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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[SIREN 2022 National Research Meeting: Racial Health Equity in Social Care](#) is

a free, virtual meeting sponsored by the Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network in September and October that will apply a racial equity lens to social care research.

[One Step Forward, Three Steps Back](#) is the title of this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he discusses progress and derailments related to fighting mental health fragmentation, which stresses the importance of Congress taking action.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Unclouded Judgment – Global Health and the Moral Clarity of Paul Farmer](#) is

an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Lisa Rosenbaum who writes about Dr. Paul Farmer's incredible vision of what it takes to transform the world. Many enter medicine hoping to change the world; Paul Farmer made it happen.

[What's next for Colorado hospitals, health care with staffing as COVID-19 ebbs?](#) is an article in *The Gazette* by Mary Shinn and Seth Klamann that

discusses the fallout of the pandemic's politicization and relentless pace among America's health care workforce. The authors interviewed several folks across the state, including Dr. Larry Green from the Farley Health Policy Center about the losses and ripple effects.

[Everyone Is Not OK, but Back at Work Anyway](#) is a story in *The New York*

Times by Emma Goldberg that indicates how supervisors are called on to help people navigate personal challenges, whether they have the training to do so.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Regional mental health centers are alarmed by Colorado's 232-page plan to shake up the system](#) is an article in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown who writes how supporters of the plan say it'll end a monopoly and a funding stream that's less than transparent. Community mental health centers say it will result in fewer services amid a mental health crisis.

[Effort to loosen regulations on Colorado physician assistants fails after opposition from well-funded medical groups](#) is an article in *The Colorado Sun* by Shannon Najmabadi and Sandra Fish who write about House Bill 1095 that aimed to help increase access to health care for people who live in rural Colorado.

[Financing Approaches to Social Prescribing Programs in England and the United States](#) is an article posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Sahil Sandhu and colleagues who write about how the number of social prescribing practices that aim to link patients with nonmedical services and supports to address patients' social needs is increasing in both England and the United States.

[Opinion: Help is available to teens in crisis – if they know who to call](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Aimee Resnick about a bill in the General Assembly that will ensure that teens know who to call when they need help.

[American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community-Based Services Funding: The Benefits and Challenges of an Infusion of Federal Support](#) is a blog post by Kate McEvoy and Erin Westphal on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site that discusses how states can build their internal capacity so that they can make the most of American Rescue Plan Act funding for home- and community-based services.

[Congressional Budget Brings Funding Boost to CU Anschutz Career Pathway Programs](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Matthew Hastings that reports that the campus will expand its career pathway opportunities for students thanks to new federal funding, an effort led by U.S. Rep Jason Crow and Sens. John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet.

[Colorado lawmakers advance bill expanding Medicaid to undocumented children, pregnant women](#) is a story by Russell Haythorn for *Denver 7* that reports that the House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services committee voted 8-4 to move forward HB22-1289, which would expand coverage to pregnant women and children, regardless of immigration status.

[New York State Failed to Provide Legally Required Mental Health Care to Kids, Lawsuit Claims](#) is a story on *ProPublica* by Abigail Kramer that describes how

plaintiffs allege the state's Medicaid program caused young people with serious mental health conditions to suffer needlessly, ending up in hospitals and residential treatment programs because they couldn't access vital services.



[Pushed to their Limits, 1 in 5 Physicians Intends to Leave Practice](#) is a perspective piece published in *JAMA* by Jennifer Abbasi that discusses the work of the Larry A. Green Center related to its ongoing survey of COVID-19's effect on primary care practices the past two years, as well as findings from another study from the University of Minnesota that focused on burnout.

[What Does the State Innovation Model Experiment Tell Us about States' Capacity to Implement Complex Health Reforms?](#) is an article by Anne-Marie Boxall for the *Milbank Quarterly* about how SIM gave states the opportunity to design and assess payment and service delivery models, and includes findings from several case studies.

[Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey \(ABES\)](#) is an article on the *CDC* website containing new data from the ABES that highlights the magnitude of the challenges our nation's youth faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Researchers track the pandemic's toll on health workers' mental health](#) is an *NPR* story by Rihitu Chatterjee about a recent study that tracked the toll taken on the mental health of health care workers. The author talked to Joshua Paredes about the losses and struggles of a co-worker.

[How Does Use of Mental Health Care Vary by Demographics and Health Insurance Coverage?](#) is a data note posted on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* by Nirmita Panchal and colleagues that explores how the use of mental health care varied across the populations reporting poor mental health before the pandemic using data from the National Health Interview Survey in 2019.

[Association of Music Interventions with Health-Related Quality of Life](#) is a systematic review and meta-analysis on *JAMA Network* by Dr. J. Matt McCrary and colleagues of 26 studies comprising 779 individuals, which found that music interventions were associated with statistically and clinically significant changes in mental health-related quality of life.

['We Have Essentially Turned a Blind Eye to Our Own Children for Decades'](#) is a story in the *Washington Post* by Judith Warner that cites numerous studies indicative of how the mental health support for children in the United States was problematic before the pandemic, and how it doesn't end with the pandemic.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[The Impact of a Pediatric Medical-Legal Partnership on Pediatric Providers: A Qualitative Study](#) is an article in *Academic Pediatrics* by Dr. Sascha N. Murillo and colleagues that examines how MLPs affect providers to help elucidate the value for impacting child health.

[Aligning Public Health, Health Care, Law and Policy: Medical-Legal Partnership as a Multilevel Response to the Social Determinants of Health](#) is a paper (from a few years back) in the *Journal of Health and Biomedical Law* by Liz Tobin-Tyler that explores current health care, public health, legal and public policy responses to the major driver of health disparities – the social determinants of health – and the potential for the ACA to provide mechanisms for reducing health disparities through address SDH.



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