

CASN 2020 Fall Conference

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November 7, 2020 - Saturday

9:00 AM Welcome: CASN President Siri Molken MSN, RN, NCSN

9:15 AM COVID-19: A Collaborative Reflection Panel

The COVID-19 crisis has been life-changing in many ways, and each of our experiences with the global pandemic is unique. A consequence of COVID-19 has been the unexpected formation of a team of professionals working toward supporting safe practices in the school setting. Panel members will share reflections, experiences and lessons learned. Members include Dr. Brian Early, CDPHE, Dr. Rhonda Haniford, CDE, Therese Pilonetti, CDPHE, and Sarah Blumenthal, CDE.

Sarah Blumenthal MSN, RN, NCSN, current Assistant Director of Student Health Services in the Health and Wellness Unit for the CDE and State School Nurse Consultant. Sarah is a Nationally Certified School Nurse. She has worked as a registered nurse for 38 years, including 17 years as a school nurse. In her current role Sarah provides guidance and technical assistance to school districts, charters and BOCES throughout Colorado. She has held several CASN Board positions, including Secretary, President, and Conference Committee Chair.

Dr. Brian Early is a Medical Epidemiologist at CDPHE, where he performs public health surveillance for respiratory viruses, in addition to developing guidance for schools and other settings. He completed a residency in Preventive Medicine at the University of Colorado, following medical school at Case Western Reserve University. His previous research has included geospatial modeling of environmental health risks, crowd forecasting of geopolitical events, and infectious complications of injection drug use.

Dr. Rhonda Haniford has over 22 years of experience in education - starting as an English Language Arts teacher in St. Louis. She has served as a principal in two states, a district assistant superintendent, and now associate commissioner at the Colorado Department of Education. She is an experienced leader with a proven record of improving schools from turnaround to performance, increasing on time graduation rates, and developing career pathways with internships and apprenticeships. Her work as associate commissioner includes overseeing units of School and District Transformation, Accountability and Continuous Improvement, and Schools of Choice. She is also helping schools and districts successfully launch the 2020-21 school year by leading the development of the State's school reopening toolkit, in addition to developing a team for the COVID-19 Policy Implications Stakeholder Group that will make recommendations for assessments, accountability/accreditation, and educator effectiveness.

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Therese Pilonetti, REHS, CP-FS is the Institutions Unit Manager/Supervisor, School and Child Care Subject Matter Expert Lead. She is a graduate of Colorado State University's Environmental Health program. Therese is a unit manager in the Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability within the Colorado Department of Public & Health Environment and has over 20 years of experience in public and environmental health and food safety. She oversees the statewide child care and school inspection programs and has spent her career protecting vulnerable populations. She is currently leading a team of school and child care subject matter experts during the state's COVID-19 response. LD, CO/PH, CC, QI, ST

10:30 AM CDE Updates: Sarah Blumenthal MSN, RN, NCSN, speaker. School nurses often face the challenge of accessing current information and resources vital to the delivery of care in the school setting. This presentation will include updates and overviews on school health-related topics, best-practices, and how to access resources. Sarah Blumenthal MSN, RN, NCSN, current Assistant Director of Student Health Services in the Health and Wellness Unit for the CDE and State School Nurse Consultant, will give CDE Updates. LD

11:15 AM Medical Inequities - Michael Sykes MA Manager, Behavior Barriers Team, and Ashley Mosely BA, Behavior Barriers Team,
Michael and Ashley will outline some the historical inequities that have existed within the medical field that impact access, treatment, and trust. These inequities lead to a stereotypical ideology of people of color, which is often used to marginalize and victim shame.

Michael Sykes MS, BA, has a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Special Education and Teaching from the University of Northern Colorado and a Master of Arts (MA), Special Education and Teaching from the University of Northern Colorado. Michael is currently the Manager of Behavior Strategies for Student Equity and Opportunity at Denver Public Schools. He states, "Who would have thought that 16 years ago, this young man (speaking of himself) with no formal behavior training was offered an Affective Needs paraprofessional position because the position went unfilled into October, would someday become one of the biggest advocates for students with behavior barriers. In my current role, my job is to support the district by eliminating behaviors that impact student learning".

Ashley Moseley BA: Ashley is a Behavior Technician at Denver Public Schools. She has a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources with a concentration in High Risk Youth from Metropolitan State University. Ashley states, "In my time serving students I became aware of how disparities further manifest when behavior hides children beneath the chaos. The unfortunate truth is so many of Denver's best students have fallen through the cracks and believe the narrative that they could never achieve higher. I am driven to dedicate my efforts to do whatever I can to support ALL students in obtaining tools needed to navigate not only their educational journey, but the world".

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12:30 PM Call to Action: School Nurses Supporting Health Students and a Healthy Planet, Kathy Reiner MPH, BA, BSN, RN, and Christy Haas-Howard MPH, BSN, AE-C, NCSN
Kathy and Christy will share the current scientific consensus on the state of the planet's environment and climate and its ability to support healthy futures for current and future

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generations. They will discuss practical actions and steps that school nurses can take to sure a healthy planet.

Kathy is the CDE Northwest Region School Nurse Specialist. She has 23 years' experience as a school nurse both as a site-based and consultant school nurse working at all levels Pre K-12. She has presented at the state and national level on multiple topics and has authored and contributed to articles and position statements regarding child maltreatment, delegation, climate change, head injury and infectious diseases. Kathy is the Colorado Director to the National Association of School Nurses, (NASN) and the NASN liaison to the Nursing Collaborative on Climate Change and Health.

Christy is a Nationally Certified School Nurse and an Asthma Educator. She has been a school nurse in Denver Public Schools since 2005. Since 2013 Christy has been guiding the implementation of school-based asthma management programs and has been working with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) as the Asthma Specialist to support asthma programs across the state. She has co-authored/contributed to two articles regarding asthma, published in the *NASN School Nurse*. Christy has pursued learning about and engaging in climate change and health issues. LD, CO/PH

1:30 Hot Topics for Preschools and Child Care Theresa Rapstine MS, RN is the speaker. This interactive session will include PowerPoint, scenarios, and tools for use for nurses working in the child care programs and preschools and will cover the most recent topics concerning these environments.

Theresa Rapstine MS, RN has been a pediatric nurse for 34 years. She's worked to ensure healthy and safe environments for children. Her experience in emergency nursing, leading injury prevention programs, building coalitions, and advocating for children has helped Colorado mandate booster seats, require immunization rate reporting for schools and child care, enhance the Child Care Health Consultant role, ensure safe sleep environments for infants, and improve child care licensing and sanitation rules. Theresa serves as a CCHC for the School Health Program and Children's and as Coordinator for Health Child Care Colorado. She provides coaching and technical assistance to nurses and physicians working in the CCHC role, licensing specialists, child care directors, local public health agencies, state agencies, and community partners. CC

November 8, 2020 – Sunday

9:00 AM Welcome and CASN General Business Meeting – Siri Molken MSN, RN, NCSN, 2020-2021 CASN President

Siri is a Nationally Certified Nurse and has been a Douglas County Nurse Consultant since 2014. Siri's passion is to advocate and empower students to achieve optimal health and life-long achievement. . LD

10:15 COVID-19 Related Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

Sue Kirelik MD FAAP: Dr. Kirelik has practiced emergency medicine since 1992. She served as the Medical Director of Pediatric Emergency Services at Medical Center of Aurora (2000-2003) and at SkyRidge Hospital (2003-2013). Dr. Kirelik was also the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at SkyRidge Hospital from 2003-2013. She has been the Clinical Director in the

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Center for Concussion at the Rocky Mountain since 2013. Dr. Kirelik will discuss MIS-C, a newly recognized pediatric inflammatory syndrome that appears to be temporarily related to previous exposure to SARS-CoV-2. She will review and discuss current case reports.

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11:15 Walking with Courage: Danette Haag BSN, RN, NCSN

Danette is a wife and mother of four children. She is an inspirational speaker, a pediatric registered nurse, a volunteer burn patient, mentor, and Colorado's 2019 Woman of Courage. As an inspirational speaker, Danette uses her decades of valuable, personal experiences from living through and living with a severe childhood burn injury. Inspiring others to see their own greatness by sharing all that she has learned from walking with courage, healing her soul, and refining her beauty. Danette shares her personal walk with fear, as well as stories of strength from her scar covered life, inspiring others to walk courageously in challenging times and always believe in ourselves through any life "scar." Danette is a wife and mother of four children. She is an inspirational speaker, a pediatric registered nurse, a volunteer burn patient mentor, and Colorado's 2019 Woman of Courage. As an inspirational speaker, Danette uses her decades of valuable, personal experiences from living through and living with a severe childhood burn injury. Inspiring others to see their own greatness by sharing all that she has learned from walking with courage, healing her soul, and redefining her beauty. In "Walking with Courage" Danette shares her personal walk with fear, as well as stories of strength from her scar covered life, inspiring others to walk courageously in challenging times and always believe in ourselves through any life "scar." LD

Recorded Sessions

Early Connections: Helping Young Children Heal from Trauma, Erica Stetson Ph.D. is the speaker.

This presentation reviews basic concepts in Early Childhood Mental Health, including the impact of early trauma on the development of young children. Participants will learn best practices for supporting young children with mental health needs.

Dr. Erica Stetson is a school psychologist in the Cherry Creek School District, Aurora, Colorado. She runs Early Connections, a program for young children with significant social-emotional needs. Dr. Stetson received a Master's Degree in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University and a Doctorate in School Psychology from the University of Denver. The Colorado Society of School Psychologists named Dr. Stetson "2010 School Psychologist of the Year." CC

"I am a School Nurse with a Preschool or Before/After.....Now What?"

Katie Maldonado BSN, RN, NCSN, is our speaker. This session is intended to offer support and guidance to those school nurses who are unfamiliar with the licensed child care setting, governing rules and regulations and the opportunities for support in the unique role of the Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC). CC

Katie is a Nationally Certified School nurse. She has been a pediatric RN for 14 years. Katie serves as a nurse consultant on the Children's Hospital Colorado School Health Team and as a CCHC Coordinator with Healthy Child Care Colorado. Her passion for community health and

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improving the wellness of children and families has led to opportunities to support the Child Care Health Consultant role on the local, state and national level. Katie is active in her CCHC role, caring for multiple preschools, school-aged child care and day camps in Southwest Denver [CC](#)

2020 Legislative De-Brief: Chaos among the Chaos, Diana Protopapa MSW, Speaker
Diana is a Partner with Frontline Public Affairs. She is a strong, collaborative leader with 20 years' experience in health care policy and government relations. Diana has a Master's in Social Work from University in Denver. Diana will discuss the 2020 Colorado State Legislative Session and issues impacting school nurses. [LD](#)

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