



## Agenda

# Governmental Research Association 2015 Annual Policy Conference

### Sunday, July 26

4:30p – 5:00p Registration, CSU Center, 475 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

5:00p – 6:30p Welcome and GRA Member Roundup

6:30p – 8:00p Reception – CSU Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### Monday, July 27 – Morning at CSU Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor;

### Afternoon at Oxford Hotel, Union Station and riding Denver Light Rail

7:30a – 8:00a Breakfast at hotel

8:00a – 8:30 Trustees Meeting: CSU Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### 8:30a – 10:00 **Session #1: Colorado's Experience with TABOR**

*Moderator Charlie Brown*

Scott Pattison, Executive Dir, National Assn of State Budget Officers

Charlie Brown, Director, Colorado Futures Ctr at Colorado St Univ

Mike Feeley, Shareholder, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck

10:00a – 10:15a *Break*

### 10:15a – 11:45a **Session #2: Colorado and Washington's Experience with Marijuana Legalization**

*Moderator – Kriss Sjoblom*

Washington's Experience: Kriss Sjoblom, Washington Res Council

Marijuana in Indian Country: Lew Moore, President, Washington Research Council

Lessons from Colorado: Jack Healy, *New York Times*

Forecasting Revenue from Marijuana Taxes: Larson Silbaugh, Senior Economist, Colorado Legislative Council

12:00p *Leave for Offsite Session #3*

12:30p – 4:30p Lunch at the historic Oxford Hotel

### **Regional Transportation:** Walking Tour, Denver Light Rail

Tom Noel, Professor of History, Director of Public History & Preservation, Co-Director Center for Colorado and the West, Colorado University-Denver

Ryan Mulligan, Regional Transportation District-Denver

### Tuesday, July 28 – Morning sessions at CSU Center classroom, 7th floor;

### Afternoon event and banquet at Denver Art Museum

7:30a – 8:00a Breakfast at hotel

7:30a – 8:00a Presidents meeting

### 8:15a – 9:00a **Session #4: Substance Use Disorders and the Role of the States**

Maria Schiff Director, State Health Care Spending Project Pew Charitable Trusts



9:00a -- 10:30a

**Session #5: ACA Implementation/Medicaid Expansion**

*Moderator – Kent Gardner*

Introduction & NYS Experience: Kent Gardner, Chief Economist  
 Center for Governmental Research, Rochester, NY

Colorado: Medicaid Expanded per Affordable Care Act

Gretchen M. Hammer Medicaid Director Colorado Department of  
 Health Care Policy and Financing

Indiana’s Healthy Indiana Plan: Threading the needle

Seema Verma, President & Founder, SVC; formerly Director, HIP  
 Implementation Team, State of Indiana

Wisconsin’s Response to ACA’s Medicaid Expansion

Rob Henken, President, Public Policy Forum, Milwaukee, WI

10:30a – 10:45a

*Break*

10:45a – 12:15p

**Session #6: Testing & Accountability in K-12 Education**

*Moderator – Joe Yeado*

Natasha Ushomirsky, Senior K-12 Data and Policy Analyst  
 The Education Trust

Mebane Rash CEO, Editor-in-Chief, EducationNC

Dan Jorgensen, Colorado Department of Education and Board  
 Director/Treasurer, Adams-Arapahoe 28J (Aurora Public Schools)

12:15p

Adjourn for lunch on your own

3:30p – 5:00p

Denver Art Museum Docent Tour

*In Bloom: Painting Flowers in the Age of Impressionism*

5:30p – 6:30p

Cocktails – *Pallettes at the Denver Art Museum*

6:30p – 8:30p

Awards Dinner – *Pallettes at the Denver Art Museum*

Keynote Speaker: Chancellor Emeritus Michael Martin

Colorado State University

**Wednesday, July 29 – Morning sessions at CSU Center classroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**

7:30a – 8:30a

Breakfast at hotel

8:00a – 9:00a

Trustees meeting

9:00a – 10:15a

**Session #7: Tools for Visualizing & Disseminating Policy Research**

*Moderator – Phyllis Resnick*

Brenda Morrison, Engaged Public

Emily Antoszyk, Friday Institute for Educational Innovation, North  
 Carolina State University

Joe Adams, Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama

Christopher Collard, Utah Foundation

10:15a – 10:30a

*Break*

10:30a – 12:00p

**Session #8: GRA Award Winner Presentations**

12:00p

Thank you! Conference adjourns