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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[31 innovation leaders share their goals and strategies for healthcare innovation](#)

is a story in *Beckers Hospital Review* by Andrea Park and colleagues who spoke to dozens of innovation leaders from hospitals and health systems across the country about their roles in the realm of transformation. They refer to 31 of those conversations, which includes Dr. Richard Zane, chief innovation officer, UHealth in Aurora.

[Remembering Fitzhugh Mullan, a Milbank Memorial Fund Partner](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* blog by Daniel M. Fox who talks about Dr. Mullan, who sought to bring about social justice through health policy and practice, and who died in November.

Kennedy Forum: Agenda for Change is happening February 6th 9:30-11:30AM EST. The goal is to inspire bold action around the U.S. mental health crisis. To register, [click here](#).



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[One Teacher's Brilliant Strategy to Stop Future School Shootings – and It's Not about Guns](#) is a *Reader's Digest* story by Glennon Doyle Melton who talks about a teacher's strategy to look for patterns and identify children who need a little help.

[My year of saying yes to everything](#) is a Ted Talk by Shonda Rhimes, the “titan” behind *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal* and *How to Get Away with Murder*. Shonda spends about 19 minutes describing how she, an introvert, “achieved badassery worthy of a Shondaland character.” She's written a book about the

same, “Year of Yes: How to Dance It Out, Stand in the Sun and Be Your Own.”

[*Telemedicine support group offers convenience, community to young adults with cancer*](#) is a story on *Healio* by Dr. Laura Melton at the University of Colorado Cancer Center who, along with colleagues, introduced a telemedicine psychotherapy support group for young patients with cancer given what may already be challenging lives logistically, still working, many with families, etc.

[*Arvada Dad Joshua Calderon Finds a Path to Weight Loss*](#) is a story by Kathy Walsh for CBS about the importance of a long-term relationship that allows patients to be successful.

[*The Ripple Effect: The Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on Children and Families*](#) was one of the *Milbank Memorial Fund's* top 10 articles of 2019. It's a report by the *United Hospital Fund* with support from the Milbank Memorial Fund and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which makes clear that the magnitude of the epidemic's impact on children and adolescents whose parents are addicted is much greater than realized.

[*Who Killed the Knapp Family?*](#) Is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn who talk about how the working-class people are dying of despair, and that “we’re blaming the wrong people.”

[*Hospitals, nonprofits tackle social determinants of/with digital network of providers*](#) is a story by Jenna Carlesso for the *CT Mirror* about new hospital software being used in Connecticut to help track what happens after a person leaves the hospital by logging patient progress in obtaining healthy food, stable housing, employment and other resources upon release.



[*State Opportunities to Advance Health Care in 2020*](#) is a policy brief for United States of Care by Joanna Dornfeld, Sr. Director of State Affairs, and her policy colleagues who call out major issues for which states are well-positioned to take on this year.

[*Why a Dark Money Campaign Has Colorado in the Center of the National Health Care Debate*](#) is a CPR story by Andrew Kenney about a national campaign that aims to defuse a public insurance option bill that doesn't exist yet.

[*Outspoken critic of Missouri's response to opioid epidemic fired after speaking out*](#) is an article in *St. Louis Today* by Jesse Bogan about a case in Missouri where Ned Presnall “thought bigger” and challenged the status quo calling out the established interests.

[*Here's What the State and Advocates Have in Mind to Change CA's Mental Health Care System*](#) is a *Capital Public Radio* story by Sammy Caiola who provides an overview of some of the big mental health initiatives on the table in California this year.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*Change for Longer Life Expectancy*](#) is a post from Christopher F. Koller, President, Milbank Memorial Fund, to the *President's Blog* about new research that shows how more people across the country are experiencing untimely deaths and points to the places and people affected most, and how it doesn't have to be this way...such change is possible.

[*Maternal Mortality and Public Health Programs: Evidence from Florida*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Patrick Bernet and colleagues about their study that showed spending on public health significantly reduced the maternal mortality rates among black mothers in Florida, and narrowed black-white outcome disparities.

[*Task Sharing Chronic Disease Self-Management Training with Lay Health Coaches to Reduce Health Disparities*](#) is an article in *Annals of Family Medicine* by Dr. Sonal J. Patil about how lay coaches can "share the care" in communities to supplement primary care visits in low-resource settings.

[*Equity First: Conceptualizing a Normative Framework to Assess the Role of Preemption in Public Health*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Derek Carr and colleagues about preemption and inequities and the framework needed to develop and operationalize assessments to address health disparities.

[*CU Nursing-Led Pilot Project Boosting Mental Healthcare in Local Clinics*](#) is a story in *CU Anschutz Today* by Debra Melani about a pilot project in its fourth year at the Sheridan adult and youth clinics in Denver is focusing on using a collaborative care model to minimize the sometimes deadly trend of only half of adults who seek mental health treatment neither get help nor follow through with referrals.

[*Medicaid Expansion, Mental Health, and Access to Care among Childless Adults with and without Chronic Conditions*](#) is an article in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* by Tyler N.A. Winkelman and Virginia W. Chang who examined the association between Medicaid expansion and changes in mental health, physical health, and access to care among low-income childless adults with and without chronic conditions.

[*Reducing the Annual Rate of Suicide in the United States by 20% by 2025*](#) is a *Forbes* story by Clary Estes who writes about an American Foundation for Suicide Prevention effort, Project 2025, that will use top minds in the mental healthcare field along with dynamic data modeling to target four key focus areas deemed to have the highest potential to reach the most people at risk for suicide in the shortest amount of time.

[*How Ageism Negatively Affects Older People's Health*](#) is a story in *Time* by Alice Park about Yale research that set out to determine how much ageism

can influence older people's health by reviewing and analyzing 422 studies involving ageism in 45 countries from 1970 to 2017.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[*Pilot Study of Impact of Medical-Legal Partnership Services on Patients' Perceived Stress and Wellbeing*](#) is an article in the *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* by Anne M. Ryan and colleagues studied whether MLP services impact patients' perceptions of stress and wellbeing, which showed potential for such.

[*Tapping into Medicaid Financing Streams: Strategies for Medical-Legal Partnerships*](#) is a recorded webinar about common themes, insights and trends across programs gleaned from staff in 17 MLPs, including several case studies.



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