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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The Farley Center is seeking a full-time rural health policy research services professional. Master's degree in public health preferred. <u>Apply online here by</u> <u>April 26.</u>

<u>The ABMS Visiting Scholars Program</u> (applications due June 17) is offering an informative webinar April 23 at 3PM MT to learn more about the year-long research opportunity for early-career physicians and researchers to advance their research and leadership skills.

<u>Colorado physician Lilia Cervantes wins national award for social responsibility</u> is a press release on the *Lown Institute* website by Aaron Toleos, which announces that Dr. Cervantes has been named the winner of the 2024 Bernard Lown Award for Social Responsibility for her exceptional work advancing health equity and expanding access to care for undocumented immigrants.

The Larry A. Green Center surveys to date have directly informed primary care in federal and state policy and via top-tier journals<u>. A new survey</u>, designed to better understand response and capacity of U.S. primary care practice to COVID-19 has been launched, and responses are due by April 21St if you choose to contribute to this initiative.

Dr. Jon Winter, medical director of Virginia nursing homes, is fielding<u>a survey</u> that takes 4-5 minutes to complete and is designed to help better understand how dementia care is changing. He would appreciate your input if you are willing.

<u>First Lady Jill Biden to speak at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical</u> <u>Campus on Saturday</u> in a roundtable discussion surrounding the White House Initiative on women's health research at noon April 20.

<u>Collaborative Community Response Initiative (CCRI) coalition meeting</u> May 3, 10-11:15AM MT will feature JoAnn Toney, WellPower's director of clinical services, who will present on Denver Sanderson Apartment's trauma-informed permanent supportive housing model...an innovative initiative tackling chronic

homelessness.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

25 Years post-Columbine, it's time to invest in 'violence prevention infrastructure' is a story in *CU Boulder Today* by Lisa Marshall about an interview with Beverly Kingston, director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU Boulder, who said, "We can prevent violence, and I'll spend the rest of my life working toward this goal." She believes that if a myriad of evidenced programs were implemented, violence could be reduced by more than 30%.

<u>Twenty-Five Years after Columbine – Firearms and Public Health in the United</u> <u>States</u> is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. David Hemenway who provides some reasons for hope despite the fact that our gun problems have worsened since Columbine.

<u>Western Colorado psychiatric hospital "less than 30 days' cash on hand"</u> <u>before it must close, leaders say</u> is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers who reports that financial challenges, hiring concerns, intense scrutiny from regulatory agencies and problems with insurance reimbursement may lead to West Springs Hospital's closure in Grand Junction.

<u>Children's Hospital Colorado's new Spanish-speaking Pediatric Surgery Clinic</u> <u>is breaking down barriers</u> is a *Denver 7* story by Adria Iraheta about how one doctor made it his mission to make healthcare more approachable for families in Colorado by launching a Spanish-speaking pediatric surgery clinic...the first of its kind in Colorado.

<u>University of Colorado regents consider gun ban as concerns over campus</u> <u>safety mount</u> is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by Olivia Prentzel about how more than 1,000 people have signed a petition urging the university's governing body to change its policy to ban firearms on all campuses.

POLICY EFFORTS

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<u>10 Ways to Better Understand How Shifting State Policy Contexts Affect</u> <u>Americans' Health</u> is an opinion piece on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Jennifer Karas Montez of Syracuse University offers recommendations for researchers exploring the impact of state policy on health outcomes. <u>Bill requiring Colorado insurers to cover weight loss drugs clears first hurdle</u> <u>despite analysis showing significant costs</u> is a *CBS News* story by Shaun Boyd about how medications like Ozempic and Wegovy would be covered by insurance if this bill passes.

RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

CU Denver Researchers Look at the Role of a Diverse Workforce on

<u>Productivity</u> is a post in *CU Denver News* about research led by Professor Traci Sitzmann that is digging deeper into the hypothesis that if a company's employee demographics better represent the broader community, it can lead to a bigger bottom line.

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

Medicaid Opportunities to Support Youth Transitioning from Incarceration is a post on the *Center for Health Care Strategies* website by Liz Buck and Ruby Goyal-Carkeek about how the Medicaid inmate exclusion policy will soon be partially waived for youth in correctional institutions. <u>Funding opportunity for health centers</u> to provide crucial health services to those transitioning out of incarceration is now available.

Advancing Health Equity for Patients Impacted by the Criminal Justice System is a webinar April 30, 12-1PM MT that will introduce strategies for enhancing access to care and promoting health equity among specific patient demographics through the MLP framework.

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