

WAMCAT Fall 2020

Virtual Institute

Session Schedule

9/17

Understanding and Creating Community Change: The Social Action Process

Tara Kuipers

“None of us knows as much as all of us.” Social Action Process is designed with this in mind: to be inclusive, to capture the best experience and knowledge among a group, and to create shared understanding and meaningful change. It begins when two or more people agree that a situation or issue exists and that something should be done. But what happens next? How does actual social action happen? And, what role do municipal leaders play in it? This discussion of Social Action Process will help you better understand and better interact with change and change-leaders in your community.

9/24

The Wyoming Department of Audit and How to Avoid Us

Mike Ruckman, Brian Wilson, Alycia Stanfill

This presentation is geared for small towns with limited employees and limited segregation of duties. Additionally, it will include an overview of basic governmental accounting geared around the F-66 (census) report. Topic items include:

- Accounting
- Internal Controls
- Fraud detection
- Accessing and filling out the F-66
- Common audit findings and what our audits entail

10/1

Legislative Updates and Legal Review

Tom Montoya and Kelly Hunt

We will provide an update of the 2020 legislative session regarding liquor law and inform local authorities on the impacts to their jurisdictions. We will provide a legal review of license status and why it is important to understand the various statuses of your liquor licenses. We will also provide a review of recent national and local court cases, and how those cases affect liquor law.

10/8

Candid Conversations: Embracing Uncomfortable Situations and Driving Results

Nicholas Whipps

Having a difficult conversation with someone is no easy task. It's uncomfortable, stressful, and certainly no fun. This program focuses on six key strategies for effectively engaging others in open, meaningful dialogue. The end result allows for a greater degree of understanding with others, while also allowing people to achieve more productive and positive relationships.

10/15

The Economic Impact of the Coronavirus

Troy Hunsucker

We'll examine the impact of the COVID-19 virus on the U.S. economy, discussing federal spending, stimulus, interest rates, unemployment, the PPP loans, revenue for the local governments, community impact, and the ramifications as we go forward rebuilding and resuming normalcy.

10/22

Wyoming Digital Archives: Managing and Preserving Your Valuable Digital Records

Cindy Brown

This presentation will include information regarding the Wyoming State Archives' approach and recommendations for managing digital records. Discussion will include how the Wyoming State Archives works, what it costs, and what are the advantages of using this central repository for state and local government digital records. Also covered will be guidelines for the creation and preservation of digital records.

10/29

Reflective Leadership: The Essence of Self-Awareness and Authenticity and How to Get Results

Nicholas Whipps

One of the hardest things any leader must do is to see themselves as others see them. For a lot of us, we're afraid to be honest with ourselves. How can we be authentic if we don't have a clear understanding of who we are and what our impact is on other people? We can only lead people if they want to follow us. We have to reach people where they live and have empathy for who they are, which is the heart of reflective leadership.

11/5

Small Town Strategies: Cultivating Rural Wyoming

Kim Porter, Heather Tupper, Brandi Harlow, Kim Rightmer, Amy Quick

Engage with the Wyoming Business Council in this interactive session to learn about services and resources the WBC has to offer in the Rural Development Program. Practice exercises will give the audience a taste of these services.

11/12

Time Management

Nicholas Whipps

Effective time management and organizational skills are indispensable. This class will help you learn how to get more done in the shortest time possible and avoid the obstacles and distractions that can get in the way of good time management.

11/19 – Keynote

What is the Value of Your Attitude

Matt Booth

What's the Value of Your Attitude? There is an old saying that "attitude is everything". Is that true? I think Attitude is the START of everything! Attitude determines your thoughts and ultimately your actions. In this program you will find that being positive as often as possible helps you be more successful at what you do. You'll leave this program with practical take-a-ways and the motivation to implement them.