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FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

<u>More beds, more problems?</u> is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about a renewed push to invest in the right solutions with adequate resources.

The National Academy of Medicine's Climate Communities Network is accepting applications for community leaders to join as members. Deadline is June 23rd.

<u>Gun Violence: Clinicians, Communities, and a Path Forward</u> is the July CU Department of Family Medicine monthly presentation to which all are invited to the virtual side of the event. Dr. Emmy Betz, professor of emergency medicine and director of the Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative, will be our guest July 12th, 12:30-1:30PM. The link above is your Zoom link.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

The hidden loneliness epidemic endangers Coloradans, especially older adults is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Claire Cleveland about how loneliness and isolation pose health risks as deadly as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day and costs the health industry billions of dollars annually, according to the U.S. Surgeon General.

<u>A new family therapy program in Colorado will meet you wherever you are –</u> <u>even if that's Costco</u> is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how an in-home mental health program for kids that began in January has served 200 people in 20 Colorado counties with plans to expand.

<u>Post-Traumatic Growth: How to Flourish after a PTSD Diagnosis</u> is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Laura Kelley about how skills gained during treatment can lead to new perspectives, greater appreciation of life.



<u>Gummy Bears and Gall Bladders</u> is a blog post by Dr. Chris Koller who raises the question...have hospital leaders let health care become just another business?

<u>Colorado SPH faculty play key role in passage of bipartisan bill supporting</u> <u>community healthcare workers</u> is a story on the *Colorado School of Public Health* website about how a bill to allow Medicaid reimbursement for some services provided by community health workers was supported by data from public health researchers.

<u>I Studied Five Countries' Health Care Systems. We Need to Get More Creative</u> with Ours. is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Dr. Aaron E. Carroll, chief health officer of Indiana University, about how America must make universal coverage happen, and focus on the delivery of health services.

<u>Colorado to get more mental health bed options, new hospital amid "near</u> <u>crisis"</u> is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how a new 144bed behavioral health hospital is coming to Westminster and how dozens of state grants aim to boost capacity for mental health.

Most Colorado Option health insurance plans aren't hitting state's costreduction requirement is a post in the *Greeley Tribune* by Meg Wingerter about how the state could force some Colorado hospitals to take lower rates to help bring premiums down.

<u>The Moral Crisis of America's Doctors</u> is a story in *The New York Times* by Eyal Press about how doctors on the front lines of America's profit-driven health care system are susceptible to moral injury, an emotional wound sustained in the course of fulfilling their duties.

<u>Opinion: How Houston's homelessness breakthrough could be a national</u> <u>game-changer</u> is a CNN opinion piece by Marc Eichenbaum and Michael Nichols about the success of a unified, regional, homeless response system called The Way Home led by the nonprofit Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County.

<u>Opinion: COVID-19 showed us how to beat poverty</u> is a commentary by Andrea Kuwik for *The Colorado Sun* about the value of COVID lessons given that the economic hardship remains.

Interview: Denver Mayor-elect Mike Johnston lays out his first 100 days in office is a CPR interview with mayor-elect Mike Johnston in which he indicates that he wants to hire hundreds more first responders and build tiny homes for the unhoused throughout the city as an alternative to homeless encampments, and ensuring that people have access to wraparound services

RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

<u>A Reason for Hope: Most School Shootings Are Preventable</u> is an article in *Pediatric Nursing* by Dr. Judy Rollins and colleagues that provides strategies for consideration.

<u>Century-Long Trends in the Financing and Ownership of American Health</u> <u>Care</u> is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Adam Gaffney and colleagues about how the authors examined trends in health care ownership and financing...who pays for health care, who owns it, what care is delivered, who receives it, and who profits it.

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

<u>Transformation: Elevating Care, Clinicians & Communities</u> is a conference sponsored by the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved to be held July 23-26 in Washington, DC. This year's emphasis...highlight the need to ensure high-quality, accessible, and inclusive care for all; to support and elevate our healthcare workforce; and to advance health equity in historically marginalized populations.

Integrating Lawyers into the Perinatal Health Care Team: Initial Findings from an Innovative Medical-Legal Partnership is an article in *Obstetrics and Gynecology* by Roxana Richardson and colleagues that describes a novel approach to addressing maternal health disparities.

<u>Un-Erasing Race in a Medical-Legal Partnership: Antiracist Health Justice</u> <u>Advocacy by Design</u> is an article in the *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* in which the authors advocate for the use of MLPs across different communities as they can shift the dialogue regarding social determinants of health.

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