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Have you met CSG West's new team member? Jonathan Lennartz joins us as a Policy Committees & Programs Coordinator and will be focused on supporting the Education Committee and Workforce Development Committee. Additionally, he will serve as the state liaison for our members in Montana. To help us learn a little more about his background and interests, we asked him a few insightful questions. Check out his answers below and be sure to look

for him at our upcoming Annual Meeting!

### **WHAT STEPS IN YOUR CAREER PATH LED YOU TO CSG WEST?**

Prior to joining CSG West, I worked in the mental health field in Austin, Texas. Our treatment team was a direct outgrowth of state legislation (SB 292), which laid the groundwork for a collaborative between our behavioral health agency, county hospital systems and local law enforcement. By working intensively with a wide range of stakeholders, I gained insight into ways that smart, targeted policy can be applied to complex issues. Consequently, I grew increasingly interested in bringing my professional background to the policy field.

Having just moved back to my home state of California, I have always been drawn to the natural beauty and sense of adventure that is common to the Western states. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to help support our region's continued growth, meet new challenges, and maintain its unique strengths.



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### **WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO AS A MEMBER OF THE CSG WEST TEAM?**

I look forward to working with the Education and Workforce Development Committees. These policy areas have been, unquestionably, among the most impacted during the past year. I am eager to facilitate dialogue and information exchange between committee members so they can evaluate which strategies would best serve their state.

### **WHAT IS SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW?**

I am a musician, and perhaps more so - an appreciator of great music. I have a particular inclination toward Bob Dylan that seems to grow throughout the years.

### **IF YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE:**

<b>BOOKS OR BINGE WATCHING?</b>	Books
<b>SALTY OR SWEET?</b>	Sweet
<b>COMEDY, ACTION OR DRAMA?</b>	Documentaries
<b>BAGEL OR DONUT?</b>	Bagel, as long as there is cream cheese!