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RE: Grand Challenges Western Consortium 3rd Annual Meeting

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Dear Colleague,

We invite you to join the third annual Western Consortium for the Grand Challenges for Social Work meeting, which will convene at Colorado State University on September 13, 2019. You are encouraged to extend this invitation to one or more of your faculty to join with you, in the expectation that they would become active in implementing ideas from this meeting.

Over the past two consortium events, we convened a group of 45 deans, directors, chairs, and faculty of social work programs to explore ideas for curriculum development, campus activities, use of internships and community service initiatives, research-to-practice networks, and other mechanisms for implementation of work on the Grand Challenges. This year, we focus our consortium on university-community collaborations for the implementation of the Grand Challenges.

In support of the event a travel reimbursement pool has been created for a partial subsidy of travel costs for those needing assistance. The fund will be administered by the University of Washington, with criteria and instructions to follow for those who wish to apply. The fund offers up to \$500 per institution. As you confirm your registration, please indicate if you need use of this resource. Information will follow regarding this subsidy once confirmation is secured.

Attached is background information to explain how the Consortium was conceptualized. If you have any additional questions please contact Audrey Shillington at Audrey.Shillington@colostate.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey M. Shillington".

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