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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Progress for Primary Care!](#) is a commentary by Dr. Larry A. Green posted on the *Farley Health Policy Center* website about the new office being formed to coordinate development and implementation of robust primary care in the country. Very exciting news!

Annual CSTAHR Greg White/Levitt Lecture November 3, 112-1:30PM MT: *Gang Violence, Policing and Community Health: A Case Study* using Julian Rubenstein's recently released book, *The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun*, and the Struggle to Save an American Neighborhood as the backdrop. It is a story that chronicles the history of gangs in the United States, and how gangs and policing have impacted the health of communities. Speakers will be the author, Julian Rubenstein and Terrance Roberts, a community activist whose story is a focal point of the book. If you would like to receive a link for the streaming of this event, please contact [Linda Niebauer](#) and it will be sent to you when available.

Most recently the Farley Health Policy Journal Club discussed climate change and health. To review the suggested readings and a summary of the discussion, [click here](#).

[The Upswing Fund for Adolescent Mental Health Announces Additional Grants to Support Adolescents of Color and LGBTQ+ Youth](#) is a news release on *The Upswing Fund* website about \$380,000 granted to four recipients: Boston GLASS, Powerful Voices, Homeless Children's Network, and Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN) to provide innovative and meaningful ways to enable adolescents to engage in programs that support them.

['Eye to Eye' with Discrimination, Shame, Strength, and Beauty](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz* website by Greg Glasgow about a photo exhibit by Dr. Carey Candrian that tells the story of older LGBTQ women on display at the Fulginitti Pavilion for Bioethics and Humanities on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

[Mental Health Youth Action Forum](#) is a 4- to 6-week program hosted by ViacomCBS' MTV Entertainment Group, along with 18 leading mental health nonprofits to empower young people to use storytelling and media to drive mental health actions in their communities, culminating in a 2-day forum in Washington DC next spring.



[A Good Death?](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Richard E. Leiter who suggests that clinicians should do what they can to ease suffering at end of life, but to also acknowledge limitations and not set expectations for a good death when nature can take turns.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Models, Predictions, Projections, and Uncertainty](#) is this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, CU School of Public Health's dean, who refers to two quotes that stand out for him the past 18+ months, in particular... "*Prediction is hard, especially about the future*" and "*All models are wrong, but some are useful.*"

[Most mental health clients do not have a primary care doctor. Burrell seeks to change that](#) is a story in the *Columbia Daily Tribune* by Charles Dunlap who writes how Burrell Behavioral Health is working to help clients without, connect with a primary care physician.



[A Playbook for Implementing Medicaid Expansion: Louisiana's Experience](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Will Boles and colleagues who write about a model for states and counties to consider for rapidly enrolling eligible persons while balancing eligibility integrity and doing so within a limited administrative budget.

[In New Mexico, a bold experiment aims to take police out of the equation for mental health calls](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Griff Witte of a new category of first responders in the Community Safety Department, available to 911 dispatchers in Albuquerque. These responders don't have a badge or gun.

[Opinion: Colorado should vote on a publicly funded, privately delivered health care system](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Bill Semple who suggests we can spend less and cover all health care needs if fundamental change is made in how we pay for health care. Colorado's Health Care Future spent several millions to oppose the proposed public option in the 2021 legislative session, succeeding in getting the General Assembly to back down to a private, insurance-based model.

[Business Groups Try to Ax Fines for Mental Health Coverage Flaws](#) is a post on *Bloomberg Government* by Alex Ruoff that discusses Dems wanting to beef up enforcement of rules meant to make it easier to access mental health services using insurance; business groups opposed.

[Companies prioritized mental health during COVID, so why are we still so burned out?](#) is a CNBC story by Jennifer Liu about the need for larger organizational change...systems and policies of work itself need to change.

[Applying HIPAA would help Facebook transform mental health for good](#) is an opinion piece on *Stat News* by Param Kulkarni in which the author suggests that applying the protection laws of HIPAA to Facebook, users' health information possessed by FB would be protected with the highest privacy standards and disclosed and used only with the user's permission.

[Georgia on my mind](#) is this week's newsletter title from Ben Miller who writes about Georgia's mental health challenges and suggested considerations for action.



[Perinatal Mental Health and More](#) is an editorial in *Health Affairs* by Alan R. Weil, that briefly reviews several manuscripts about perinatal care...several reporting mental health effects.

[Children and teens face unequal mental health realities](#) is a story on *Axios* by Marisa Fernandez who reports on data from a new report from the Child Mind Institute that offers a glimpse at the differences in children's early psychological responses as researchers work to tease out the pandemic's potential long-term effects on the incoming generation's mental health and developmental skills.

[New Pill Is a Potential Game-Changer in the COVID Battle, CU Anschutz Experts Says](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz* site by Chris Casey who writes about the new Merck & Co. oral pill developed to treat seasonal influenza, and the focus was shifted when the pandemic struck.

[Urgent warning for pregnant women: Get your COVID-19 vaccines](#) is a post on the *UCHealth* website by Katie Kerwin McCrimmon that reports how newest data show how dangerous COVID-19 can be during pregnancy, and why pregnant and breast-feeding women should get vaccinated.



[Eviction and the Necessary Conditions for Health](#) is a commentary in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Katie Moran-McCabe, JD and Scott Burris, JD

who write about how safe and affordable housing is a foundation of good health.



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