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Colorado Speech-Language and Hearing Association

From the President



The past few months have been busy for the CSHA Board. There have been changes as people have stepped into different positions and new faces have joined the Board. After serving as communications director, **Darcy Borella** is now the Colorado StAMP ASHA liaison. The Board welcomed **Stephanie Gonzales** as the new SEAL ASHA liaison, **Cheryl Anselmo** as treasurer elect, **Amanda Tarr** as vice president of public policy elect and **Aimee Smookler** as communications director elect. The Board is very diverse in its representation of different practice settings and populations served. We have members working in early intervention, schools, private practice, faculty, acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care. As the Board has become diverse in practice representation, so has its focus in supporting clinicians in a variety of settings. We have another two track (pediatric and adult) Conference coming up August 5, join us and bring your colleagues!

CSHA is currently expanding the benefits of membership to include webinars offered on the CSHA website at low rates to members. CSHA recognizes how difficult it can be to travel to Denver, Grand Junction or Colorado Springs to attend a Conference. Sometimes, it is simply more comfortable to watch webinars from home or at work. CSHA is looking for local talent to help create these webinars, so if you are a budding or experienced presenter, please contact CSHA for more information. CSHA will provide a stipend to presenters and take care of all the details.

Members of the CSHA Board and other volunteers had the opportunity to testify before the Colorado House and Senate in support of the SLP Bill (SB 17-108). The SLP Bill renewal was signed by Governor John Hickenlooper on May 9. The SLP Bill continues the certification of speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in Colorado and ensures consumers continue to receive quality speech-language pathology services. Moving forward, the SLP Bill sets up Colorado SLPs in an ideal position to create or join an interstate compact licensure bill in the future. ASHA is in support of interstate compact licensures to facilitate telehealth SLP practice and professionals moving from one state to another due to relocation or as travelers. Interstate compact licensure is becoming the future for rehabilitation therapists. The SLP Bill will be up for review again in 2018 so stay put and please reach out to the Board with concerns or comments. The CSHA Board, as always, will reach out to the membership requesting feedback on desired changes or improvements to be addressed during the review process in 2018.

In conversations with peers, many have asked me, "why join CSHA?" Here is my answer: for the opportunities in continuing education, leadership development, updated and timely legislative information, networking, professional strength in numbers and to serve the profession beyond providing patient care. Your dues make it possible to keep Colorado and the SLP profession in Colorado represented and united. The Board is here to meet your needs as professionals in CO but we cannot do it without your CSHA membership. Thank you for being a member!"

Liliana Stagakes
CSHA President



CSHA has planned a Summer Conference this year taking place on August 5 at the Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora. It is a two-track Conference offering speakers and topics for adult and pediatric based clinicians.

Cathy Lazarus, PhD, CCC-SLP, who is the research director of the Functional Outcomes Research Center and a practicing speech-language pathologist for the Thyroid Head and Neck Research Center (THANC) will be speaking all day about management of treated head and neck cancer patients. At the same time, the pediatric track will be offered by three consecutive presenters who will be doing short presentations on feeding strategies, learning principles and social communication. The presenters in the pediatric track are faculty and/or practicing clinicians in Colorado.

Melanie Potock, MA, CCC-SLP is an international speaker on parenting and feeding babies, toddlers and school-age children. She is the co-author of the award-winning *Raising a Healthy Happy Eater & Baby Self-Feeding: A Stage-by-Stage Guide to Setting Your Child on the Path to Adventurous Eating* (2015) and *Baby Self-Feeding: Solutions for Introducing Purees and Solids to Create Lifelong Healthy Eating Habits* (2016). Her new book, *Adventures in Veggieland: Help*

Your Kids Learn to Love Vegetables with 101 Easy Activities and Recipes will be released in October 2017. We will be raffling one of her books during the Conference and at the CSHA August Board meeting happening immediately after the Conference. All attendees are invited to attend the CSHA board meeting.

Christina Meyers-Denman, PhD, CCC-SLP, is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Her teaching and research is focused on child language development and disorders, and intervention practices for children with language disorders.

Kim Murza is an assistant professor at the University of Northern Colorado. Her main research area is the development, delivery, and evaluation of high-quality professional learning in the school. Additional research interests include assessment and intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, systematic review and meta-analysis, strategic learning, inference generation, and disciplinary literacy.

Session Breakdown

Medical Track:

Management of Voice, Speech and Swallowing in Treated Head and Neck Cancer Patients, presented by Dr. Cathy Lazars from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Pediatric Track:

Application of Learning Principles to Treatment, presented by Dr. Christina Meyers-Denman from 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Social Communication and Engagement: Considerations for Assessment and Intervention, presented by Dr. Kim Murza from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Parenting in the Kitchen: Home Strategies for Families in Feeding Therapy, presented by Ms. Melanie Potock from 1:30 pm to 5:00

Registration Now Open at www.cshassoc.org/registration.

Resources and Top Questions About Colorado's InterChange



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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, which administers Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and its new Fiscal Agent have been posting information to help providers learn to navigate the new provider claims system, Colorado InterChange. Over the past 18 months, more than 43,700 providers have enrolled in the new system that went live on March 1, 2017. Since going live, the new claims system has paid more than half a billion dollars in claims to providers. This is on pace with the volume of payments made in the old system.

With any new system launch, there is a learning curve and frequent questions about using the new system. The top reasons for calls to the provider call center are to check on claims and to ask provider enrollment questions. Some examples of the top denial of claims reasons include: revalidation was not started or completed, the wrong combination of provider type, specialty and taxonomy was used on the claim and the wrong NPI number was used on the claim.

The department and its fiscal agent have developed resources that can help providers with these frequent questions about using the new system.

Overview of Online Resources for InterChange

- Revalidation and Enrollment and Online Provider Enrollment Tool
- Training Page
- Cheat Sheets
- FAQs
- Frequent Updates on Provider Resources page
- Go-Live Transition Special Bulletin
- And many more...

The Provider Portal and Provider Resources pages are updated as soon as new materials are available, providers can sign up for our e-newsletter to receive updates, along with accessing billing manuals and provider bulletins. Visit these pages on colorado.gov/hcpf/our-providers often for updates. Providers should also be sure that they are signed up to receive department publications and that their contact email in the Provider Portal is correct.

Chris Underwood

Office Director, Health Information Office

The 2017 CSHFoundation Challenge Has Begun ...

An open letter to CSHA members. Please Contribute to the future of our professions through the Elizabeth G. Jancosek Scholarship Fund.

Dear Friend of the Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation,

All six Board members of the CSHF Board have written their checks to the Elizabeth G. Jancosek Scholarship Fund. As a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Colorado, you may have had the privilege and distinct pleasure of working with Betty J who received the Honors of CSHA many years ago. She was a mentor to so many students both at University of Northern Colorado and Colorado University, Boulder. Were you one of her students? We remember her joy in learning, her care and love of her students, her excitement in sharing speech science information and her unwavering support for quality education of our future professionals. As a CSHA member, please join the CSHF Board members by matching their individual contributions of \$100 dollars each to the 2017 Foundation Scholarship Fund. Your donation in any amount in Betty J's name and honor is greatly appreciated and will promote the purpose of CSHF to generate and disburse funds to support future professionals serving patients with communication disorders.

As you may know CSHF is a non profit organization that depends on your support and funding to keep our scholarship programs running. Your donation is tax exempt. Please send a check to Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation, c/o Tracy Kovach, Treasurer, 10780 Zuni Drive, Westminster, CO 80234. Thank you!

Following are some of the graduate students who have benefitted from your generosity in the past. Stay tuned to learn more about the budding careers of past recipients.

Sincerely,

Members of the Board

Colorado Speech Language Hearing Foundation

Terry Eberly - President, Jeff Steffen - Vice President, Tracy Kovach - Treasurer, Susan M. Moore - Board member, Catherine Curran - Board Member, Kim Murza - Board Member

Membership Drive Winner

Congratulations to **Naomi Lopez**, the randomly selected winner of a \$50 Visa gift card!

Thank you to all CSHA members who referred new members!

Your continued efforts to increase CSHA's membership are greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth G. Jancosek Graduate Student Scholarship Winners

- Christina Jiminez Bracher
- Kristin Simpson
- Katherine McClelland
- Amy Jo Gustafson
- Heather Bolander
- Amanda Vargo
- Jennifer Leggette
- Jen Marson Parker
- Emily Wakefield
- Roy Melissa Warnock
- Shannon Morgan
- Loriann Schwartz
- Arisbey Porras
- Tyler Bucholz
- Kristin Simpson
- Katherine McClelland
- Sai Radjopadhye

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Legislative Update

SB17-108, the legislation that continues state certification for Colorado speech-language pathologists (SLPs), was passed on April 3, 2017. Governor John Hickenlooper signed the bill into law on May 9, 2017. The new act will go into effect on August 9, 2017. One important change is the Department of Regulatory Affairs (DORA) now recognizes speech-language pathologists who possess a special service provider license issued by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). Therefore, SLPs who are licensed through CDE will no longer be required to obtain dual certification through DORA in order to practice in settings outside of schools. The Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the their lobbyist, Brandeberry-McKenna Public Affairs, have been working on this legislation since 2015. This is one way in which CSHA has been working for you. SB17-108 will sunset on September 1, 2022. To read the signed act, follow this link:

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/2017A_108_signed.pdf

Allison Foster

Vice President Public Policy



Habilitation Advocate

The CSHA Board would like to introduce the Chair of Government Relations/Habilitation Advocate, Sarah Elder. Here is a bit about Sarah:

I have been a speech-language pathologist (SLP) for 11 years, a director of rehabilitation for seven years and am now a rehab director of operations for Denver Network with Brookdale. I am also doing PRN work as an SLP as I will always love getting to work with our patients and families. Through the years of working in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), home health, IL and AL I have found that just as much of my job is being an advocate to doctors, medicare and insurance companies to get services for our patients as it is to actually perform treatment with our patients.

As the Habilitation Advocate, Sarah will collaborate with ASHA on strategic communication and advocacy goals in Colorado and organize and engage in collaboration with professional boards (occupational therapy and physical therapy associations) to take strategic steps towards important habilitative advocacy efforts with various government agencies and leaders in Colorado. She will also work with the Lobbyist for CSHA to develop and carry out advocacy efforts, as well as present at local conferences, educating fellow professionals on habilitation advocacy and why it is important.

You can reach Sarah at spedler27@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Sarah, for taking on this vital role!

ASHA Representative Corner

State Education Advocacy Leaders (SEAL) Update



As a liaison between CSHA and ASHA on education-related issues, I am excited to be in this position. I hope to contribute to “enhance and perpetuate the advocacy, leadership, and clinical management skills of school-based ASHA members at the state and local levels to influence administrative and public policy decisions that affect the delivery of speech-language pathology and audiology services in school settings.”

As this school year ends, some things remain in a state of transition. Medicaid funding is in a precarious position due to changes at the federal level and there is simply a great deal of uncertainty regarding the future at this time. CDE’s Speech-Language Advisory Council (SLAC) is continuing the work of revising the Communication Rating Scales as well as brainstorming ideas for different webinars next year. Be on the lookout for that information.

I hope to have more information to share with you all next quarter. I am looking forward to serving you in this position and want to wish everyone a restful and rejuvenating summer!

Stephanie Gonzales

Colorado SEAL

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State-Based Reimbursement Network (STAR)



The State Advocates for Reimbursement (STARs) are ASHA-member audiologists and speech-language pathologists who advocate in their states for improved health care coverage and reasonable reimbursement.

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State Advocates for Medicare Policy (StAMP)



StAMP participants are appointed by ASHA recognized state speech-language-hearing associations. They advocate for Medicare coverage and reimbursement of audiology and speech-language pathology services in the states.

Darcy Borella

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Q: Are there any continuing education guidelines for the state of Colorado? I don't see a minimum requirement listed on the ASHA website. Thank you!

A: Depends on the setting you are employed in. Outside of the schools and based on DORA requirements, you need 10 Professional Development Activities (PDAs) per year. Here is the link for further information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATRDctNzZ0aEtJTmM/view>

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) requires 90 continuing education credits in five years to work in the schools. Find more information at https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/professional_nextsteps.

ACE Award Recipients

The following ASHA members and /or certificate holders were presented the Award for Continuing Education (ACE) by the Continuing Education Board between October-December 2016. The ACE is a formal recognition of professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning by earning 7.0 CEUs (70 contact hours) within a 36-month period.

CSHA would like to recognize the following Colorado members who received this award during this time period:

- Mary Bourne (Aurora)
- Steven Brim (Loveland)
- Elizabeth Crookshank (Colorado Springs)
- Terri Davis. (Castle Rock)
- Stacey Gershwin (Fort Collins)
- Julia Gwinn (Littleton)
- Carlin Hageman (Denver)
- Morgan Hickey (Flagler)
- Lynne Jackowiak (Westminster)
- Nicole Kain (Grand Junction)
- Jocelyn Koenigsnecht (Carbondale)
- Juliana Litts(Denver)
- Beverly Magiera (Littleton)
- Kathleen Mallory Chase (Centennial)
- Jennifer Maybee (Boulder)
- Pam Mayer (Colorado Springs)
- Kathleen Mays (Aurora)
- Emily Nelson(Denver)
- Sara Nohavec(Greeley)
- Ryan Pollard (Boulder)
- Melanie Potock (Longmont)
- Nicole Reisfeld (Wellington)
- Tania Rife (Colorado Springs)
- Nancy Sims (Louisville)
- Amanda Tarr (Denver)
- Elizabeth Viehweg (Aurora)
- Kathryn Lee Ward (Lakewood)
- Dawn Winkelmann (Littleton)

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The CSHA Newsletter is published four times a year by The Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association. We would love to include your stories "from the trenches." Are there interesting strategies you would like to share? Heart-warming stories that remind you that you have the best job in the world? Share them with the community!

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