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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Searching for the Family Doctor: Primary Care on the Brink](#) is a recently published book by Dr. Timothy Hoff who writes how the specialty of family medicine has always existed within the context of an unsupportive American health care system that underemphasizes and undervalues primary care.

[COVID-19: A Virtual Conversation Series](#) is a recurring series tracking the impacts of the pandemic in Colorado and beyond presented in partnership by The Institute for Science & Policy and the Colorado School of Public Health. Key lessons include communication matters, leadership matters, and how science can achieve remarkable things.

[Match Day Ceremony Reveals Residency Locations for Graduating Students at CU School of Medicine](#) is the story about last Friday's match day for CU School of Medicine graduates. This was an especially exuberant event given that COVID interfered with the past couple of celebrations.

[First-generation medical students and The Match](#) is a post on the *AAMC* site in which the organization estimates that 12.4% of those attending MD-granting medical schools are first-generation college students of the 2021-22 class.

[For Trailblazing Doctor, History and Empowerment Go Hand in Hand](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz* site by Chris Casey about a gift from Dr. Helen Morris to the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities to fund its new American Jewish Experience in Medicine Program.

[Podcast: While We Wait: Into the Archives – The History of Mental Health Policy](#) is a Health Affairs Pathways podcast co-hosted by Avni Kulkarni and Sania Ali, who delve into the archives to learn about a seismic shift in mental health policy that left the health care system scrambling to fill the cracks for decades.

[Communicating Your Science to the Public](#) is a 3-part workshop sponsored by the CCTSI and presented by Dr. Camilla Sasson that provides an overview of why and how to engage the public to increase trust in science; the first scheduled April 26th.

A blue banner with a white silhouette of a diverse group of people of various ages and heights. Below the silhouette, the text "COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Colorado's new mental health commissioner to focus on "front-door" access to care, children and the fentanyl crisis](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about Dr. Morgan Medlock, Colorado's first commissioner of behavioral health, and her priorities and thinking for what's next for Colorado.

[12 Teenagers on What Adults Don't Get about their Lives](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Patrick Healy and Lulu Garcia-Navarro who write about what they learned in a focus group with teens when trying to hear and understand the views of wider cross-sections of Americans whose voices are often not heard.

[Late to Bed, Early to Rise...](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how a culture of sleeplessness is harming our mental health.

[The Science of Helping Out](#) is a post in *The New York Times* by Tara Parker-Pope that discusses how those who help others during a crisis, are the people who cope best.

A blue banner with a white silhouette of a domed building, likely a state capitol, against a background of clouds. Below the silhouette, the text "POLICY EFFORTS" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

POLICY EFFORTS

[Youth violence remains a major public health crisis in Aurora. City leaders want to address it with new funding.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about how marijuana tax revenue will help city leaders provide \$500,000 to several organizations to help prevent youth violence and intervene after a violent incident has occurred.

[The Logic of Policies to Address Income-Related Health Inequity: A Problem-Oriented Approach](#) is a post on *The Milbank Quarterly* by Seth A. Berkowitz that suggests how addressing income-related health inequities requires a set of overlapping and complementary policy approaches rather than focusing on a single policy.

[Electronic Health Records as Biased Tools or Tools Against Bias: A Conceptual Model](#) is an article posted on *The Milbank Quarterly* site by Michael D. Rozier and colleagues that offers a conceptual model showing how the design and subsequent use of EHRs can be subject to bias and can either encode and perpetuate systemic racism or can be used to challenge it.

[The Affordable Care ACT: Twelve Years Later](#) is a post on *Health Affairs* by Kevin Kimberlin that discusses the advantages of empowering the patient with shared decision-making and how that could result in a clear path to delivering affordable health care to all Americans.

[A landmark legal ruling in the fight for mental health equity has been overturned](#) is a post on *The Kennedy Forum* site by Patrick J. Kennedy about a devastating ruling this week that sets America back while struggling to cope with increasing mental health challenges, especially among youth.



[Participation, Pricing, and Enrollment in a Health Insurance “Public Option”: Evidence from Washington State’s Cascade Care Program](#) is an article posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Aditi P. Sen and colleagues that examines insurer participation, pricing, and enrollment in the Washington public option. The public option was the lowest premium standard silver plan in 9 of the 19 counties in which it was offered.

[Identifying Value-Added Population Health Capabilities to Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure](#) is an article posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Rachel Hogg-Graham and colleagues about study findings that suggest how prioritizing the delivery of value-added population health capabilities may help communities increase their public health system’s capacity and improve health outcomes.

[How Does Use of Mental Health Care Vary by Demographics and Health Insurance Coverage?](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site about how the use of mental health care varies by demographics and health insurance coverage.



[Closing the Health Justice Gap: Access to Justice in Furtherance of Health Equity](#) is an article on the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* by Yael Cannon, director of the Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center, which discusses how the health justice and access to justice movements can be aligned to work in furtherance of health equity.

[Literature review: Making the case for medical-legal partnerships, 2013-2020](#) is an issue brief posted on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site by Caitlin Murphy that provides an update to a review done in 2013 that demonstrates how MLPs’ impact is improving.

[Focusing on Structural Racism to Address Social Determinants of Health](#) is a paper from the Corporation for Supportive Housing that provides examples of

how structural racism in housing has affected inequities in social determinants of health and health outcomes.

[Racial and Health Equity: Concrete STEPS for Health Systems](#) is a post on the AMA site that contains a toolkit developed in collaboration with *Health Begins* designed to help identify ways to prepare health systems or group practices for conversations about health equity, racial equity, racism, and anti-racism. And to engage leadership in conversations about racial and health equity.



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