

Tuesday, June 6th – LUNCH GENERAL SESSION 11:00am to 12:30pm

[Strengthen ND](#)

Strengthen ND supports and advances community development through work with nonprofits and rural communities. We do this through one-on-one capacity building supports, workshops, our Nonprofit Certificate Program at Minot State University, and facilitating community solutions. For example, we have worked with Statoil and the Northwest North Dakota Community Foundation to create a STEM Education Fellowship program for educators in northwest North Dakota. Another example is our work providing technical assistance and proposal development services for the Rural Community Grant Fund. Through this work, we really are able to strengthen North Dakota.

About the Presenter

Megan Laudenschlager is the Executive Director of Strengthen ND and has served in this position since August 2015. Laudenschlager is a graduate of Minot State University with a B.A. in Mathematics and has obtained a Certificate in Fundraising through the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University. Laudenschlager leads Strengthen ND's programming and technical assistance efforts, including strategic planning, board training, and other forms of capacity building. In addition to the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Laudenschlager is a 2014 Bush Foundation Fellow and has participated in professional development activities through the Harvard-Kennedy School of Government, Midwest Academy for Social Justice, Independent Sector, and TED.

[North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations](#)

NDANO is the statewide membership association advancing nonprofits through advocacy, training, resources, networking and leadership. Learn about available resources to strengthen your organization and the power of an engaged and empowered nonprofit sector.

About the Presenter

Dana Schaar Jahner is the executive director of the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations (NDANO) and has worked with the association since 2006. Prior to working with NDANO and other statewide associations, she was employed in the museum field in education and administration.

[Leadership – Making the Transition from Social to Business – Ken Reed](#)

The typical profile of a rural EMS agency is comprised of “volunteers” who form a social unit in response to the perceived need for EMS in their respective communities. The social model rarely provides for consistent expectations and participation by its members. Rural EMS organizations need to operate like businesses with qualified leaders and engaged employees. This session will outline some of the necessary steps required to make that transition.