MONTANA HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR A HEALTHY CLIMATE

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GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020. Any donations this week will be be matched 1:1 by board members, up to 1000$. MontanaHPHC will be active at the MT 2021 Legislative Session on bills that improve human and planetary health. Donations will help us plan for and attend legislative committee sessions.

To make a tax-deductible donation, click here

We'd love to introduce you to our newest board member: Jennifer Robohm, PhD. Jen is a clinical psychologist who has spent the last 16 years training health professionals to serve Montana. You might find her playing ice hockey with her son in Missoula!

The wildfires of 2017 motivated Jen to care even more about climate. She is working on an MPH from Johns Hopkins seeking an MPH degree to study the physical and mental health impacts of climate change. Next semester, she and Hayley Blackburn, PharmD, are offering a course on “Climate Change and Human Health" through UM and MSU.

To learn more about this education/training opportunities (including opportunities to audit the course), please contact Jen at jennifer.robohm@umontana.edu

Read more about Dr. Robohm here

Read her UM bio here

December 1, TONIGHT, 7 p.m., FREE

Montana Arts for the Climate TONIGHT

Delight in the music of
Shane Doyle from Bozeman, flutist
David Kirk, cellist from Billings
Melissa Smith from Great Falls, pianist
Doug Wales from Bozeman, founder of the Montana - Havana Bridge Project, percussionist and song writer

Explore the work of these artists:
Alaina Buffalo Spirit from Birney, ledger artist
Leah Cupino from Helena, painter
Liz Harter from Helena, mixed media assemblage artist
Tim Holmes from Helena, sculptor, filmmaker and performer
Kathryn Schmidt from Bozeman, painter
April Werle, Muralist
John Holbrook, Missoula, Montana Poet Laureate sharing his poem Water to Sustain the Spirit.

Sponsored by CCL Montana. Register here.

Montana Climate Office

"All climate is local"

The Montana Climate Office provides high-quality, timely, relevant, and scientifically based climate information and services to Montanans. As Montana's official climate data stewards, we strive to provide information for specific sectors of interest by either geography or industry, and assist stakeholders in adapting climate products to their needs.

Read more about Montana Mesonet - the 21 M$ Army contract MT has received to improve our weather stations.

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Free Movie Viewings

November 22 - December 13

GATHER: The fight to revitalize our native foodways

AERO offers this viewing for free

Information for Viewing here

Dec 6-8, must register by Dec 4

Kiss The Ground

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AERO offers this uplifting documentary:the healing power of soil to offer solutions for the climate crisis, the environmental crisis and the human health crisis.

Register by Dec. 4

Meaningful Actions for us to take

Nurses Climate Challenge

The Nurses Climate Challenge is a national campaign to mobilize nurses to educate 50,000 health professionals on the impacts of climate change on human health. Watch a webinar Dec 5 2:30-4 MST.

Register here.

National Sign-on Letter to Congress for

Health Professionals, sign on here to tell congress to invest in clean air and clean energy: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZJ9erWmJquCkvvzs-Idw2JqbfDITr5lLyqyXGHe94so/edit

High Speed Charging Stations, Cleaner School buses for MT

AERO MT (VIRTUAL) EXPO Nov 30-Dec 10

"Catching Up and Looking Ahead"

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is excited to announce two new clean transportation funding opportunities: installing high speed EV chargers and replacing diesel school buses with cleaner alternatives. **Applications for both are due January 11, 2021.**

All free, AERO will have sessions on renewable energy, agriculture, sustainable food systems, free movie viewings, and more. Read more here.

AERO envisions clean energy and locally produced foods for Montana - both important climate mitigating actions.

Members in the News

2020.11.30 Podcast at Stories for Action with Drs. Rob and Lori Byron: Standing up for our Health

2020.11.24 Podcast with Dr. Beth Schenk: The ANHE Student Committee Speaks!https://envirn.org/podcast/season-4-3-the-anhe-student-committee-speaks/

2020.11.24 Dr. Lori Byron presented to the Fort Peck medical community on COVID and Climate.

2020.11.21 Drs. Rob and Lori Byron presented at the Northern Plains Annual State Meeting https://northernplains.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/AM_schedule_only_2020.pdf

2020.11.20 Drs. Pam Hiebert, Rob Byron, Paul Smith, Lori Byron, and Marian Kummer presented at a special session to the Office of Management and Budget re: proposed changes to Cost: Benefit Analysis at EPA

2020.11.11. Dr. Lori Byron's Johns Hopkins Earth Day Series Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvXbVKxmxkM

2020.11.01 Dr. John Cole OpEd "Dear Patient" Daily Interlake Daily https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2020/nov/01/election-mail-bag-nov-1/

2020.10.29 Dr. Robert Byron was interviewed for Community Seven TV in Billings MT https://comm7tv.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=bb510b4e-4a2b-4e22-9b63-97c7bc9c3598&nav=search%2Frobert%20byron

2020.10.28 Dr. Lori Byron presented at the National Children's Health and Climate Leadership Forum

2020.10.27 Dr. Lori Byron provided written testimony to DEQ re: the Rosebud Mine Expansion

2020.10.26 Dr. Beth Schenk's Podcast: Oriana Turley, Inventor of Sustainable Scrubs https://envirn.org/podcast/season-4-2-oriana-turley-innovator-of-sustainable-scrubs/

2020.1023. Sustainable Agriculture Podcast, MSU, Drs. Lori and Rob Byron

2020.10.22 Big Horn County News, and 10/19/2020 Miles City Star: Dr Rob Byron OpEd "All elections (and all votes) matter" https://www.bighorncountynews.com/content/all-elections-and-all-votes-matter

2020.10.22 Drs. Jennifer Robohm and Hayley Blackburn presented “Climate Change and Health in Rural Montana” at the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana-sponsored Rural Retreat

2020.10.13 Dr. Marian Kummer testified at the Montana PSC Public Hearings on Northwestern Energy’s proposed Colstrip purchase**. Dr. Lori Byron** provided written testimony

2020.10.12,26 Podcasts by Beth Schenk: Volunteers Behind the Success: the Board of ANHE https://envirn.org/podcast/season-4-1-volunteers-behind-the-success-members-of-the-board-of-anhe/

2020.10.12 Drs. Rob and Lori Byron presented to the environmental health class at MSU.

2020.10.09 Dr. Lori Byron presented Clinical Practice and Climate Change to the Frank Netter Medical School

2020.10.07 OpEd by Dr. Lori Byron and pediatricians from 50 states
https://medium.com/i-heart-climate-voices/pediatricians-rx-vote-for-climate-leaders-95455d369c98

2020.10.01 Blogpost Dr. Lori Byron
https://climateforhealth.org/a-pediatricians-journey-into-climate-advocacy/

Learning Corner

Air pollution killed 500,000 babies last year (worldwide) according to the Global State of the Air Report 2020

https://youtu.be/wNyOd_BZRAE

Personal Action

Food Waste

We each waste 1# of food/day, or 30-40 % of all food in the U.S., and that is 20% of what goes to the dump. Compost - in your backyard, your basement with Bokashi, or join a community composting service available in most Montana cities. Compost should be an asset, not a liability!

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