





Message from the Project Directors Kathryn Hassell, MD & Janet Thomas, MD

January 2019

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The MSRGN team wishes a Happy New Year to all of our region! As we begin in 2019, we hope to continue to serve the needs of providers, consumers and other stakeholders in the MSRGN region.



# **State Team Meeting**

# February 14-15, 2019

MSRGN will have an in-person State Team meeting in Austin, TX on Feb 14-15, 2019 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, located at 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759. The meeting will provide each State Team with the opportunity to network with other State Teams within MSRGN, and the chance to work on current projects face to face with their team members as well as get feedback/suggestions on their current projects from others. For more information and to ensure your state is represented, please contact Annette Lara: alara@texashealthinstitute.org.

# **Tuba City Telehealth Clinic**

We are excited to announce that the Tuba City Telehealth Clinic will be starting on January 29th. This partnership between Dr. Steve Holve at the Tuba City Regional Medical Center and Children's Hospital Colorado Section of Genetics and Metabolism has been in the works for a while, with a two-year process for contracting and credentialing physicians. The credentialing was approved by proxy (for more info on what this means, see this <a href="AAP article">AAP article</a>). The clinic will have four half-day clinics per year (quarterly clinics) and will serve general genetics patients through telegenetics from providers in Colorado.

# **State Team Spotlight: Nevada**

The Nevada State Team met in January in Reno to discuss their project. The team has developed a postcard with genetic testing laboratories, links and phone numbers for Medicare/Medicaid, and contact numbers for the geneticist in the state. Families and physicians in Nevada will be able to use the postcard as a quick reference to access these services.

## **Facebook Post of the Month**

Calling all #Genetic Ambassadors and #genetic consumers in our region (TX, NM, AZ, NV, UT, CO, MT, WY)!

We will have a conference call on January 24th at 2 pm ET, 1 pm CT, noon MT and 11 am PT all about #genetics and #consumeradvocacy in the Mountain States!

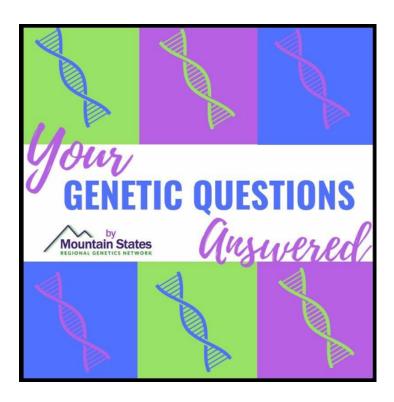
We will also be covering Module Four of "Serving on Groups" training: Tools Groups Use.

If you would like to learn more about our Genetic Ambassador program and would like to join us for this call, please send us a message or email Kristi: <a href="mailto:kwees@mountainstatesgenetics.org">kwees@mountainstatesgenetics.org</a>.



# Your Genetics Questions Answered Series Coming Soon to Facebook Live

MSRGN would like to thank all those who completed the survey link on Facebook in the fall. We received many genetic topics that families would like to learn more about via social media. MSRGN is planning to offer answers to these questions through "Facebook Live" sessions (5 to 7-minute video).



## **FOLLOW MSRGN ON TWITTER**

MSRGN is now on Twitter. Please follow us @GeneticMtnState

# **Email Communications from MSRGN**

MSRGN is in the process of updating our contact list. If you would like to update your email preference or do not wish to receive communications from MSRGN, please email Annette Lara.

Warm regards,

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