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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Policy Pathways to Address American Youth Firearm Injury and Death](#) is the most recent policy brief from the Farley Health Policy Center that reviews the devastating impact of gun violence on American youth, and points to the evidence to substantiate the need for federal policy action, as well recommends policy actions to protect children and youth.

[A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care after COVID-19](#) is the title of the April 28th noon to 1PM Levitt Distinguished Speaker to be presented by Benjamin Anderson, the Vice President of Rural Health Hospitals, Colorado Hospital Association. He will discuss challenges faced by rural Colorado clinicians during the pandemic as well as share stories of resiliency. Benjamin and Dr. Lauren Hughes led the production of a toolkit and playbook, ["Re-imagining Leadership: A Pathway for Rural Health to Thrive in a COVID-19 World."](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines: Talk with a Doc](#) is a 4.5-minute YouTube video sponsored by the Centennial AHEC and featuring our friend and colleague, Dr. Marc Ringel, a Colorado family doctor for nearly 40 years, who talks about the importance and safety of COVID-19 vaccines. This piece aired a few weeks ago.

[Adapting to a Virtual World: Challenges, changes, and surprising success stories in a global pandemic](#) is a presentation April 16th, noon-1PM MDT, by Julia Langley, faculty director of the Arts and Humanities Program Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

[Creating a social movement for mental health](#) is the title of this week's Mental Health 411 newsletter written by Ben Miller in which he addresses three ingredients and the framework necessary to create a social movement.

[Your Local Epidemiologist. The loop: Translating public health science for](#)

[every day use](#) is an excellent, direct line of science to readers, provided by Katelyn Jetelina, MPH, PhD, epidemiologist and biostatistician, whose regular reports can be found via FB, [the web](#), or Twitter.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*Pandemic Opens Doors to Innovation on CU Anschutz Medical Campus*](#) is a story posted on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Kiley Kudrna who writes about the ways the CU Anschutz Medical Campus persevered in innovation, education and patient care despite challenges brought on by the pandemic.

[*The CDC Says Racism Is a Public Health Threat. Here's What It Means*](#) is an NPR 6-minute interview by Steve Inskeep with Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, former CDC epidemiologist, who now studies race and health at Emory University.

[*America's Shadow Pandemic – Here's How to Design Now for the Behavioral Health Crisis Ahead*](#) is a *Forbes* story by Ryan Hullinger and Sarah Markovitz, hospital design experts, who discuss how health systems should start rethinking physical spaces, so they are well-equipped to provide patients with the behavioral health support they need.

[*The Pandemic Is Improving. Why Are You Still So Miserable?*](#) is a story on *Elemental* by Melinda Wenner Moyer who discusses how not having time to process the past year's events, not having the opportunity to process, and being fatigued and frayed can all get in the way of one's mental health bouncing back to normal.

[*Prince Harry's Focus o Tech and Mental Health Is Only Beginning*](#) is a story in *Vanity Fair* by Katie Nicholl who writes how Prince Harry helped to change the national conversation in Britain around mental well-being and now in California, he's aiming toward global change in his roles with a mental health-focused startup, Better Up; as well as at the Aspen Institute.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*Strengthening Primary Care and Improving Population Health: Nebraska's Approach*](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Martha Hostetter and Sarah Klein who discuss how a group of independent clinicians, health plan administrators and a state legislator are partnering to strengthen the state's primary care infrastructure.

[*Teens grill Gov. Evers on student mental health issues*](#) is a story by A.J. Bayatpour for WKOW in Madison, WI, about how a group of teens questioned WI governor about the mental health programs he's planning to fund and

support, providing their perspectives on how the pandemic has affected their learning, as well as their mental health.

[*What the Funding? COVID Response Must Include Investing in Mental Health*](#)

is a post on *Public Health Funding* by Ben Miller and Jonah C. Cunningham who encourage us to pursue more robust policy and structural reform relative to the billions of dollars provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.



[*More than 3,600 U.S. health workers died in COVID's 1st year*](#) is a Kaiser Health news story for *ABC News* by Jane Spencer and Christina Jewett who report on a 12-month investigation that tracked the deaths of health care workers during the first year of the pandemic.

[*Mental illness is epidemic within the coronavirus pandemic*](#) is an opinion piece in *USA Today* by Ben Miller who discusses how we are at a critical point for mental health in our country, and that policymakers must rise to the challenge in the face of a global crisis.

[*The ACA Family Glitch and Affordability of Employer Coverage*](#) is an issue brief posted on *Kaiser Family Foundation* by Cynthia Cox and colleagues who estimate that 5.1 million people fall into the family glitch... “affordable” employer coverage.

[*Survey: HR administrators, employees disagree on mental health coverage*](#) is a story in *Media City News* by Elise Reuter who writes that while half of benefits executives said their mental health coverage was adequate, more than half of employees with a diagnosable condition didn't receive mental health treatment in the last year, according to a recent survey conducted by mental health startup Lyra Health.



[*Medical-Legal Partnerships: Addressing the Unmet Legal Needs of Health Center Patients*](#) is a policy brief published in *Health Policy and Management* in 2010 by Peter Shin and colleagues who examined the role MLPs can play in addressing the unmet legal needs negatively affecting the health of patients.

[*A series of recorded webinars*](#) as part of a learning collaborative to help staff from health centers, primary care associations and health center-controlled networks to learn how organizations can optimize emerging Medicaid payment innovations to develop, launch and sustain activities that address patients' SDOH needs. This learning collaborative was led by the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership.

Report: Findings from the 2016 NCMLP national survey on MLP activities and trends is a report by Marsha Regenstein and colleagues from the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership that includes these findings: 1) 1 in 3 health care organizations with active MLPs are now health centers, contributing to an increasingly diverse MLP landscape, 2) 1/3 of health care organizations with MLPs include funding for these activities in their operating budget, 3) in 2016 alone, MLP legal partners collectively trained more than 11,000 health care providers in MLP services and health-harming legal needs, and 4) clinicians reported improved patient health outcomes and greater compliance with medical treatment as a result of MLP services.



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