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Leaders from the American Board of Medicine and the Center for Professionalism and Value in Health Care joined folks from around the world in Washington DC this summer for [The Essential Role of Primary Care for Health Security and Securing Health Conference](#). The intent of the conference was to inform a long-expected Action Plan for Primary Health Care developed by the Secretary for Health and Human Services. More than 170 leaders in primary health care from more than 20 countries attended.

[The HHS Action Plan to Strengthen Primary Care as a Model for Strategic Coordination](#) is a concise description of why the United States needs coordinated leadership for primary care by Dr. Lauren Hughes, the Farley Center's State Policy Director, immediate past chair of ABFM's Board of Directors, and co-chair of the National Academies of Sciences standing committee on primary care.

[A new chapter for mental health](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he suggests leveraging libraries for community well-being.

[Cathy Bradley Outlines Five-Year Plan for the Colorado School of Public Health](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website about the focus for the new dean of the CU School of Public Health as building a stronger identity and new resources for school support.

[New School Emerges Amid Youth Mental Health Crisis](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Kiley Carroll about the Traverse Academy that connects CU psychiatry experts with the Cherry Creek School District, a first of its kind collaboration between clinical practitioners and public school educators.

[Getting mental health right for all](#) is last week's newsletter from Ben Miller about our need to put forward policies that benefit the full continuum of mental health.

[This East Colfax home was turned into mosaic art because, its owner wonders out loud, why not?](#) is a story in the *Denverite* by Desiree Mathurin about Steve Hartbauer, a self-proclaimed hermit, who encourages people to step outside of their bubbles and do what pleases them.



[Can You Use Medicine and Prescriptions Past the Expiration Date?](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Matthew Hastings about how Dr. Peter J. Rice, professor of clinical pharmacy at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, weighs in on how most medicines are safe to take past their expiration dates, and how most dates are very conservative.

[Top Vaccines for Older Adults to Consider and Why](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Emily Cheshire that summarizes the importance of vaccines for the elderly, and which should be a priority.

[5 Sneaky Signs You're Getting Sick](#) is a story on *HuffPost* by Julia Ries that reports on some signs that indicate an infection is brewing and if caught early enough, a person might be able to intervene and provide the body what's needed to improve/quicken recovery.

[How Hospitals Are Prioritizing Community Support for Children's Mental Health](#) is a *US News* story by David Levine about how health providers are working with local and regional partners to meet increased demand for mental and behavioral health services.

[Screening for Housing Needs – Or Preventing Them?](#) is an opinion piece by Ashley A. Meehan and Joshua M. Sharfstein of the Bloomberg School of Public Health that discusses the need for housing resources and call for clinicians and health care organizations to advocate for more affordable housing, controlled costs of available housing by expanding vouchers programs, and increased funding for supportive housing programs.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Colorado, 32 other states sue Meta claiming its social platforms are addictive and harm children's mental health](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Barbara Ortutay about how Colorado has joined the lawsuit filed in federal court in California that claims that Meta routinely collects data on children younger than 13 without their parent's consent.

[Unemployment and Mental Health: An Important Opportunity for Cross-Sector Action](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* website by Joel C. Cantor and colleagues at the Center for State Health Policy at Rutgers University that describes how unemployment affects mental health and how support may help people get back into the workforce.

[Supporting Climate, Health, and Equity under the Farm Bill](#) is a perspective piece by Dr. Lisa Patel and colleagues in *The New England Journal of Medicine* related to the Farm Bill that establishes U.S. food, agricultural, and nutrition policy. Its reauthorization represents a critical opportunity to improve food systems and health while also mitigating climate change.

[Modeling State Firearm Law Adoption Using Temporal Network Models](#) is about a study in the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Duncan A. Clark and colleagues that employs new social network methods to identify underlying connections among states and to predict the likelihood of new firearm-related policy adoption given changes to this interstate network.

[Why the Polis administration is celebrating even though health insurance rates are set to rise next year](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about "how more Colorado Option plans than expected will meet the state's price targets," but how premiums for those who purchase coverage on their own are set to increase by nearly 10%.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Where Do Fears Come From? How Can New Insights Enhance Treatment?](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Matthew Hastings about a dual-campus study that leverages math in improving commonly used exposure therapy. New fear and exposure therapy research provides fundamental "Newtonian physics" to behavioral

health treatment, leading the way for better, personalized treatments.

[Pandemic Didn't Lower Parents' Trust in Childhood Vaccines](#) is a story covered by Denise Mann for *US News* about new research led by Dr. David Higgins, research fellow at Children's Hospital Colorado, that did not see a significant increase in parents who were hesitant toward routine childhood vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic compared to before.

[Evaluating risk of suicide and limiting youth access to firearms](#) is an interview with Dr. Eric J. Siegel, professor of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine, about his suicide and gun violence presentation (what we know and what we can do) at the recent American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition.

[Next Steps for Addressing Conflicts of Interest in Residency Programs](#) is a commentary by Dr. Matt Wynia, professor and director of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities, and colleagues for *JAMA* that addresses conflicts of interest in residency programs, calling out that drug and device makers are not required to annually report payments to residents and that reporting required by federal law is insufficient to reduce risks of conflict of interest in residency training programs.

[US Medical Student Plans to Practice in Underserved Areas](#) is a research letter in *JAMA* by Dr. Liselotte N. Dyrbye and colleagues that suggests increasing the diversity of the workforce given that minority physicians disproportionately practice in underserved areas.



[Expanding support for housing stability](#) is a Kaiser Permanente press release about how this health care provider is expanding its innovative Health, Housing, and Justice: Medical-Legal Partnership initiative across seven of its regions to bring critical housing-related legal services to members and communities, helping prevent evictions to increase housing stability.

[Empowering Comprehensive Care: Recruiting & Retaining the Integrated Care Team](#) is a webinar scheduled for October 31 at 1PM MT hosted by the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved STAR Center and will provide a unique opportunity for health center professionals to explore innovative ways of building and maintaining transdisciplinary healthcare teams.

[SDOH Academy Webinar Series Part 1: Moving from Data Collection to](#)

[Action: Improving Patient Access to SDOH Resources](#) is a webinar slated for November 2, 1-2:30PM MT, and will include best practices offered by other health centers and a brainstorming session establishing effective referral networks and improving patient access to SDOH services.

[Community Legal Aid receives grant for medical-legal partnership](#) is a story on *Idea Stream Public Media* by Emma MacNiven about a \$214,000 grant provided Akron Children's Hospital to assist patients who are afflicted with difficult living conditions.

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