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# FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Dr. Nakela Cook](#) formerly a senior leader at NHLBI, has been named the executive director of PCORI, effective April 15, 2020.

[Youth Gun Violence: Supporting Youth and Taking Action](#) is a continuing education opportunity sponsored by the DU Graduate School of Social Work, March 18, 2020, 1-5PM, Craig Hall Classroom, 2148 S. High Street, Denver.

[The Love Song I Wish I'd Written](#) (*for fun*) is an NPR Valentines Day story by Bob Boilen and Robin Hilton who asked a handful of musicians which love song they wish they'd written. This article contains their findings...none of which were terribly obvious.

February 19<sup>th</sup> Levitt lecturer: Dr. Stephen Hwang, Director of the Centre for Urban Health Solutions, University of Toronto – “Creating Urban Health Solutions: Promises & Perils – Anschutz Medical Campus, Ed 2 N, #2303, noon to 1:30PM, lunch provided



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Higher ed leader delves into funding, retention, mental health during campus visit](#) is a story in *CU Boulder Today* by Julie Poppen about Dr. Angie Paccione's (executive director for the CO Dept. of Education) visit to CU Boulder and what she learned about the epidemic levels of anxiety and depression among students, faculty and staff; among other things.

[Arapahoe Sheriff's Office launches program to check in on seniors](#) is a story by Adi Guajardo for *The Denver Channel* who reports that in Colorado the senior population will nearly double by 2050 (to 2 million). To make sure the elderly

are not forgotten, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office launched a program January 1<sup>st</sup> to check up on seniors living alone.

[\*How teachers can help students navigate trauma\*](#) is a Ted Masterclass Talk by Lisa Godwin who shares her experience of overcoming childhood trauma and shows how educators can help students navigate these hardships.

[\*New online tool may help prevent suicide\*](#) is an opinion piece by Linda Larson in *SC Times* who calls attention to the University of Colorado and Grit Digital Health website "[Lock2Live](#)" as a worthy tool that can help prevent suicides by guns.

[\*Lululemon exec: Mental health is the 'next major step in our journey'\*](#) is a story by Melody Hahm for *Yahoo Finance* who reports that the company's EVP of Americas and Global Guest Innovation pledged this week to promote and support mental wellness. Lululemon has become a leader in promoting a healthy workplace culture.



[\*It's 'Very Easy for Kids to Get Vaping Products.' This Colorado 9-Year-Old Can Show You\*](#) is a CPR story by John Daley about a bipartisan measure that would require that every nicotine retailer get a state license.

[\*States Advancing Policies to Increase Primary Care Investment\*](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Rachel Block about three new state reports (from Colorado, Vermont, and Maine) that offer recommendations on how to measure and increase statewide investments in primary care.

[\*The Problematic Law on Policy of Medicaid Block Grants\*](#) was a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* last summer by Rachel Sachs and Nicole Huberfeld about the likely possibility that such block grants are illegal.

[\*State Senate Unveils Mental Health ABC Act: Addressing Barriers to Care\*](#) is a story in *Cape Cod Today* about comprehensive legislation that is the first step toward putting Massachusetts on a pathway to developing a more integrated system of mental health care delivery.

[\*Battling the Mental Health Crisis among the Underserved through State Medicaid Reforms\*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by James Maxwell and colleagues who offer recommendations for states to advance access to high-quality behavioral health services within their Medicaid programs.

[\*Colorado's effort to expand mental health first aid training for teachers moves forward\*](#) is a story by Erica Meltzer for *The Sun* about how the Senate Education Committee unanimously supported two related bills this week...one authorizing spending on training for teachers and another that would allow students to take an excused absence for mental health needs, like anxiety or depression.

[\*A Conversation with Washington Gov. Inslee and Colorado Gov. Polis on the Public Option in their States\*](#) is a Kaiser Family Foundation-sponsored discussion moderated by Kaiser President and CEO, Drew Altman, about state efforts to establish a public health insurance option and make other changes to address health costs and access.



[\*“Super-Utilizer” Interventions: What They Reveal about Evaluation Research, Wishful Thinking, and Health Equity\*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Paula Am. Lantz who did a systematic literature review of interventions aimed at super-utilizers of ED and other pre-hospital emergency services and writes about the findings.

[\*Goldman Sachs asks in biotech research report: ‘Is curing patients a sustainable business model?’\*](#) is a story by Tae Kim for CNBC about how Goldman Sachs analysts address a touchy subject for biotech companies.

[\*Insurance companies can’t keep shirking mental health coverage\*](#) is an opinion piece in *Lehigh Valley Live* by Liat Jarkon who provides data from several studies and reports related to the increased suicide trend among adolescents and calls out the insurance industry who erects barriers to treatment for common mental illness in the midst of this epidemic.

[\*Study: 1 in 5 Patients Gets a Surprise Medical Bill after Surgery\*](#) is an NPR story by Elena Renken about a study that reveals how common surprise billing is after an elective surgery.

[\*Telepsychiatry an ‘effective tool’ for perinatal integrated care\*](#) is an article in *Healio* by Dr. Jay Shore at the University of Colorado School of Medicine about his study that highlights the efficacy of telepsychiatry-enabled perinatal integrated care for treating depression during and after pregnancy.

[\*Morgan Stanley CEO: The economic case for addressing our mental health crisis\*](#) is an opinion piece for CNN Business Perspectives by James Gorman, chair and CEO of Morgan Stanley. Mr. Gorman calls to action the private sector to collaborate with those making an impact in the mental health field to bring proven solutions to scale. Morgan Stanley recently launched the Alliance for Children’s Mental Health that combines the resources and reach of Morgan Stanley with the knowledge and experience of distinguished nonprofit partner organization to help deliver positive, tangible impact on the critical challenges of stress, anxiety and depression in children and young people.

[\*Urban or rural, black lives in NC are being cut short almost before they begin\*](#) is a story by Lynn Bonner in *The News & Observer* about the gap between black and white infant deaths in North Carolina.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-legal partnerships](#) is an article in *Rochester First* by Mark Gruba about a project, housed at Legal Assistance of Western New York of a medical/legal collaboration that supports people who receive care at three health centers in Monroe County.

[Eliminating Hurdles to Life-Changing Medication](#) is Part 2 of a patients-to-policy story series from the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership by Kate Marple and Erin Dexter. This story highlights the effort made by Whitman-Walker Health's medical legal partnership, an in-house entity established in 1986 that employs 10 attorneys and two paralegals, along with 15 insurance navigators; to remove requirements forcing post-exposure prophylaxis meds to be filled by mail.

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