Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We hope that you had a Happy New Year and a great 2020 so far! We would like to thank all of you who submitted your ideas for the new grant funding opportunity. MSRGN submitted the grant application on January 13th. We will let you all know when we hear something on the status of continued funding.

As we enter the last four months of the current grant cycle, we want to thank each and every one of you for being part of this network of individuals dedicated to making genetics services more accessible for ALL in our region.

Announcements

Texas Health Institute announces that Annette Lara, MSRGN Program Manager's last day is this Friday, January 31, 2020, as she pursues her next career opportunity. We appreciates Annette's dedication to MSRGN over the past two years and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

2020 Genetic Pop-Up Dates

MSRGN will be honoring RARE Disease Day by holding Genetic Pop-ups in all eight states of our region. For more information on the Genetic Pop-Ups click here.
Arizona
Melinda Burnworth: 2/29/20 in Tuscon
Becki Coleman: 3/2/20 in Tuscon
Kathy Levandowski: 1/25/20 in Phoenix

Colorado
Heather Schichtel: March in Denver
Brittany Parke: 2/29/20 in Aurora
Jamie Stefanski: 5/3/20 in Lafayette
Maria Castillo: 2/8/20 and 2/12/20 in Aurora

Montana
Jenn Banna: 2/12/20 in Missoula

Nevada
Amy Holly: 3/13/20 in Las Vegas
Mary Meeker: 2/29/20 in Reno

New Mexico
Elvira Dennison/Josey Foo: 3/13/20 in Farmington

Texas
Alysian Thomas: April or May

Utah
Gina Money: TBD

Wyoming
Kenneth Allen: 2/27/20 in Sheridan
Melody Rupple: 2/28/20 in Riverton
State Team Spotlight: Colorado

One Hour Once a Month: Learn about Genetics

Children's Hospital Colorado's Virtual Education Series:

GENETIC TUESDAY
2nd Tuesday of Every Month
noon-1pm

In Collaboration with:
The Colorado State Team's virtual education session kicked off this month and will continue every SECOND TUESDAY of the month from 12 pm to 1 pm MT. "Genetic Tuesdays" are monthly educational sessions designed for the primary care providers and interdisciplinary healthcare teams and will offer a wide range of genetic topics including:

- General concepts in clinical genetics and rapidly advancing genetic testing technologies in aiding diagnosis, management, and treatments.
- The role that primary care providers and interdisciplinary healthcare teams play in evaluating and providing management of common genetic disorders.
- Discussion of the initial genetic evaluation of common indications and guidance in ordering and interpreting genetic testing.

The February 11th session will discuss developmental delays and the developmental delay algorithm launched in the second year of this grant cycle. For more information and to register for the upcoming session click here.

Facebook Post of the Month

Read more about a University of Arizona doctor's mission to treat a rare genetic form of epilepsy after his daughter's death: here.
Telehealth Laws

The Center for Connected Health Policy's (CCHP) Fall 2019 release of the "State Telehealth Laws and Reimbursement Policies" report highlights the changes that have taken place in state telehealth policy. The report offers policymakers, health advocates, and other interested health care professionals a summary guide of telehealth-related policies, laws, and regulations for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information click [here](#).

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Warm regards,

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