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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Dr. Ally Kempe, professor of pediatrics, announced she will step down as director of the Adult and Child Center for Outcomes Research and Delivery Science (ACCORDS) once her predecessor has been named. Dr. Myra Muramoto, chair of family medicine, will lead the national search for Dr. Kempe's replacement.

[CU Summit Focuses on Strategies for Addressing Suicide by Firearm among Active-Duty Military Service Members](#) took place last week and was hosted by the CU Anschutz Center for Combat Medicine and Battlefield (COMBAT) Research and the CU Anschutz Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative and brought together military and civilian stakeholders from across the United States to share research, strategies, and messaging for addressing and preventing firearm suicide in the military.

[Just One Extremely Determined Person Can Change the World](#) is a commentary by Kate McEvoy posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* who tells Julie Bequette's story and how she launched a campaign of lived experience that started with her congressperson. As the disability movement reminds us, "nothing about us, without us." Julie passed away in May.

[The Power of Presence](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who espoused the benefits of unplugging, being present, and enjoying time with family and friends.

[Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness](#) is a documentary about the mental health crisis among youth in America and premieres on PBS stations nationwide June 27th and 28th at 7PM MT. Ken Burns is the executive producer and the documentary gives voice to the experiences of young people who struggle with mental health challenges and focuses on the importance of awareness and empathy.

[Medicaid Leadership Exchange Podcast Series](#) features discussions with Medicaid leaders on priority topics related to leading state agencies including insights into strategies that have/haven't worked straight from Medicaid leaders themselves. The series was made possible with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.



[Opinion: The reality is the state of children's mental health is getting worse](#) is a commentary by Jena Hausmann, CEO and president of Children's Hospital Colorado, and Dr. Ron-Li Liaw, chief of mental health for Children's Hospital Colorado, in *The Colorado Sun* a year after Children's Hospital Colorado declared a state of emergency for youth mental health. They report that the state of emergency for youth mental health has only gotten worse.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: The story is far from over and ever-changing](#) is this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet who reviews the evolving pandemic story.

[Guns aren't going away. What if we treated gun violence that way?](#) is a post on *Grid* by Jonathan Lambert about how a public health approach can reduce firearm-related injury and death.

[Opinion: A Colorado foundation gives it all away – now – to battle the climate crisis](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Jordana Barrack about how the Colorado-based Mighty Arrow Family Foundation decided to donate the entirety of its fund and sunset the foundation by 2040.



[Embedding Equity into 988: Imagining a New Normal for Crisis Response](#) is a policy brief from the Kennedy-Satcher Center for Mental Health Equity in partnership with Beacon Health Options to establish concrete recommendations towards equitable and effective administration of 988.

[As the baby formula crisis worsens, it's also magnifying disparities in the U.S.](#) is an NPR story by Jason Breslow about how this crisis has impacted all parents of formula-fed infants, but it magnifies the disparities that have long existed.

[Tribal Mental Health Gets New Focus, But Equity Barriers Remain](#) is a story on *Bloomberg Law* by Ian Lopez about how the federal government is trying to direct more money toward policies intended to help the unique population that has long suffered from mental health challenges.

[The Colorado Multi-Payer Collaborative: A Framework for Integration of Whole-Person Care](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Pam Curtis and colleagues about a framework for primary care practices seeking to provide more advanced levels of care, as well as guidance for payer organizations migrating toward advanced payment models that pay for value delivered through integrated, comprehensive, whole-person, population-based approaches.

[WHO highlights urgent need to transform mental health and mental health care](#) is a post on the WHO site that announced the WHO's release of its largest review of world mental health since the turn of the century, making a plea for transformation via a comprehensive action plan.

[Court decision endangers addiction and mental health coverage for 130 million Americans](#) is an opinion piece on *The Hill* by Ryan Hampton about the devastation caused by health insurers denying coverage to those who need it most.



[Research to Move Policy – Using Evidence to Advance Health Equity for Substance Use Disorders](#) is an opinion piece in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Carlos Blanco and colleagues who address how racial and ethnic disparities in treatment access and outcomes among patients with substance use disorders have widened despite substantial efforts to address the epidemic of drug-overdose deaths in the United States.

[How Community Health Centers Are Serving Low-Income Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic Amid New and Continuing Challenges](#) is an issue brief on the Kaiser Family Foundation site by Jessica Sharac and colleagues that examines how the pandemic has affected health center patients and services, as well as highlights the ongoing challenges health centers and their patients face.

[Non-Judgmental, Patient-Centered Care Is Most Effective when Talking with Families about Firearm Safety](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz School of Medicine* site by Rachel Sauer about recent research that shows listening and respecting patients' values are vital to creating plans for safer firearm storage.

[100 Million People in America Are Saddled with Health Care Debt](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Health News* site by Noam N. Levey about how debt is no longer a "bug in our system" but rather one of the main products. The burden is forcing families to cut spending on food and other essentials and forcing them from their homes and into bankruptcy.

[Suicide among Males across the Lifespan: An Analysis of Differences by Known Mental Health Status](#) is a research brief on the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* by Dr. Katherine A. Fowler and colleagues with an analysis that compares suicide characteristics among males with and without known mental health conditions by age group to inform prevention.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[The Medical-Public Defender Partnership – How to Create a Medical-Legal Partnership Focused on the Criminal Legal Needs of Justice-Involved Patients](#) is a webinar June 23rd 11AM MT in which panelists will highlight best practices and lessons learned, and provide practical tools such as customized letter templates highlighting the health consequences of incarceration that have been integral to this partnership and can be used by other MLPs in both urban and rural settings.

[Technical Assistance Office Hours Registration Form: The Unique Role of Medical-Legal Partnerships in Helping Health Centers Address Disability & Chronic Disease Discrimination](#) is a webinar June 23rd, at noon MT.

[School-Based Health & Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a fact sheet developed by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership that describes the value of school-based health centers with MLPs for patients.

[Transgender Health & Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is a fact sheet developed by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership that describes the value of partnering with legal services to address social and structural issues that impede quality health care for transgender people.

[HRSA Advancing Health Equity through Health and Housing Partnerships](#) is a webinar June 23rd, noon-1PM MT that will focus on the structural factors that contribute to racial inequities in both the health and the homeless systems, and how connections between the two systems can help reduce health disparities.



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