



Fiscal Analysts Seminar

October 20-22, 2014 | Seattle, Washington



Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2014	
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. <i>Main Lobby Level</i>	Registration
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arturo Pérez, Program Director, Fiscal Affairs Program Director, NCSL
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Federal Budget Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Marcia Howard, Director, Federal Funds Information for States, D.C. • Speaker: Jeff Hurley, Committee Director, National Conference of State Legislatures
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Long-Term Budget Outlooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa A. Merrell, Principal Analyst, State and Local Government Cost Unit, Congressional Budget Office, Washington, D.C. • Melissa Palmer, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Appropriations Staff • Richard Ramsey, Operating Budget Coordinator, Senate Ways and Means Staff • Yona Makowski, Senior Fiscal Coordinator, House Democratic Caucus Staff • Ryan Moore, Senior Fiscal Counsel, Senate Republican Caucus Staff
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Are You Smarter Than a Fiscal Analyst? (Icebreaker)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. <i>Yellowstone Room, Lobby Level</i>	Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Agency Budget Requests: Key Questions and Things to Look For <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Johnson, Budget Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee, Washington • Patrick Goldsmith, Director, House Fiscal Division, Louisiana
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Data Mapping Tools: Excel and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Ball, Director, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Utah • Thomas Young, Economist, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Utah • Tom Jensen, Administrator, Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee, Washington • Michael Mann, Managing Consultant, Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee, Washington • Catrina Lucero, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Program Research (OPR) Washington State House of Representatives, Washington
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. <i>Yellowstone Room, Lobby Level</i>	Revenue/Tax Policy Forecasting Techniques and Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Leader: Jim Landers, Director, Fiscal & Management Analysis Legislative Services Agency, Indiana
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. <i>Carlsbad Room, Lower Level</i>	Health Care/Medicaid Medicaid Forecasting: Challenges and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Deschamps, Deputy Director Caseload Forecast Council, Washington
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. <i>Yosemite Room, Third Floor</i>	Transportation The Future of Federal Transportation Funding: MAP-21 Reauthorization and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Husch, Committee Director, Infrastructure and Natural Resources Committee, NCSL
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. <i>McKinley Room, Third Floor</i>	Corrections Follow the Money: Tracking Costs and Savings of Corrections Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen McCann, Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts Public Safety Performance Project • Linda Gilbert, Principal Legislative Analyst, Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Peggy Piety, Senior Staff Attorney, Indiana Legislative Services Agency and NCSL Staff Chair
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. <i>Yellowstone Room, Lobby Level</i>	Revenue/Tax Policy Forecasting the Forecast (overview of forecasting and critical questions to ask) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Leader: Michael Calvert, Director, Legislative Fiscal Office, Nebraska
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. <i>Carlsbad Room, Lower Level</i>	Health Care/Medicaid Super Utilizers: Who Are They and How States are Addressing Their Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Mancuso, Director of Research and Data Analysis Division, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. <i>Yosemite Room, Third Floor</i>	Transportation States Leading the Way: The Quest for Sustainable Transportation Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Powell, Legislative Analyst, Senate Finance Committee, Virginia
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. <i>McKinley Room, Third Floor</i>	Corrections What Works: Cost-Effective Corrections Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Aos, Director, Washington State Institute for Public Policy • Jon Courtney, Ph.D., Program Evaluation Manager, New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Reviewing Reports and Studies: The Legislative Fiscal Analyst as an Informed Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Aos, Director, Washington State Institute for Public Policy, Washington
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Recreational and Medical Marijuana: What a Fiscal Analyst Needs to Know <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larson Silbaugh, Senior Economist, Legislative Council, Colorado • Rick Garza, Director, Liquor Control Board, Washington • Mike Kashmar, Chief Financial Officer, Liquor Control Board, Washington
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Reception — World Trade Center, 2211 Alaska Way, Pier 66 Transportation provided

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i>	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. <i>Yellowstone Room, Lobby Level</i>	Revenue/Tax Policy Evaluating Tax Incentives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keenan Konopaski, Legislative Auditor, Washington • John Woolley, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Washington • Julie Srey, Associate, The Pew Charitable Trusts, District of Columbia
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. <i>Carlsbad Room, Lower Level</i>	Health Care/Medicaid Paying for Value in Medicaid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Hansen, Program Principal, National Conference of State Legislatures • David Reynolds, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Indiana Senate Republicans • Linda Ames, Principal Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Oregon
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. <i>Yosemite Room, Third Floor</i>	Transportation Lockboxes and Legislation: State Efforts to Dedicate and Protect Transportation Revenues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Runde, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Wisconsin
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. <i>McKinley Room, Third Floor</i>	Corrections Budgeting for Community Corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peggy McGarry, Director, Center on Sentencing and Corrections, Vera Institute of Justice • John Walz, Fiscal Analyst, Minnesota House of Representatives • Justin Carroll, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

<p>10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. <i>Yellowstone Room, Lobby Level</i></p>	<p>Revenue/Tax Policy</p> <p>State Tax Roundtable Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandy Rafool, Program Principal, Fiscal Affairs Program, NCSL
<p>10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i></p>	<p>Health Care/Medicaid</p> <p>Corrections</p> <p>Joint Session – Corrections Health Care Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Schiff, Director, State Health Care Spending Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts • Sarah Larson, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office, California
<p>10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. <i>Yosemite Room, Third Floor</i></p>	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Reed, Group Director, Energy and Transportation Program, NCSL
<p>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. <i>Sequoia/Glacier Room, Lobby Level</i></p>	<p>Concurrent Session #1</p> <p>Communicating with Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam Fox, Executive Director, House Appropriations Committee, Pennsylvania • Pam Thomas, Committee Staff Administrator, Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky
<p>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. <i>Yellowstone Room, Lobby Level</i></p>	<p>Concurrent Session #2</p> <p>GASB: What Legislative Fiscal Staff Need to Know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Mead, Research Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Connecticut
<p>12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NCSL Fiscal Analysts Seminar Concludes</p>