for generations to come?

Q&A – 10 minutes

10:00 am – 10:45 am **Healthcare Reform and Its Impact on Medicaid and Managed Care**

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Sara Collins, PhD

Vice President, Affordable Health
Commonwealth Fund

Federal healthcare reform expands Medicaid coverage and changes eligibility qualifications. In addition, it establishes new prohibitions on private health care coverage that will affect managed care. What do state legislators need to know about these new provisions and how it will affect their healthcare regulations and budgets?

Q&A – 20 minutes

10:45 am – 11:25 am **Incarcerated Women and the Connection to Domestic Violence**

Olivia Klaus

Quiet Little Place Productions
Director/Producer, *Sins By Silence*

Brenda Clubine

In 1989 Brenda Clubine, an inmate serving a life sentence for killing her abuser, founded Convicted Women Against Abuse, as a support group for incarcerated victims of domestic violence. Since then, this inmate-led initiative and their supporters have changed California's laws on battered women's syndrome and raised awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence. What can state legislators do to impact the laws regarding domestic violence and abuse victims?

Q&A – 10 minutes

11:25 am – 11:30 am **Wrap Up and Adjourn**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President, Women In Government
