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Colorado Speech-Language and Hearing Association

President's Letter



Your CSHA Board of Directors hopes you are all well and enjoying sunny days! It seems warmer weather brings a new busyness to our lives – this is true for your CSHA Board, as well. In addition to our daily commitments to work and family, we are continuing to move forward in achieving the initiatives set by the Board for 2016.

CSHA has contracted with a lobbyist who is guiding us through the recertification process for 2017. The certification bill is currently being reviewed by a public policy analyst who will make his recommendations to the state later this summer. CSHA Board members have followed through with the lobbyist's recommendations to communicate directly with the public policy analyst, schedule observation opportunities and provide names of professionals who are commenting to support the reauthorization of the law. ASHA has also done its part in a number of ways. CSHA was successful in applying for and receiving a \$9,000 grant from ASHA to go toward expenses of the recertification process.

Redesign of the CSHA website is underway, and we think you are going to love the changes! Our goal is to roll out the new website in November. Please feel free to contact us if you have comments and ideas for the new design. Ultimately, our goal is to make the website more functional and accessible for our members, students and consumers.

You will find updated information on the CSHA Conference in this newsletter. We are excited about this two-day, multi-track Conference designed to address a variety of the populations we serve. More details are available on the website. Watch your email for registration information coming soon!

CSHA is pleased to introduce you to Jenny Vail-Stencel who has been appointed as the Colorado STAR (State Advocate for Reimbursement). Jenny is making a valuable contribution to CSHA members by advocating for SLPs with Colorado Medicaid in our ongoing conversation regarding coding/billing changes and reimbursement rates. You can contact her at jenny@sparktherapy.co.

Your CSHA Board continues to be committed to serving our members to the best of our abilities. Thank you for your continued membership and please don't hesitate to contact us with comments or questions.

Pamela Mayer, MS, CCC-SLP
CSHA President

2016 CSHA Fall Conference



CSHA is excited to announce our inaugural two-day, multi-track Conference on Friday September 30 - Saturday October 1. Our upcoming Conference will be held in Greenwood Village, Colorado. The Conference planners have been working hard to bring you both pediatric and medical topics in the field of speech-language pathology. The schedule is mixed with invited speakers and call for paper submissions from Colorado based clinicians. Here are two highlighted Colorado speakers:

- **Ms. Jen Carter** is a Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing (BCS-S) and has more than 20 years of experience treating patients with dysphagia. She currently has a private practice in Englewood, Colorado, the Carter Swallowing Center, specializing in the treatment of dysphagia. She also organizes the Denver Dysphagia Rounds journal club, which is open to any interested dysphagia clinicians.

Ms. Carter will present *Myofascial Release in Dysphagia Treatment for Patients Following Head/Neck Cancer*.

- **Dr. Patrick J. Rydell** is the Founder and Director of the Rocky Mountain Autism Center, Inc. and Autism On Call, LLC, in Lone Tree, Colorado. With more than 35 years of practice (“on the floor”) in the field of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), he has provided international and national training, workshops, consultations and program development to government agencies, medical facilities, universities, school districts, professionals and families. His doctorate (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) was earned through a National Institute of Health Leadership in Autism grant (1989) and he has a double master’s degree (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale) in speech pathology and special education with a program emphasis in early childhood and autism spectrum disorder.

Dr. Rydell will present *Building the Capacity for Conversation in ASD: From Early Childhood to Adolescence*.

Join us in Greenwood Village, Colorado for our 2016 CSHA Conference, **Fall Into Knowledge: Seasons of Change in Speech-Language Pathology**. Please visit the CSHA website, www.cshassoc.org, for details regarding Conference registration, hotel reservations and exhibitor information. We hope to see you this fall!

CSHA Partnering With Colorado Undergraduate/Graduate Programs



CSHA is always looking for ways to be of service and assistance to Colorado speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and now we’re extending that value to future clinicians as well. This spring CSHA has been meeting with speech, language and hearing

students and faculty at Metro State University, University of Northern Colorado and University of Colorado to brainstorm ways that CSHA can be of assistance to students and university programs.

Based on the feedback so far, this fall CSHA hopes to host guest speakers during a live webinar for all Colorado NSSHLA chapters. Students have indicated that they would like to have an opportunity for Q&A with practicing clinicians on a topic such as *A Day in the Life of an SLP* or *Hot Topics in the Field of Speech Pathology*. We are also in the process of adding a section to the CSHA website that will include information and resources for students.

Have an idea of how CSHA could partner with the Colorado university programs and undergrad/grad students? Let us hear about it!



Children’s Hospital Colorado, *Bill Daniels Center for Children’s Hearing* is hosting **The Journey Through Adolescence** conference for parents and professionals on **Saturday, July 16th**. This year’s topic is **“Transition to Life Beyond High School: A Journey that Begins Early”** by Susan Elliott. *There is no charge to attend this conference, but registration is required. Space is limited.* A continuing education processing fee of \$25 is required from professionals.

For more information or to register, please contact:

BillDanielsCenter@childrenscolorado.org OR
720-777-5801

Getting to Know the CSHA Executive Board Members



Kathleen Mays
Vice President for Education Elect

Kathy has relocated from Honolulu to work full time in the Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children’s Hospital Colorado. She brings more than 30 years of clinical pediatric and leadership experiences and has worked in schools, universities and medical settings. During her last positions in Hawaii, she provided school services for preschool through high school and provided clinical supervision at the University of Hawaii. Kathleen has served on Boards for two state speech-language and hearing associations (South Dakota - Treasurer, SEAL and Licensure Committee, and in Hawaii - Secretary and Convention Committee) and two Curriculum Advisory Boards in South Dakota for SLPA’s and Hawaii for Supervision Coursework, as well as Secretary for Ups of Downs Family Support Group. She has two young grandsons that fill her life with laughter, joy and momentous occasions.



Carlyn Hooper
Vice President for Membership Elect

Carlyn Hooper has many areas of professional interest including bilingualism, traumatic brain injury, clinical supervision and early childhood education. She is a member of ASHA Special Interest Group 14 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity as well as Special Interest Group 11 Administration and Supervision. Currently Carlyn works in Denver Public Schools as a Team Lead where she collaborates, supports and evaluates fellow speech language pathologists. She also continues to provide speech and language services from ECE to fifth grade students in the district. Carlyn is currently serving on the CSHA board in the VP of Membership Elect position, and looks forward to connecting with more members in the future!

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Visit the CSHA website (www.cshassoc.org) and make sure your CSHA member account information is up-to-date. Log on to the Member Center of the website, enter your Last Name and your Member Number. Once submitted, you are able to edit your account information, such as mailing address, email address, professional information and more.

The Member Center also gives you access to renew your membership, register for an event, search for a member, access member only resources and print your membership card.

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