

# South Dakota Philanthropy Conference



Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 | Dakota Event Center, Aberdeen, SD

## Community Resources Panel



### **Erik Gaikowski-SD AARP and Livable 605**

Erik has served as AARP South Dakota State Director for 2 1/2 years. He was raised in Webster, SD and attended Northern State University and the University of South Dakota. Livable 605 was established to work with South Dakota communities to build partnerships, develop resources, and implement strategies to enhance livability for all ages. By pulling together stakeholders from across the state with a wide variance of interests, expertise, and experience, the group seeks to create a first-stop for community leaders looking to identify needs and opportunities, create a plan, and make positive changes to impact livability where they live, work and play.



### **Kelly Gibson-NUMAD Group and SD Day of Giving**

Kelly is the director of projects for The Numad Group, a fundraising and communications consulting firm that partners with nonprofit organizations across the country. The Numad Group has a variety of services to meet our nonprofits clients where they are, and build projects that enhance the fundraising, communication and program evaluation work of organizations. The Numad Group coordinated SD Gives and South Dakota Day of Giving with partners South Dakota Community Foundation and the Bush Foundation. The first South Dakota Day of Giving was in 2018, and resulted in nearly 400 nonprofits raising \$1.7 million dollars and identifying 1,400 new donors to engage in the work of their organizations.



### **Valerie Jensen-U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Valerie Jensen has been with USDA Rural Development in the Aberdeen location since May 2015. She works in the Community Programs division with the Community Facilities (CF) and Water and Environmental Program (WEP) program areas. Her service area includes 10-Counties (Campbell, Walworth, Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, Brown, Spink, Marshall, Day, Roberts) in the northeast part of the state. Over the past four years, she's worked on a variety of projects ranging from water and sewer line replacement, to construction and/or renovation of hospitals, assisted living facilities, and fire halls, to small projects such as equipment for public safety entities and daycares.



### **Becky Wampler-Wellmark Foundation**

Becky Wampler Bland joined Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield in 1990. Currently, she is the director of Wellmark's sustainable health care initiative. This includes the development and oversight of Wellmark's community health improvement initiatives including Healthy Hometown. She was named executive director of The Wellmark Foundation in January 2016 where she manages more than \$4 million in annual philanthropic investments across Iowa and South Dakota. One of the greatest health challenges facing Iowans and South Dakotans is on-going chronic disease. This results in individuals having a diminished ability to live their best life. A key driver of chronic disease is obesity and being overweight. The keys to addressing this are healthy nutrition and physical activity.

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