



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

January 2020

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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 appreciate 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 LasVegas

Mary Meeker: 2/29/20 in Reno

### **New Mexico**

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

### **Texas**

Alysian Thomas: April or May

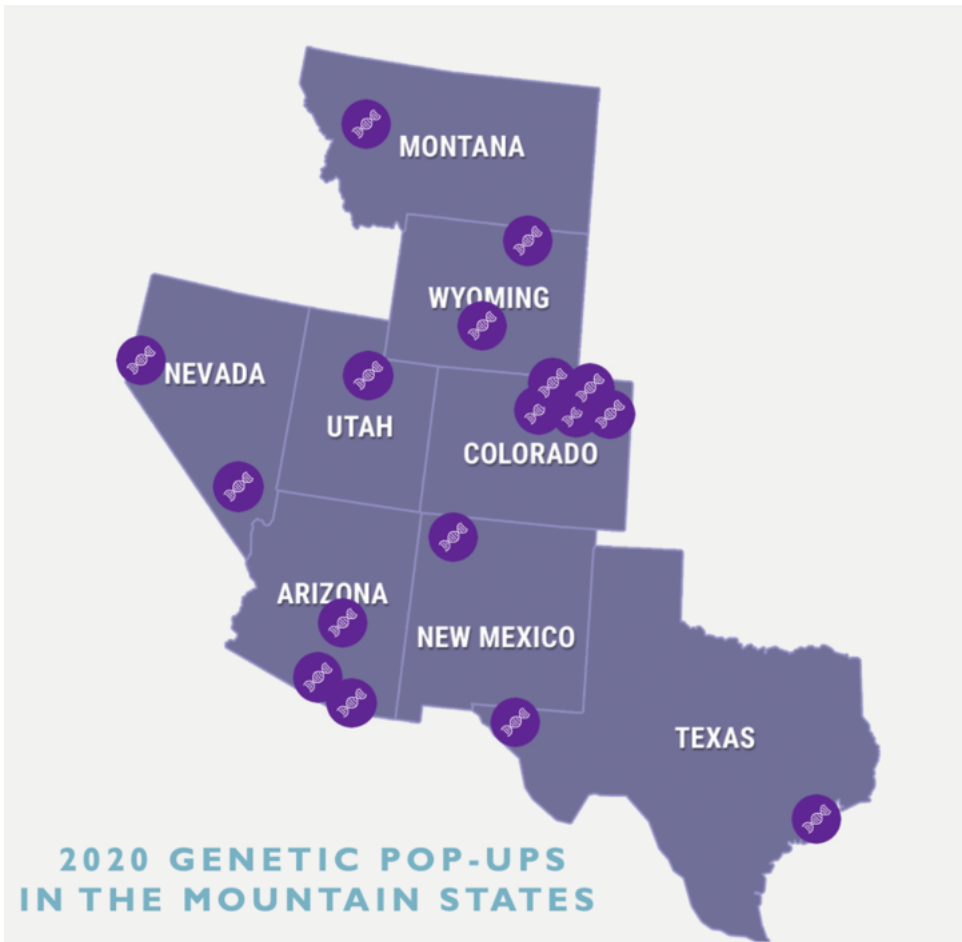
### **Utah**

Gina Money: TBD

### **Wyoming**

Kenneth Allen: 2/27/20 in Sheridan

Melody Ruppel: 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](#).



**Mountain States Regional Genetics Network**

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A heartwarming article about a dad's research for his daughter's  
[#seizure](#) [#epilepsy](#) [#genetic](#) condition out of University of Arizona [#Arizona](#)

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SOURCE: DR. MICHAEL HAMMER



# 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](#).

## FOLLOW MSRGN ON TWITTER

MSRGN is now on Twitter. Please follow us [@GeneticMtnState](#)

Warm regards,



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