

Consortium of University Public Service Organizations

2023 Annual Conference

*June 12-14, 2023*

*Big Sky, Montana*

*This is a draft document. Titles/ topics are subject to change as we confirm panelists and presenters.*

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**Monday, June 12**

**10 am – 1:30 pm Morning Workshop and Lunch for Institute/Center Directors and School Deans**

An opening roundtable will provide an opportunity for directors of university public service organizations to identify a challenge they are facing – or share new directions or strategies that may be of interest to others. This report-out will be followed by a discussion of leadership/management skills that can help CUPSO directors best serve both their teams and their clients.

**11 am- 1:30 pm Conference Check-in**

**1:30 – 2 pm Break**

**2 – 4:30 pm Opening Plenary- Greater Yellowstone Coalition**

**6 – 8:00 pm Speed Networking + Dinner/Reception**

**Tuesday, June 13**

**8 – 9 am Check-in and Breakfast**

**9 – 9:15 am Welcome**

**9:15 – 10:30 am Plenary: Wolves and Bears and Wildfires - Oh My!**

**10:30 – 10:45 am Break**

**10:45 – 12 pm CUPSO Story Time**

This session will provide an opportunity for participants to hear a selection of case stories from fellow CUPSO members in a modified “lightning talks” format.

### 12 – 12:45 pm Lunch

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**12:45 – 1:30 pm Project Poster Showcase**

Circulate around the room to talk informally with CUPSO staff members about work featured in this project poster session. There will be a “People’s Choice” award given out for the best project presented at this session, so be sure to make the rounds, cast your vote, and wear your “I Voted” sticker proudly to encourage your colleagues!

**1:30 – 1:45 pm Break**

**1:45 – 2:45 pm Afternoon Open Space**

Open Space (sometimes called “unconferencing”) provides an opportunity for participants to co-create the agenda. During this time, attendees will self-select into small groups to discuss whatever topics they find most compelling. Details about format and about submitting and hosting topics will be provided earlier in the day.

**2:55 – 4:05 pm Breakout Sessions**

1. **Teaching and Training Post COVID- What’s Better? What’s Worse?**
2. **Communications Workshop 1: Social Media Basics**

**4:05 – 4:15 pm Break**

**4:15 – 5:30 pm Breakout Sessions**

1. **USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunities for CUPSO**
2. **Communications Workshop 2: Design Tips and Tricks**

**5:30 – 6:00 pm Break**

**6:00 – 9:30 pm Evening Reception/ Event**

**Wednesday, June 14**

**7:30 – 8:45 am CUPSO Business Meeting and Directors’ Breakfast**

Institute/center directors and school deans should plan to attend CUPSO’s annual business meeting. Among the agenda items will be the annual election of officers.

**Conference Attendee Breakfast and Informal Networking**

**9 – 10:15 am Breakout Sessions**

1. **Land and Water in the West**
2. **Investments in Equity**

**10:15 – 10:30 am Break**

**10:30 – 11:45 am Closing Plenary: Measuring and Communicating Impact**

**11:45 am Presentation of Poster Session Award/Closing Remarks**

**12 pm Adjourn**