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Austin, (TX) – The Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative Center announced today the addition of Celia Kaye, MD, PhD as the organization’s new Principal Investigator. Kaye will oversee the application and funding of research projects for the regional center, as well as organizational development and growth.

Dr. Kaye is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado at Denver School of Medicine and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She serves as an educational consultant at UCD School of Medicine and as Senior Genetics Advisor, National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center, UTHSCSA. Dr. Kaye is a recognized reviewer for a number of scientific journals and has served as Principal Investigator on numerous federal research grants.

The Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative Center (MSGRCC) is one of seven regional collaborative centers in the nation and is federally funded by the US. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Genetic Services Branch to provide an infrastructure for state genetics programs. The MSGRCC includes the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

MSGRCC includes more than 400 individuals from eight states in the Rocky Mountain West and is comprised of physicians, nurses, laboratory professionals, genetic counselors, public health workers, and consumer advocates from university medical schools, genetic laboratories, hospitals, state and local health departments, medical societies, genetic support groups and other organizations and individuals that have a vested interest in genetics.

Dr. Kaye will immediately oversee five projects funded by MSGRCC; a newborn screening outcomes project, a laboratory quality assurances project, a genetics policy and education project and two studies in a socio-cultural diversity project.

Leaders from each project and from MSGRCC member states will converge on Austin June 20-21st, 2008 to participate in project reviews, workgroup sessions and genetics learning opportunities. The meeting kicks off the second funding cycle for the organization which was begun in 1984.

For more information on MSGRCC, please visit www.msgbcc.org .

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