



AGENDA

Note: This is a preliminary agenda. Session titles and times are subject to change until agenda is finalized.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

2:00 – 6:00 pm

Pre-conference Tours (open to legislators only; must register in advance; space limited)

- **Novartis Biomedical Research Innovation Hub Tour:** Novartis is dedicated to reimagining medicine to improve and extend people's lives by developing innovative therapies that restore hope for patients and their families. During this tour, you'll gain an inside look at how Novartis is pioneering advancements in biomedical research that turn scientific breakthroughs into medicines that change lives. Learn firsthand how scientists and experts are leveraging technology like robotics to accelerate drug discovery and development to fight disease and reshape the future of medicine. *(Special Notes and Requirements: Provide ID at check-in. Wear close-toed shoes. No photos allowed.)*
- **Sony Interactive Entertainment (SIE) Video Games/Interactive Entertainment San Diego Tour & Reception:** Tour one of the SIE's studios making games for the world's leading video game console (PlayStation), followed by a reception and Q&A with our female studio leads. During this tour, you'll discover how world class video games come to life – from concept to launch. You'll explore how our teams blend storytelling, design, and ever advancing technology, including AI, real-time rendering, and immersive audio, to push the boundaries of interactive entertainment. Along the way, we'll talk about how we're building safer, more inclusive experiences - where players of all ages and abilities can have fun. We'll wrap up with a Q&A with women leaders on our team, giving you an opportunity to hear their stories and learn about their career paths and perspectives on leading in a rapidly evolving industry.
- **Vertex Pharmaceutical Research & Development Facility Tour:** Vertex is committed to advancing scientific innovation to create transformative medicines for people with serious diseases with a focus on specialty markets. Step inside the world of Vertex and discover how life-changing medicines come to life. Explore how scientists design custom instruments, conduct global trials, and drive innovations that advance patient care. This behind-the-scenes experience offers rare insights into the research and development process shaping the future of treatment. *(Special Notes: Participants must wear closed-toe shoes.)*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

7:45 – 5:00 pm <i>Foyer C</i>	Registration Open for Conference Attendees
8:00 – 8:45 am <i>Regency Ballroom A-B</i>	Legislator Networking Breakfast Open to legislators only
8:00 – 8:45 am <i>Regency Ballroom C</i>	Business Council Professional Development Breakfast Open to Business Council Members only The Distraction Detox: Reclaiming Focus to Lead with Courage and Conviction Sheri Nasim, CEO, Center for Executive Excellence
9:00 – 10:00 am <i>Regency Ballroom A-B</i>	Legislator Professional Development Open to legislators only The Distraction Detox: Reclaiming Focus to Lead with Courage and Conviction Sheri Nasim, CEO, Center for Executive Excellence
9:00 – 10:00 am <i>Regency Ballroom C</i>	Business Council Meeting Invitation – only
10:15 – 11:15 am <i>La Jolla Ballroom</i>	Legislator Conversation Opportunities Open to legislators and Business Council Members only – must register in advance (Legislator schedules will be distributed to registered participants during breakfast.)
11:30 am – 12:45 pm <i>Regency Ballroom A-C</i>	State Directors Recognition Luncheon Open to legislators & WIG Business Council Members only
1:00 – 1:45 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Welcome & Keynote Meredith Martino, WIG Executive Director Maryland Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes, Chair, WIG Board of Directors Julie Garner, Vice President, Government Affairs & Patient Advocacy, MindMed California Majority Leader Assemblymember Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry Keynote Speaker: Maggie Meza, Chapter Executive Director, San Diego, Blue Star Families
1:45 – 5:00 pm <i>Cardiff</i> <i>The Boardroom</i> <i>Encinitas 1</i> <i>Encinitas 2</i>	PSA Recordings Open to ALL Legislators; time slots assigned at registration check-in.
1:45 – 2:25 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Strength in Unity: The Role of Women’s Legislative Caucuses Learn how women state legislators are building caucuses that unite across differences, amplify women’s voices, and shape effective state policy. Moderator: Mona Rogers, Meta California Majority Leader Assemblymember Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry, Chair of the California Legislative Women’s Caucus West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker, Co-Vice Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors, Co-Chair West Virginia Women’s Legislative Caucus
2:25 – 2:45 pm	Break

2:45 – 3:25 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Voices of Change: Driving Policy for Lung Health & Sustainability Wildfires have a growing impact on poor air quality and lung health, particularly for firefighters and frontline responders. This session will highlight actionable strategies to protect lung health and promote sustainability. Moderator: Iowa Representative Megan Srinivas, Women In Government State Director Dr. Christine James, Asst. Professor of Medicine, UC San Diego Health Kelcey Stricker, Health & Safety Director, The Wildfire Conservancy Gilmar Flores, Director of Programs & Research, Breathe Southern California
3:25 – 3:45 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Legislator Bill Share Moderator: Georgia Senator Tonya Anderson, Women In Government State Director
3:45 – 4:05 pm	Break
4:05 – 4:45 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Drug Shortages Decoded: Why, How, & What to Do Now While natural disasters, supply chain disruptions, and manufacturing setbacks can all contribute to drug shortages, strong collaboration among manufacturers, distributors, healthcare partners, and pharmacies - backed by sound state policy - can help safeguard patient access to essential medications. Moderator: Connecticut Representative Christie Carpino, Eastern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors April Giles, Executive Director, End of Drug Shortages Alliance Nicolette Louissaint, Chief Policy Officer, Healthcare Distribution Alliance Dr. Emily Do, Chief Pharmacy Officer, San Diego County
5:00 – 6:45 pm <i>La Jolla Ballroom</i>	Welcome Reception Celebrate San Diego's proximity to the South Pacific with a taste of Pacific Islander music and food. Be sure to snap a photo booth souvenir on the red carpet!
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Board of Directors & State Director/Business Council Dinner Open to WIG Board of Directors, State Directors and Speaker & Pro-Tem Level Business Council Members

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

7:45 am – 5:00 pm <i>Foyer C</i>	Registration Open for Conference Attendees
8:00 – 9:00 am <i>La Jolla Ballroom</i>	Breakfast
8:30 am – 5:30 pm <i>Cardiff</i> <i>The Boardroom</i> <i>Encinitas 1</i> <i>Encinitas 2</i>	PSA Recordings Open to ALL Legislators; time slots assigned at registration check-in.
8:15 – 9:15 am <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	The Role of Community Providers in Ensuring Access to Health Care Pharmacists - among the most accessible healthcare providers, particularly in rural and underserved areas - can help reduce barriers, expand timely care, and advance health equity through supportive state scope-of-practice and immunization access policies. Moderator: Washington Representative Alicia Rule

Nancy Lyons, Vice President, Chief Pharmacy Officer, McKesson
 Brooklyn Morgan, Director of State Policy, National Alliance of State Pharmacy
 Associations (NASPA)
 Steve Ketterbaugh, Sr. Director State Immunization Policy, Sanofi

9:15 – 9:55 am

Regency Ballroom D-G

Tackling Interchange Fees

Interchange fees on credit and debit card transactions, often with hidden costs passed on to consumers and small businesses, create additional burdens when taxed. This session will explore policy solutions to promote fairness, transparency, and consumer protection.

Moderator: Washington Representative Sharon Wylie
 Hannah Walker, Sr. Director, Payments Policy & Strategy, Walmart
 Daniel Swanson, Attorney, DCSwanson LLC
 Dolores C. Jackson, President, Lolita's Restaurant Inc.

9:55 – 10:20 am

Break

10:20 – 11:00 am

Regency Ballroom D-G

Navigating 340B: What Legislators Should Know

As the 340B program has evolved, unintended consequences have emerged - affecting market dynamics, and driving up costs for taxpayers, employers, and all levels of government – highlighting the need for increased transparency and accountability.

Moderator: South Carolina Representative Heather Crawford, Treasurer, Women In Government Board of Directors
 Shawn Gremminger, President & CEO, National Alliance of Healthcare Purchasers Coalitions

11:00 – 11:55 am

Round Robin Sessions

Regency Ballroom A

Properly Dispose of Unwanted Household Medicines via MyOldMeds.com
 Irina Butler, Executive Director, Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group (PPSWG)

Regency Ballroom B

Youth Mental Health: How Do We Do More With Less
 Tammy Tamos, LCSW, Clinical Lead, Kooth US

Regency Ballroom C

Keeping Kids Safe Online: Parenting, Industry Practices, & Public Policy Solutions
 Marissa Edmund, State Policy Lead, Family Online Safety Institute

11:55 am – 12:55 pm

La Jolla Ballroom

Lunch

12:55 – 1:10 pm

Regency Ballroom D-G

Music Break & Dessert

Featuring Mariachi Tequila SD and their rich tradition of Mexican music

1:10 – 2:10 pm

Regency Ballroom D-G

Advancing Retirement Security

Retirees, especially women, face income challenges, but state-level solutions, such as automated savings programs and other targeted strategies, can strengthen retirement outcomes for both public and private employees.

Moderator: Colorado Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Co-Vice Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors
 Josh Freely, Senior Director, State Government Relations, TIAA
 Kimberly Olson, Senior Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts
 Corryn Hall, Senior Manager, The Pew Charitable Trusts

2:10 – 2:50 pm
Regency Ballroom D-G

Closing the Gaps: Advancing Equity & Access in Endometrial Cancer Care
Endometrial cancer is the most common gynecologic cancer in the United States, and disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes, particularly for Black women, persist. This session will explore disease education, systemic barriers, real-world challenges, and policy solutions to advance equitable care for all patients.
Moderator: Illinois Senator Mattie Hunter, Midwestern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors
Jean A. Hurteau MD, Senior Medical Director, GSK
Shakeya Allen, Founder, Uterine Cancer Awareness Network

2:50 – 3:10 pm
Regency Ballroom D-G

Legislator Bill Share
Moderator: Pennsylvania Representative Amanda Cappelletti, Eastern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors

3:10 – 3:35 pm

Break

3:35 – 4:35 pm
Regency Ballroom D-G

A New Era in Alzheimer's Disease Care
As research advances and new opportunities for early intervention emerge, state policy plays a critical role in shaping the evolving landscape of Alzheimer's disease care and support.
Moderator: Illinois Senator Laura Murphy
Jen Rosen, Vice President, State Affairs, Alzheimer's Association/AIM
Jennifer Murphy, PhD, Medical Director, Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia, Biogen

4:35 - 5:30 pm
Regency Ballroom D-G

From Diagnosis to Dignity: State Policy Solutions for a Growing Rare Patient Population
The rare disease patient journey often begins in childhood and continues throughout life, underscoring the vital role that state leaders play in advancing policies that improve early diagnosis, treatment access, and care transitions.
Moderator: California Assembly Member Diane Dixon
Kimberly Haugstad, CEO, RareRising/State Zebra Network
Jamie Sullivan, Vice President of Policy, EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases

5:30 pm

Free Evening for All Attendees to Explore La Jolla!
From Torrey Pines to the La Jolla Cove, La Jolla offers great shopping, dining, and outdoor destinations.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

8:00 – 9:00 am
La Jolla Ballroom

Breakfast

8:15 – 9:00 am
Regency Ballroom D-G

Legislator Tabletop Discussions
Limited to legislators only

9:00 am – 11:45 am
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Encinitas 2

PSA Recordings
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9:00 – 9:40 am <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	The Mental Health Epidemic in the U.S. Barriers continue to exist for mental health patients nationwide, including requirements for prior authorization that often prevent timely care. State legislative solutions can improve access and outcomes. Moderator: Maryland Delegate Heather Bagnall Dr. Le Ondra Clark Harvey, CEO, California Behavioral Health Association Bill Martin, Global Therapeutic Area Head, Neuroscience, Johnson & Johnson Kristi “Ren” Fernandez-Kim, Mental Health Advocate, CorpusRen Texas Representative Janie Lopez
9:40 – 10:40 am <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Prescription Affordability: State Strategies to Ensure Affordability for Patients Discover how states can successfully lower prescription drug prices and increase access to care. Moderator: South Dakota Representative Erin Healy Dr. Wayne Winegarden, Director of the Center for Medical Economics & Innovation, Pacific Research Institute Erin Callahan, Chief Operating Officer, Diabetes Leadership Council Agata Pelka, Director of State Government Affairs, Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
10:40 – 11:05 am	Break
11:05 am – 12:00 pm <i>Regency Ballroom A</i>	Round Robin Sessions <i>Unlocking a Healthy Start: The Role of Genetic Screening in Newborn Care</i> Christie Turner, Chief Operating Officer, Mayo Consultancy Group
<i>Regency Ballroom B</i>	<i>Term Limits: Making the Case for Reform</i> Shanna Chamblee, Regional Director U.S. Term Limits Marlene Vincent, Regional Director, U.S. Term Limits
<i>Regency Ballroom C</i>	<i>Opportunity Reimagined: Modernizing How States Connect Learning & Work</i> Parina Parikh, Associate Vice President, Jobs for the Future
12:00 – 1:00 pm <i>La Jolla Ballroom</i>	Lunch
12:00 – 1:00 pm <i>Del Mar 1</i>	Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 – 1:15 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Music Break & Dessert Featuring Guitar Bob and his classic California surf guitar
1:15 – 1:55 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Start Strong & Beyond: The Future of Maternal Mental Health Legislators can make a difference in supporting maternal mental health by enacting meaningful policies that can improve the lives of mothers and their families. Moderator: Tennessee Senator Charlane Oliver, Southern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors Dr. Diana Ramos, California Surgeon General Joy Burkhard, CEO, Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
1:55 – 2:55 pm	Women’s Preventative Health: Expanding Access to Breast & Cervical Cancer Screenings that Save Lives

<i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Barriers to breast and cervical cancer screening discourage early detection and increase costs. Policies that reduce these barriers will improve health care outcomes for women. Moderator: Michigan Representative Brenda Carter, Women In Government State Director Hilary Gee Goeckner, Director, State & Local Campaigns – Access to Care, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Rebecca Birch, State Policy & Advocacy Director, Susan G. Komen Joslyn Chaiprasert-Paguio, Patient Advocate, Cervivor
2:55 – 3:15 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Legislator Bill Share Moderator: New Mexico Representative Pamelya Herndon, Western Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors
3:15 – 3:30 pm <i>Regency Ballroom D-G</i>	Closing Remarks West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker, First Vice Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors Colorado Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Second Vice Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors
3:30 pm	Conference Adjourns