

FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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<u>Leadville Irish Miners' Memorial – Moving Toward Completion</u> is an announcement in *Irish Network Colorado* about the 9/16 official ribboncutting and celebration of completion of the memorial constructed in memory of the more than 1100 Irish immigrants buried in unmarked graves, a symbol of their humanity, their lives and their struggles so that their stories might continue.

A mental health revolution: Addressing childhood poverty is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller suggesting we rethink what can have the most impact on mental health.

Past the Pandemic: Individual Wellbeing, Connection and Support is an upcoming Echo series September 27-November 1, 8:30-9:30AM MT to help attendees develop an awareness of the manifestations of stress along a continuum and to learn about tools to increase capacity, mitigate burnout, elevate connectedness and mindfulness, and promote self-efficacy and quality patient care.

Rockies icon Todd Helton helping relieve \$10 million in medical debt for Coloradans is a story in USA Today by Ayrton Ostly about how Todd Helton, retired Colorado Rockies' first baseman and the organization RIP Medical Debt, will send letters to a number of Colorado residents notifying them their medical bills will be covered, beginning this month.

4th Annual CSTAHR Greg White Levitt Lecture: Data, Algorithms and Racial Health Equity by Elaine O. Nsoesie, PhD, Associate Professor, Boston University School of Public Health. This presentation will be a hybrid event November 15th, 12:15 to 1:30PM. To register to attend in person (lunch available 11:45AM) or to access the Zoom link, please click on the link above. Dr. Nsoesie will focus on research about the use of data science methods to study the impact of policy on racial health inequities.



What can be done to prevent gun suicides as U.S. rate hits all-time high is

a PBS interview by William Brangham with Dr Emmy Betz, director, Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative at the University of Colorado, to acknowledge Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, especially given that last year 49,000 Americans died by suicide...an all time high. Dr. Betz addresses what can be done.

<u>Like chicken soup for a cold, Colorado exec says we learn recipe to prevent suicide</u> is a story by Anna Alejo for *CBS Colorado* about how a woman who lost her brother to gun suicide is determined to save lives by sharing the simple steps each of us can take to support people who are struggling with their mental health.

National Suicide Prevention Week Helps to Break the Stigma Around Mental Health is a story on the *CU School of Medicine* website by Mara Kalinoski in which Dr. Julie Wolfe, CU assistant professor of psychiatry, offers insights and resources on suicide prevention and warning signs.



Colorado mountain towns where teachers can't afford housing have a new solution: tiny homes built by teens is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about how school districts in Aspen and Frisco are exploring beyond apartments and houses to open up new affordable housing options – 200-square-foot abodes – for educators and staff.

Colorado's universal preschool standards set low bar, experts say is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Ann Schimke about how Colorado's proposed quality rules, which will take effect in fall 2024, are already coming too late for the first class of universal preschoolers – about 38,000 4-year-olds and 9,000 3-year-olds so far this fall.

A Doctrine in Name Only – Strengthening Prohibitions Against the Corporate Practice of Medicine is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Jane M. Zhu and colleagues about how rapid corporatization of health care raises new questions about the usefulness of the corporate-practice-of-medicine (CPOM) doctrine, why despite the CPOM laws in many states, has the corporate land grab in health care continued, and how can the CPOM doctrine be strengthened to protect both the medical profession and public interest?



Becoming Less Usual: Understanding the Decline in the Number of People with a Usual Source of Care is a report posted on *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Jane L. Tavares and Marc A. Cohen that examines

recent trends (2014-2020) in the use of a usual source of care among those aged 50 and older, with a focus on racial/ethnic disparities and other socio-demographic characteristics, including type of health insurance coverage.

Association Between Partisan Affiliation of State Governments and State Mortality Rates Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Dr. Steven Woolf and colleagues who studied whether the partisan orientation of governors or legislatures was associated with mortality outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Medical-Legal Partnership as a Model for Access to Justice is a post on the Stanford Law Review site by Yael Zakai Cannon that calls out the justice gap that leaves many Americans with unmet civil legal needs. This national crisis calls for new innovations so that access to justice can function more like primary care, promoting better use of resources and preventing legal crises that can cause long-lasting harm.

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