

## FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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<u>Three years and going strong</u> is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he reflects about three years of writing on Substack that highlights the importance of milestones and celebrations and includes a poll for reader feedback.

<u>2024 Colorado Health Symposium: Rewriting Narratives: Advancing Equity and Justice</u> is scheduled for July 24-26 in Keystone. Applications and proposals are due by March 22.

2024 Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award Nominations Now Open is an award designed to recognize and reward a nonprofit leader who is working hands-on in their community as well as advocating for change at a systems level. The award recipient will receive a \$20,000 donation to the organization of their choice, along with a reception in their home community. The deadline for nominations is March 29.

<u>Understanding the Commercial Determinants of Health</u> is a Milbank Quarterly webinar March 12, 1-2PM MT during which researchers will discuss frameworks for understanding the ways that industry shapes public policy, and ways to develop regulatory environments that incentivize or constrain the commercial sector as needed to advance population health.

<u>Long COVID Patient Experiences and Systems of Care</u> is an online course that provides information from patient-lived experience experts, peer-reviewed publications, and state and federal initiatives, along with resources for assessments and referrals to help improve systems of care for Long COVID.

Health Care Provider Training Grant Program is a new Colorado initiative established with funding through House Bill 22-1267. It works to improve access to care and health outcomes for underserved and marginalized communities by providing funding to nonprofit organizations, health care providers, and health care associations to develop culturally relevant and affirming trainings for health care providers. New awardees include Castillo Primary Care, Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice, Envision: You, Gyedi Project, HealthTeamWorks, I Am Well Foundation, Immunize Colorado,

Southwestern Colorado Area Health Education Center, and Youth Seen.



<u>Saving Our Black Mothers</u> is a post on the *Anschutz College of Nursing* website by Molly Smerika about a CU nursing panel discussion about ways to make care equitable.

<u>The Pandemic Only Amplified Colorado's Drinking Problem</u> is a story in *5280* by Julie Dugdale about how people are developing alcohol-associated liver disease more frequently and much earlier.



"Ridding the Race of His Defective Blood" – Eugenics in the Journal, 1906-1948 is a perspective piece that is part of the invited series by independent historians, focused on biases and injustices that *The New England Journal of Medicine* has historically helped to perpetuate. The hope is that we can learn from our mistakes and prevent new ones. This piece begins with ideas put forth by Dr. William Mayo during his speech at the inauguration of a new laboratory at Boston City Hospital in 1923.

How a friend's death turned Colorado teens into anti-overdose activists is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Rae Ellen Bichell about how Durango students helped write a bill to allow students to carry naloxone without fear of discipline, and encourage districts statewide to make opioid overdose reversal drug available on campus.

Colorado has the tools to prevent type 2 diabetes, but we need to make sure they are affordable is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Rep. Dafna Michaelson Jenet about a bill that would require insurers and Medicaid to cover treatment for obesity ad pre-diabetes, including anti-obesity medication.



Revising the Logic Model Behind Health Care's Social Care Investments is a summary in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Laura M. Gottlieb and colleagues of

recent evidence about how increased awareness of patients' social conditions in the health care sector may influence health and health care utilization outcomes.

Causal Assessment of Income Inequality on Self-Rated Health and All-Cause Mortality: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis is a review article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Michal Shimonovich and colleagues in which the available evidence (very few studies using natural experimental approaches or examining income inequality at the national level) found only small associations between income inequality and poor self-rated health and all-cause mortality.

Colorado construction workers, pressured by longer, harder hours, die by suicide twice as often as other professions is an article in *The Colorado Sun* by Jenny McCoy about how companies, unions and trade groups have begun paying attention to the mental health of workers to help reverse the devastating trend.

Reduction of Environmental Pollutants and Travel Burden through an Academic Medical Center-based Electronic Consultation Program is a retrospective analysis of the eConsult data between July 2018 and December 2022 extracted from the EHR (Epic) posted on *Liebert Publishers* by Susan L. Moore and colleagues, which indicates that medical care provided through telehealth modalities reduces the environmental impact of pollutants associated with face-to-face visits.

Report: More than 700,000 Coloradans believed to have developed long COVID is a *Denver 7* story by Adria Iraheta about the findings of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care's Annual Report for Long COVID, just released, which shows that more Coloradans than expected have been affected.



Advancing Health Equity through Issue Spotting in Primary Care: A Case for Medical-legal Partnerships is a case report in the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care* by Kelsey-Jo Moss and colleagues that highlights the importance of screening for social needs as well as having appropriate interventions to address their impact. One intervention is medical-legal partnerships.

Envisioning A More Equitable Future: Advancing Stakeholder-Centered Innovation is the 2024 Association of Clinicians for the Underserved Conference in Washington DC August 4-7. The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnerships will be facilitating an MLP Roundtable during the

preconference 8/4.

<u>Learning Collaborative: Medical-Legal Partnership to Improve Maternal Health Access and Outcomes</u> is a learning session April 2, 11-12:30PM 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 outcomes for patients and communities.

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