

# SNOCAP

State Networks of Colorado Ambulatory Practices & Partners



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## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear SNOCAP partners,

Wow, here we are at the end of July. School physicals are starting, and I'm wondering where the summer went? Hope you have or will get a chance to enjoy summer in your neck of the woods or plains.

Our newsletter is full of news about upcoming Convocation, new projects and a chance to vote on a new SNOCAP logo. Enjoy, give us your feedback and we hope to see you in September in Lakewood!

- Don

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## STUDY UPDATES & REQUESTS



### SNOCAP Logo Redesign

We've heard the calls, now we're trying to answer.

**SNOCAP NEEDS A NEW LOGO!**

*...or do we?*

Thanks to our colleague and graphics extraordinaire, Montelle Tamez, we are working to try out some sample SNOCAP logos.

Weigh in [HERE](#) on the current state of the SNOCAP logo. Is it out of style? Does it need a makeover? What color(s) do you like best?

Thanks in advance!

## SNOCAP LOGO REDESIGN - VOTE HERE!



### PEACHnet Progress

As the PBRN for Colorado's western slope, PEACHnet (Partners Engaged in Achieving Change in Health network) covers a lot of diverse territory. In order to understand the health issues prioritized by different western Colorado communities, we spent the past few months asking practice staff and providers, social service organization staff, and other community members what they thought were the biggest health assets and challenges where they lived. Specifically, we asked them to take pictures on their cellphones, and then share the photos and explain what they represented during a community meeting. This method, called PhotoVoice, meant that everyone had a chance to share their thoughts and to show us the issues that mattered to them, rather than just telling us.

We held photo-sharing meetings in 10 different communities, and although some topics emerged that were unique to each place, we also noticed many recurring topics. Pressing needs identified across multiple communities included affordable housing, improved access to healthcare, more drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment options, and greater access to mental and behavioral health services, including suicide prevention.

Of all the topics identified during photo-sharing meetings, the need for greater mental and behavioral health service access was ranked as the highest priority in a survey completed by 187 respondents from communities that we visited. Based on these responses, PEACHnet will focus research and project development over the next few months on efforts to improve mental health and to expand access to mental and behavioral health services. The first step will be visiting communities again, this time to learn in more detail about current local initiatives to improve mental health in each place. We'll then develop plans to build off of this work and perhaps expand successful initiatives to new communities. In the future, PEACHnet also aims to find opportunities to address other pressing health needs identified in western slope communities.

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### Addressing Adolescent Vaccination

Recent national data show that adolescents who live in rural areas are less likely than their urban peers to receive recommended vaccines. This results in over a million adolescents in the United States who are undervaccinated, and therefore, unprotected against preventable diseases.

The RAD Vax project (Rural Adolescent Disparities in Vaccination) is working on improving vaccination rates for youth in rural areas of Colorado. This project is taking place with COCONet and PEACHnet partners and community partners in 16 rural counties in southern and western Colorado. In the first year of the project, we've focused understanding what might cause the lower vaccination rates in these counties. In the next

year, we will conduct Boot Camp Translations with four regions of rural Colorado to develop messages and materials relevant and tailored to each community aim at improving uptake of adolescent vaccinations.

Counties included in this project are Alamosa, Archuleta, Chaffee, Conejos, Delta, Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, Grand, La Plata, Lake, Montezuma, Montrose, Pitkin, Rio Grande, and Summit. Practices and community members in these counties who are interested in collaborating with our team can contact Sarah Brewer at [Sarah.Brewer@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Sarah.Brewer@cuanschutz.edu) or 303-724-6927.

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## SNOCAP SPOTLIGHT



### [REGISTER FOR SNOCAP CONVOCATION!](#)

Did we catch you off guard with this month's spotlight?

That's because you only have one more week to register for the 2019 SNOCAP Convocation and we *want to hear from YOU!*

**When?** Friday/Saturday September 20-21

**Where?** Sheraton Denver West, Lakewood

**What?** This is a time to come together, share struggles and successes, find community with others, and plan ahead for future work together.

SNOCAP members share issues that are arising as priority topic areas, and we work together to try to address many of these issues. Progress on past priority topics will be shared, and there will be time to generate new ideas. Additionally, this year we are going to focus on the voices of our practices and patients that have participated in SNOCAP work in the past to see how others can learn from their experiences and hear lessons learned "from the field."

Friday evening, September 20th, the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute's (CCTSI) Community Engagement Core is hosting a poster session. For more information on how to submit an abstract, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

When registering, be sure to indicate which day(s) you will attend. Within Eventbrite, click "Select A Date," then click on "Tickets." *If attending both Friday AND Saturday, be sure both dates have attendance marked!*

**Registration is free for attendees.**

**Paid hotel accommodations for Friday night are only available for those traveling over 50 miles to attend the event.** Please contact Mary Fisher at [mary.fisher@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:mary.fisher@cuanschutz.edu) for more information if this applies to you.

**\*\*CONVOCATION REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH!\*\***

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## MONTHLY MEETING

SNOCAP Monthly Meetings are a way to connect with practices and providers across the state. We use this opportunity to showcase current and upcoming work, as well as to

discuss potential work and partnerships with other researchers.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 12:00-1:30PM**

**In-Person:** Academic Office 1, 3rd Floor Room 3101  
12631 East 17th Ave, Aurora, CO 80045

**YOU CAN ALSO REMOTELY JOIN SNOCAP MEETINGS**

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:** <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/664779760>

**Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll):** +14086380968,664779760#

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