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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[The power of the prescription pad](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who poses the question, "What happens if frontline providers used their prescription pads to prescribe things other than medicine that might help a person's health and well-being?"

[Achieving Whole Health: A New Approach for Veterans and the Nation](#) is a webinar 2/15/23, 9-10:15 am MT during which the above report will be released by the National Academy of Medicine.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[What is the Health Risk of Meth Contamination?](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Matthew Hastings about regulations that Mike Van Dyke, PhD, industrial hygienist and associate professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and the Center for Work, Health & Environment at the Colorado School of Public Health, helped put in place; and how the regulations were formed.

[Can family medicine improve America's mental health?](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Akilah Johnson about the artificial separation between mental health and physical health and how a growing number of clinicians and now the federal government are trying to lower the barriers to access.

[One state looks to get kids in crisis out of the ER – and back home](#) is an *NPR* story by Martha Bebinger about the benefit of home-based counseling when compared with psychiatric hospitalization.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Democrats plan to introduce bill that would allow Colorado gun violence victims to sue firearms companies](#) is a post on *Colorado Newsline* by Sara Wilson about legislation State Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis plans to introduce this session to repeal the state's industry immunity policy that protects gun sellers and manufacturers from most lawsuits and often makes the plaintiff pay the legal fees of the company.

[Red tape keeps WA psychologists waiting for months to enter workforce](#) is a story in *The Seattle Times* by Hannah Furfaro about license wait times and numerous other hoops clinicians must jump through that contribute to the delay in mental health clinicians entering the workforce.

[Lawmakers consider interstate compact for mental health counselors](#) is a post on *VT Digger* by Riley Robinson about how some state and federal officials and mental health professionals are pushing Vermont to join an agreement that would allow mental health workers' licenses to be recognized across state lines.

[UK nurses, ambulance crews strike, straining health system](#) is an *AP News* story by Jill Lawless about the biggest strike in the history of the country's public health system related to pay raises that occurred this week.

[Salve Lucrum: The Existential Threat of Greed in US Health Care](#) is an opinion piece on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Don Berwick in which the author states, "No sector of US health care is immune from the immoderate pursuit of profit, neither drug companies, nor insurers, nor hospitals, nor investors, nor physician practices."

[Psychiatric-mental health program at Creighton targets current nurse practitioners strengthening workforce](#) is a story on *3News Now* by Molly Hudson about how professionals from CHI Health and Creighton's college of nursing are working together to strengthen the pipeline with practitioners already in the field with a new psychiatric-mental health program.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[CU Nursing Alumna Shares Alarming Findings on Adolescent Mental Health, Suicide](#) is a post on the CU College of Nursing website by Bob Mook about research done by Suzanne E. Courtwright, PhD, MSN, PNP, focused on mental health and suicidal ideation among adolescents with chronic conditions.

[54% of gun deaths are suicides](#) is a post on *Poynter* by Al Tompkins about the untold story of gun violence in America.

[Who Delivers Maternal and Child Health Services? The Contributions of Public Health and Other Community Partners](#) is an article on *The Milbank Quarterly* site by Taryn A. G. Quinlan and colleagues about how the researchers measured variation in maternal and child health service provision among a nationally representative sample of LHDs across the United State and examine its association with patterns of social service collaboration among community organizations.

[Adult Primary Care Physician Visits Increasingly Address Mental Health Concerns](#) is a *Health Affairs* article by Lisa S. Rotenstein and colleagues about study findings that emphasize the need for payment and billing approaches that enable primary care physicians to adequately address mental health needs.

[Doctors Aren't Burned Out From Overwork. We're Demoralized by Our Health System](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Dr. Eric Reinhart, a political anthropologist and physician at Northwestern University, about the "slow death of American medical ideology."



[Using the Medical-Legal Partnership Approach to Help Health Center Patients with Long-COVID](#) is a training webinar from the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership to update the field on how health centers and MLP staff can continue to collaborate to better understand and address the evolving needs of patients experiencing long COVID.

[Consumer Housing Unit](#) is a piece on the *Philadelphia Legal Assistance* website about their work to prevent foreclosures for low-income homeowners, fight against predatory lending, and assist families in preserving the integrity of their homes.



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