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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[COVID-19 Research in the News: What Ethical Issues Does This Raise?](#) is the title of the 11th Annual CCTSI Research Ethics Conference November 4th, noon to 3PM MT that will examine the pandemic and misinformation and features a panel of experts.

[Re-thinking our approaches to mental health stigma](#) is a 1-hour webinar cohosted by Well Being Trust and the American Association of Medical Colleges moderated by Ben Miller. It addresses existing social constructs and structural factors that perpetuate stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders that creates barriers to seeking care, engaging in recovery, and improving outcomes.

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.

[The crisis on campus](#) is the topic for this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he calls out how three national children's advocacy organizations declared a mental health crisis for youth.

To view a 1-hour recorded session sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center about the mental health workforce and community-initiated care, [click here](#).

[The Summit on Mental Health: Preliminary Program](#) provides an outline of the November 8-11 program sponsored by the Association of Health Care Journalists.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: New York City's vaccination requirements and the folly of "freedom versus fear"](#) is the focus of this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health.

[These 5 States Have "Out of Control" COVID](#) is a story on *Eat This, Not That!* by Alek Korab about how COVID is going down, but not everywhere. Colorado is in the top five states of trends heading the wrong direction.

[Biden says many Americans are feeling 'down' because of pandemic and urges people to seek help if they need it](#) is a CNN story by Kate Sullivan in which President Biden encourages those struggling with mental health problems to reach out for help, refreshing advice from our leader.

[Shatter the myths about suicide and kids of color | Expert Opinion](#) is a commentary in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* by Saul Levin and Regina James about how doctors from the American Psychiatric Association say that medical professionals and researchers must rededicate themselves to ensuring that young people of color receive mental health services.

[What is an 'emotional push-up'? Exploring the concept of mental health gyms.](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Hilary Achauer who writes about a program that combines a workout for our minds and our bodies providing a connection to others along the way.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Why Public Health Faces a Crisis Across the U.S.](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Mike Baker and Danielle Ivory that examines hundreds of health departments around the country showing that the nation may be even less prepared for the next pandemic than it was for the current one.

[Increasing Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: Policy Strategies During and After COVID-19 Pandemic](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Caroline M. Au-Yeung and colleagues that suggests that policymakers should: 1) make permanent important policy changes put in place during the pandemic that have improved access to medications for opioid use disorder, and 2) maintain pandemic policies that have increased access to medications for opioid use disorder by addressing service delivery, medication-prescribing authority, dispensing rules, prescriptions and refill parameters, and more.

[How the Biden Administration Can Improve Population Health](#) is a blog post on the *Bipartisan Policy Center* site by Dr. Anand Parekh that suggests that the Biden administration is well-positioned to improve population health using a federal framework and offers three overarching tactics to accelerate progress.

[FACT SHEET: Improving Access and Care for Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions](#) is a new resource posted on *The White House* website that builds on the Administration's emphasis on youth mental health and substance use since taking office.

[If You Have a Mood Disorder, You May Now Be Eligible for a COVID Booster](#) is a story on *Huff Post* by Catherine Pearson about how the CDC added depression and schizophrenia to its underlying conditions list, further proving that mental health is health.

[Jailed Coloradans waiting longer and longer for competency services, with sometimes tragic consequences](#) is a *CPR* story by Alison Sherry that reports on how some people are still waiting in jails for pretrial evaluations or mental health restoration way beyond the 28 days established two years ago in such situations.



[Study Finds Correlation Between Rural Geography and Access to Handguns, Suicidality Among Colorado Teenagers](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Kelsea Pieters that provides findings that can help determine where to allocate limited resources for youth firearm safety efforts and suicide prevention.

[Study Finds Family Physicians Deliver Babies in Majority of Rural Hospitals](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Rachel Sauer about data being used by Dr. Mark Deutchman to guide training of medical students pursuing family medicine in rural areas.

[Vaccinated People May Be Even Less Likely to Transmit COVID-19 than Previously Thought](#) is a post on *Healthline* by Moira McCarthy about how some experts say that this may be true given that vaccinated people may have a viral load in their nasal passage that keeps them from transmitting the virus as well as the way vaccines attack the virus, which could aid in the determination of safety protocols.

[Too hot to handle: Can our bodies withstand global heating?](#) is a story in *The Guardian* by Natalie Grover about how extreme heat can kill or cause long-term health problems...but for many unendurable temperatures are the new normal.

[Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with Higher Risk for Severe COVID-19: Information for Healthcare Providers](#) is an article on *CDC.gov* that provides an evidence-based resource for healthcare providers caring for patients with

underlying medical conditions who are at higher risk of developing severe outcomes of COVID-19.

[Children and teens face unequal mental health realities](#) is an *Axios* story by Marissa Fernandez about 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.

[How to confront COVID-19's toll on kids' mental health](#) is a story in *National Geographic* by Sharon Guynup that highlights how we'd be doing an entire generation a huge favor if we better addressed our kids' mental health.

[WHO report highlights global shortfall in investment in mental health](#) is a post on the *World Health Organization* site by Alison Brunier about how the world misses most 2020 mental health targets and that an extension of the WHO Mental Health Action Plan to 2030 provides new opportunity for progress.

[2020 Employer Health Benefits Survey](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site about findings from a survey of employers that indicated that about 22% are satisfied with the availability of mental health provider networks.



[Pathways to Success on Probation: Lessons Learned from the First Phase of the Reducing Revocations Challenge](#) is a post on the *CUNY Institute for State & Local Governance* about a national initiative supported by Arnold Ventures that funded action research teams pairing probation departments in 10 jurisdictions with research organizations to explore the drivers of probation violations and revocations and use that information to identify new policy and practice solutions.

[Providence launches first hospital-based medical-legal partnership in Montana](#) is a post on the Providence blog about this unique MLP.



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