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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*Congratulations to Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew*](#) who is the Dean and Harold H. Greene Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School effective August 2020. Dayna is a Farley Center Steering Committee member and a leader in public health and civil rights law who focuses on racial disparities in health care.

[*At the Heart of the Matter: Fierce, Fearless Women Leading Social Change*](#) is a conversation that will be led by Karen McNeil-Miller, president and CEO of the Colorado Health Foundation August 26th 12-1PM MT about a new, more equitable future built by and for women of color.

Medical students in the class of 2024 began course work this week at the University of Colorado School of Medicine... 160 students drawn from 10,432 primary applications, and 71 from Colorado.

[*UCHealth, CU School of Medicine launch COVID-19 project to follow up with hospitalized patients*](#) is a story on KRDO by Kerjan Biana about how medical students at the Colorado Springs branch have launched a program that aims to glean information about how COVID-19 patients fare after they leave the hospital to inform and improve care.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*How the Pandemic Is Making the Opioid Crisis Worse*](#) is a *Newsweek* story by Adam Piore who writes about progress made in the developments in addiction research as well as new policies.

[*APhA Collaborates with Walmart to Provide Free Comprehensive Opioids*](#)

[*Training Program for All U.S. Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Nationwide*](#) is a post on *Pharmacist.com* by Frank Fortin about a new resource being deployed as reports from across the country indicate a surge in opioid-related overdoses during COVID-19 pandemic.

[*When Things Aren't OK with a Child's Mental Health*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Dr. Perri Klass who makes a plea to identify and help the children who are hurting most, and to encourage kids to talk about their feelings. During these uncertain times, clinicians are seeing more issues with sleep and more symptoms of depression often connect to social isolation.

[*Dr. Morgan Hungenberg graduates from rural training track residency program*](#) is a story in *The Ft. Morgan Times* by Jenni Grubbs who reports on Dr. Hungenberg's journey from training to practice in rural Colorado, and how she embodies the hopes and dreams of the Rural Track Training program.

[*The Unraveling of America*](#) is a story by Wade Davis, anthropologist at the University of British Columbia, published in the *Rolling Stone* in which he signals the end of the American era due to the devastating impact the pandemic has had on the reputation and international standing of the USA.

[*Saving Primary Care: Is It Time for a New Primary Care Service Corps?*](#) is a post on *Mathematica's Related Evidence & Insights Blog* by Diane Rittenhouse, Rebecca Etz, and Janice Genevro who suggest a primary care service corps to provide money, technical assistance, personnel and other direct support for primary care practices nationwide.

[*What Is Liberty? Addressing Underserved Suffering in Health Care*](#) is a commentary in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Shantel Hébert-Magee who addresses the need for recognition of humanity in America's most vulnerable.

[*'Feels like the world is against you': Young people struggle with finding mental health support amid COVID-19 pandemic*](#) is a story in *USA Today* by Elinor Aspergren about some of the ways those feeling anxious or depressed can reach out for support.



[*Community Health Centers Are Invaluable in the Fight Against the Coronavirus Pandemic*](#) is a story covered by Anand Parekh, chief medical advisor for the Bipartisan Policy Center, for *Forbes*, who explores how community health centers have been successfully fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in underserved communities. "They are the unsung heroes for the most vulnerable among us; we need to support them."

[*We've responded to the substance misuse crisis as if it's only about opioids*](#) is a commentary on *The Hill* by John Auerbach and Ben Miller published a few months ago about how the United States focuses on a problem area without addressing the underlying conditions. They offered several federal

interventions for focus.

[*Lost on the frontline*](#) is a story investigated by the Guardian and Kaiser Health News that counts hundreds of health care workers who have died fighting COVID-19 and investigates whether they had to die.



[*Physicians Provide Higher Quality Care Under Set Monthly Payments Instead of Being Paid Per Service, UnitedHealth Group Study Shows*](#) is an article on the *UnitedHealthGroup* site discusses findings from a new study that shows how global capitation payments provide strong incentives for physicians to prioritize prevention, avoid unnecessary interventions, and increase overall wellness.

[*How do individuals with behavioral health conditions contribute to physical and total healthcare spending?*](#) Is a Milliman report by Stoddard Davenport and colleagues that examines the characteristics of total healthcare costs for all patients, and separately for high-cost patients, with a focus on the role played by behavioral health conditions and treatment.

[*How We Are Integrating Behavioral Health into Primary Care*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Jennifer Zimmerman and colleagues about a TriHealth initiative to develop a patient-centered approach to integrating behavioral health into primary care practices.

[*The Geography of Hope and Desperation in America: An Interactive Vulnerability Indicator*](#) is an interactive tool from Brookings that allows you to view and compare state-level trends in well-being and county-level trends in deaths of despair.

[*Do Americans Face Greater Mental Health and Economic Consequences from COVID-19? Comparing the U.S. with Other High-Income Countries*](#) is article on *The Commonwealth Fund* site by Reginald D. Williams II and report that illustrates COVID-19's effects on peoples' mental health and economic security, and compares levels of public trust in national leaders in responding to the pandemic.

[*CDC: One-quarter of young adults contemplated suicide during pandemic*](#) is a post on *Politico.com* by Brianna Ehley who reports on new CDC data that shows the toll is falling heaviest on young adults, caregivers, essential workers and minorities.

[*Primary Care Doctors Look at Payment Overhaul after Pandemic Disruption*](#) is a story on *Kaiser Health News* by Steven Findlay about how the pandemic has laid bare the flaws in primary care and the misguided allocation of money and resources in the U.S. health care system.

[*COVID-19 Has Increased Medicaid Enrollment, but Short-Term Enrollment Changes Are Unrelated to Job Losses*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Chris

Frenier and colleagues whose study results point to the importance of state policy differences in the response to COVID-19.

[*Integrating behavioral health and primary care: a qualitative analysis of financial barriers and solutions*](#) is an article in *Translational Behavioral Medicine* by Farley Center team members about their study that aimed to characterize financial barriers and solutions for the integration of behavioral health in primary care at the practice and system levels.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[*Medical Legal Partnership Colorado*](#) is the only active on—site medical legal partnership in Colorado currently and operates in coordination with Salud Family Health Center in Commerce City.

[*New MLP legal needs screening tool available for download*](#) is a tool designed to detect the health-harming social conditions that stand in the way of good health and can be used by health care organizations in a systematic way.



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