



Montana Nonprofit Connections

Building Organizational Effectiveness

BILLINGS PROJECT FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY CENTERED CAPACITY BUILDING CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR

INTRODUCTION

The Billings Community Foundation, in partnership with Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits, the Don and Carol Roberts Foundation, and the Spence Family Foundation, is launching a new grantmaking program to assist Billings area nonprofits with capacity building. The *Billings Project for Nonprofit Excellence* (BPNE) has been in development for over a year, and it will be launched in late June. The BPNE partners are sponsoring an informational seminar on June 6 at 4:00pm on the Rocky Mountain College campus for Billings area nonprofits. The session will explain the grantmaking program and provide a forum for all participants to learn about nonprofit capacity building needs and resources in Billings.

AGENDA

Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Goals

What is Nonprofit Capacity Building?

- Attendee perspectives
- Continuum of Nonprofit Organizational Development (Cooney handout)
- BPNE focus areas for capacity building
- The benefits of capacity building

Overview Description of the BPNE Grants Program

- Eligibility Criteria
- Capacity-building Assessment Self-Survey (CASS)
- Organizational Assessment Award
- Capacity Building Project Award
- The Cast of Characters <> who is involved in BPNE
- 2018 Grant Cycle <> timeline and number of grants to be awarded

Capacity Building Resources for Billings Nonprofits <> Attendee Input

- What are your priority capacity building needs?
- Where do you go for capacity building resources?
- What barriers do you experience in accessing those resources?
- Who are the nonprofit consultants you go to for assistance?
- What capacity building seminar topics would be “must attend” priorities?

Attendee Survey to Capture Input

Adjourn to BCF Awards Dinner

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Bio for Mike Schechtman – Helena, MT

Mike Schechtman is the Executive Director of Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits (BSI), headquartered in Helena, Montana, and has served in this capacity since January of 2001. Prior to accepting this position, Mike was the President and Owner of Eaglecliff Associates, a Helena-based consulting firm specializing in organizational development and fundraising for nonprofit organizations. From June, 1983 through October of 1992 Mike served as the Executive Director of Northern Rockies Action Group, a Helena-based nonprofit providing consulting, training, technical assistance and special projects to develop and strengthen environmental, low-income, seniors, women and other social justice nonprofits. Mike has over 46 years of professional experience in nonprofit program development, administration, and fundraising, including thirty-five years as a consultant to nonprofits in the Northern Rockies. Mike has a BA Psychology from the University of Chicago, and he holds an MS in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan.

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Peggy Owens has been a partner with Sage Solutions Nonprofit Consulting for eight years specializing in strategic planning, fundraising, board development, strategic planning and project management. She works as a facilitator, trainer, organizational development consultant and coach focusing on nonprofit organizations. Her recent projects include administration of Community Foundations of Montana and fundraising coordination for the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Montana.

For more than 30 years, Peggy has supported nonprofits as a staff leader, volunteer and consultant. She has a wide range of nonprofit experience including fundraising and executive positions. Peggy was CEO for the newly consolidated Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska. Before moving to Alaska, she worked with the Yellowstone Association in Yellowstone National Park and was the Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County, covering a 3-county area in southwest Montana.

Owens is the founding Chair of the Montana Nonprofit Association Board of Directors and has served on the board for the Association of Fundraising Professional's Montana Chapter. She received her certification as a fundraising executive in April, 2004 and is a graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia.