

2023 MEDA Spring Conference Presented by Stockman Bank		
May 22nd - 24th		
Agenda		
Monday, May 22nd		
RVU-MCOM Meadowlark Brewing		
12:30 PM	Professional Development Check-In	Rocky Vista University Montana College of Osteopathic Medicine (4130 Rocky Vista Way)
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Pro Dev Developing a Timeless Culture in Ever-Changing Times	
3:00 - 5:00 pm	MEDA Board Meeting	
5:00 - 7:30 pm	Connection Reception (appetizers & drinks)	Meadowlark Brewing (3970 Pierce Pkwy)
Tuesday, May 23rd		
Northern Hotel (19 N Broadway)		
7:00 - 8:00 am	Conference Registration Check-in/Breakfast	Second Floor
8:00 - 8:30 am	Welcome & Conference Overview	Grand Ballroom
8:30 - 9:30 am	MEDA Legislative Recap & What's Next	
9:30 - 10:30 am	What Connects Us Opening Panel	
10:30 - 11:00 am	Networking Break	
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Housing - What's Going on in Montana	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & MEDA Annual Meeting	
1:30 - 1:45 pm	Afternoon Overview	
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions	
	Financing Business Growth: Results from a Study of Capital Access in Montana	Grand Ballroom/South Ballroom
	Business Retention & Expansion Strategies & Best Practices	Hart Albin
	Rural Retention: Diversification in Small Towns	North Ballroom
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Networking Break	
3:00 - 5:30 pm	Rock31 Consumer Product Accelerator Pitch	Grand Ballroom/South Ballroom
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
	Activities and Innovations in Indian Country	Hart Albin
	Workforce Development: Growing Montana's Laborforce	North Ballroom
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Downtown Walking Tours (Meet in lobby on 1st floor)	
	Space2Place, turning spaces into places in your community	
	Downtown Billings Redevelopment	
5:30 PM	Montana Ambassadors Billings - Trailblazer Event	Big Sky Economic Development (201 N Broadway)
6:30 PM	Dinner with John Dunlap, HB819 & Housing Opportunities for CRDC's	
	Or Dinner on your own	
Wednesday, May 24th		
Northern Hotel (19 N Broadway)		
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast, Day 1 Recap, What's next?	Grand Ballroom
	Eastern Montana Trivia	
8:30 - 9:30 am	Breakout Sessions	
	Growing Deeper: Looking at the Future of Agriculture	Babock
	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) 101	Hart Albin
9:30 - 10:30 am	Breakout Sessions	
	More Than Medicine, What Does Healthcare do for Your Local Economy?	Hart Albin
	Value Added Energy: Embracing the Energy Evolution	Grand Ballroom
10:30 - 11:35 am	Quiet Leadership for Communities with Karen Grosz	
11:35 am - 12:30 pm	Conference Wrap Up	