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[The Holly](#), a documentary film by Julian Rubinstein, a Denver native, follows his book, [\*The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun, and the Struggle to Save an American Neighborhood\*](#), will have its public television premiere as a special on Rocky Mountain PBS February 15, 8PM MT that will include an interview with the author and Terrance Roberts, the subject of the book and film.

[Follow the leader](#) is this week's letter from Ben Miller about the untapped power of lived experience that should be our "go to" for mental health advocacy and systems redesign.

[Pediatric Psychiatry in Primary Care: Core Essentials, March and April ECHO sessions](#) is a seven-session series offered by the Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation & Access Program designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to assess and treat pediatric mental/behavioral health conditions in primary care.

[Join the 2024](#) Heath of U.S. Primary Care Scorecard Webinar sponsored by the Milbank Memorial Fund and The Physicians Foundation February 28, 10AM MT on how the nation and the states are performing on primary care workforce, financing, training, and research funding measures – and how challenges within each of these areas contribute to poor access to primary care.



[The Risks of Normalizing Parental Vaccine Hesitancy](#) is a perspective piece by Drs. David M. Higgins and Sean T. O'Leary, pediatricians, about how it's essential to double down on efforts to increase confidence and trust in vaccines, including in populations that have experienced mistreatment by the medical community.

[Delta-based clinic closes after state agencies allege patient safety issues and ongoing financial problems](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about Integrated Insight Community Care, the clinic that provided physical and mental health services to some of the most vulnerable people on the Western Slope, most covered by Medicaid, and the concerns leading to its closure.

[Where are southern Colorado's primary care providers? It's not an easy answer](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Rae Ellen Bichell about how Costilla County is among 180 areas in U.S. that have grappled with primary care shortages for decades, despite federal aid.



[UCHealth: Another Colorado Hospital under stress from migrant care](#) is a *CBS News* story by Alan Gionet who spoke with Dr. Richard Zane, chair of the CU Department of Emergency Medicine, and learned that the UCHealth system has provided care for approximately 5,800 migrant patients in the last three months. In [another article](#), Dr. Zane talks about how this uncompensated care is unsustainable.

[For Coloradans already struggling with their budgets, the cost of mental health care is increasingly out of reach](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about how this trend is creating devastating effects for Coloradans struggling to get care, for their loved ones, and for the economy.

[Coloradans agree social media is bad for youth mental health. Now lawmakers want to do something about it.](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about a bill introduced in the state legislature that would put regulations on social media platforms to help limit how much time teens spend [scrolling](#).

[Colorado foster kids want their own bill of rights. So why are lawmakers fighting about pronouns?](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about the proposed bill of rights that says foster kids are entitled to food, hygiene and playing sports – but it's the part about gender identity that has GOP lawmakers opposed.

[Colorado bill would ban guns at public parks, hospitals, other 'sensitive places'](#) is a post on *Colorado Newslines* by Sara Wilson about a bill that matches other efforts in California and New York to include 19 'sensitive places.'

[Colorado legislators can ask, "Is universal health care feasible?"](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Bill Semple about how House Health and

Human Services Committee will debate and vote on legislation to tell a different health care story.

[Colorado hospitals' profits plunged roughly 90% in 2022](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold that reports on how the state says most hospitals say the financial picture hasn't improved much in the past year



[For Some Patients, Better Health Starts with Finding a Home](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Michele Cohen Marill about collaborative work going on in Denver led by Sarah Stella who engaged the health system in housing initiatives to break the cycle of people moving between the ER and the streets.

[Reseachers Say Media Focus on Vaccine Hesitancy Distorts Reality](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by David Kelly about how the NEJM editorial above by CU Anschutz physicians says most parents support vaccinating their kids.

[Measuring the Health of Primary Care: Lessons from U.S. and Global Scorecards](#) is a *Health Affairs* article by Barbra G. Rabson and colleagues who write about lessons from prior efforts that can inform future initiatives that leverage scorecards to reimagine and reinvigorate U.S. primary care. But as the global lessons in primary care and other policy domains demonstrate, scorecards are necessary but not sufficient for policy change.



[Heath Center MLP Planning, Implementation & Practice](#) is the second part of a webinar series February 15, 11am-12:30pm MT in which the presenters will explore the full range of professionals, from lawyers to community health workers, which contribute to the work of a successful and sustainable MLP.

[Empowering Change: Innovating and Scaling for a Healthier Tomorrow in the Face of Emerging Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\)](#) is a webinar presented by the Social Determinants of Health Academy March 14, 1-2:30PM MT aimed at deepening audiences' understanding of incorporating and scaling innovative practices to address the latest challenges in the social determinants of health.

[Learning Collaborative Medical-Legal Partnership to Improve Maternal Health Access and Outcomes](#) is a webinar scheduled for April 2, 11am-12:30PM MT designed to equip participants with an increased understanding of how social drivers impact maternal health and how to use MLP to improve maternal health and how to use MLP to improve maternal health outcomes for patients and communities.

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