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in school, and ready to learn

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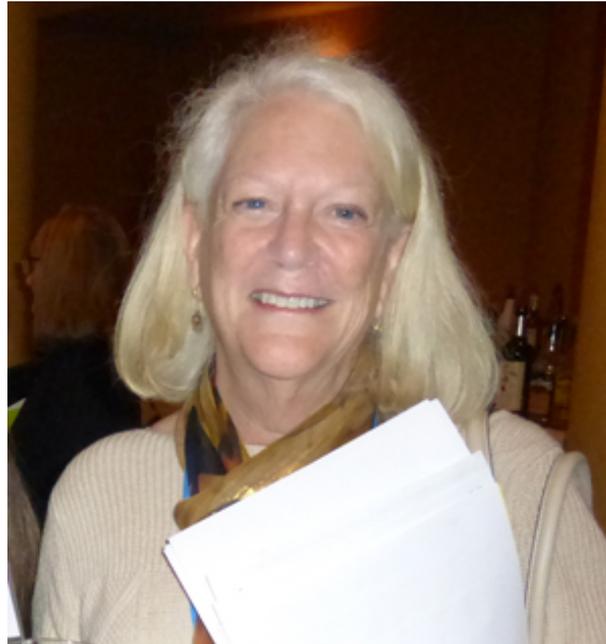
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CASBHC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Debbie at the 2015 CASBHC Annual Conference.

Debbie Costin, the executive director of the Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care (CASBHC) has announced her retirement effective February 1, 2016. In 1996, Debbie and a handful of other advocates saw the need to unite the voices of Colorado's school-based health centers in order to grow and strengthen the model. On November 22 of that year, Debbie took Articles of Incorporation that the group had agreed on, and a personal check for \$50, to the office of Colorado's Secretary of State to incorporate the organization. She continued to run CASBHC out of her home office until the receipt of a large federal grant allowed for the employment of full-time management and rental of a small office on High Street. Debbie continued her involvement with school-based health care as a consultant and volunteer. In 2007, the CASBHC board asked her to return to the organization as executive director. Under Debbie's leadership, the number of school-based health centers in the state expanded from 36 to the current 61, state funding increased from \$500,000 to \$5.2 million, and the number of health care visits provided to Colorado's children and youth grew over 70%.

Debbie intends to spend the first month of her retirement in Tucson where she grew up, catching up on sleep, soaking up sun, hiking, and reconnecting with family and childhood friends. After February 1 she can be reached at dkconsult07@gmail.com.

CASBHC RURAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM A SUCCESS



Consortium participants enjoy a riverside lunch.

CASBHC held its annual fall meeting of the Rural Health Consortium (RHC) in beautiful Salida on October 16. Participants enjoyed a day of discussion, networking and learning. The agenda focused on educating youth regarding nonconsensual sex, mandatory reporting and trauma-informed care. Attendees shared their stories and concerns about how to provide better care and information to students. The Rural Health Consortium brought together representatives from Avon, Delta, Durango, Parachute, Cortez, and Basalt.

Attendees participated in a session on trauma-informed care lead by providers Rachel Anthony (L) and Renee Joyce (R) from A Kidz Clinic in Delta, CO. The discussion focused on successful strategies that increase the collaboration of medical providers and behavioral health providers in caring for children who have experienced traumatic events. The group also discussed a recently released CASBHC publication, *Strategies to Overcome Community Resistance to Comprehensive Sexual Health*. This document can be found [here](#).



ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

CASBHC's annual conference will be held on May 5 and 6, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Aurora. In honor of CASBHC's 20th anniversary, this year's theme is **Then and Now: 20 Years of School-Based Health Center Advocacy**. With a focus on improving access to health care for Colorado's school age children, this year's program will include sessions on ensuring whole child wellness, understanding minor consent, and creating a coordinated system of care. The conference planning committee is currently in the process of developing the program, selecting breakout session topics and finalizing the agenda. If you are interested in presenting at this year's conference, please contact Deidre Callanan as soon as possible.

Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities available! CASBHC's annual conference regularly attracts over 100 attendees from across the state, including primary and behavioral health care providers, SBHC administrators, state government representatives, health policy experts and school and community leaders. We invite you to support the 2016 Conference through sponsoring and/or exhibiting. Only 15 exhibit spots are available -- reserve yours today! Contact Deidre Callanan with any questions.

CASBHC'S 2015-16 SBHC DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE



CASBHC has updated its directory of school-based health centers in Colorado for 2015-16. The directory is the only comprehensive listing of all 61 of Colorado's school-based health centers and provides information such as location, hours of operation, and services offered. The directory is available online at the CASBHC website. If you would prefer a print copy, please send a request to callanan@casbhc.org with the subject of the email "directory request" and make sure to include your mailing address!

UPDATES FROM CDPHE

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment SBHC Program released a two-page overview of the upcoming 2016-2021 Request for Applications (RFA). Take time to carefully read the overview. Note that SBHC Program staff, as well as other CDPHE staff, cannot provide additional information. This is to ensure a level playing field in that all interested parties are given the exact same information in preparation for the competitive application process. To read this overview, please [click here](#).



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UPDATES FROM HCPF



Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC)

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) invites you to participate in guiding the Accountable Care Collaborative Phase II (ACC Phase II). This process will help HCPF design what Colorado Medicaid and the ACC will look like in the future. An upcoming

Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs), will combine the functions of the current Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) and Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs). Click [here](#) for a list of currently scheduled meetings, which will be used to facilitate dialog and collaboration.

HCPF has developed a new resource that shows a county by county snapshot of Medicaid expansion and spending. The [county fact sheets](#) provide information on the hospital, emergency department, Federally Qualified Health Center and primary care spending.

SUSTAINABILITY STUDY RELEASED

The Colorado Health Foundation and CDPHE engaged John Snow, Inc. (JSI) to identify a SBHC business model and financing strategy that incentivizes efficiency and movement toward sustainability, addresses the primary care needs of the target population, and supports SBHC growth. The SBHC sustainability study allows funders, including CDPHE's SBHC Program, to strategically direct their support for SBHCs in an equitable manner that promotes sustainable, high-quality, responsive SBHC services across Colorado communities.

Using data from CASBHC's annual SBHC survey data, the report, which was released in September, 2015 and can be found [here](#), provides an understanding of the operational and financial considerations that impact SBHC sustainability.



PEDIATRIC OFFICE VACCINATION POSTERS

Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition has partnered with the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to create an office poster that communicates pediatric health care providers' strong recommendations regarding childhood vaccination and their commitment to protecting patients and their families from vaccine-preventable disease.

The poster is available in English and Spanish and may be customized to include your office staff photo or logo in place of a photo. All orders will be printed and shipped free of charge. **Order vaccination posters for your SBHC today!**



FREE ORAL HEALTH TRAINING

Cavity Free at Three (CF3) is working to keep all Colorado children free of dental disease. Free training, resources and technical assistance are available to help medical and dental providers deliver preventive oral health services in their practices.

Nearly 4,000 medical and dental providers, health professional students and children's health advocates have participated in CF3 training.

Components of CF3 training include:

- Information about preventing dental disease in pregnant women and young children
- Key oral health messages using motivational interviewing
- Caries risk assessment
- Hands-on clinical skills training in oral health screening and fluoride varnish application
- Help with billing preventive oral health services
- Continued technical assistance support after training
- Regular updates on the latest research about children's oral health
- Provider resources supporting patient education

By successfully completing CF3 training, primary care providers will be certified to deliver oral health screening and fluoride varnish services in Colorado. Find out about upcoming Cavity Free at Three training opportunities by visiting CavityFreeAtThree.org.

Do you have news to share? Has your clinic recently received a grant? Have you been recognized for your great work? Do you have a provider that deserves to be recognized or a new program that is showing successful results? We want to hear about it! Help us profile your work on facebook, twitter, our website and our newsletter. If you have a news tidbit or a story to share, e-mail Deidre, callanan@casbhc.org.



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