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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[2020 Culture of Health Prize](#) is a funding opportunity for communities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Up to 10 communities will be selected to win a cash prize of \$25,000 and much more to elevate compelling stories of community members working together to transform neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and more. An informational [webinar](#) takes place 9/24/19, and the application is due November 4, 2019.

[Colorado Is Ready!](#) is a website/campaign that has been created in partnership with the Farley Health Policy Center and the Colorado SIM Office to broadcast Colorado's readiness to continue advancing integrated care that stemmed from the work done via SIM and a readiness assessment conducted in the spring with the Wandersman Center. Check out a number of terrific, short videos [like this](#) available on the website from a host of stakeholders that highlight experiences from the field, reflections on this work, and future plans. What comes next in Colorado is up to all of us. Consider supporting Colorado by joining [Colorado Is Ready LinkedIn Group](#) and sharing these videos with your colleagues.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[To boost workforce, medical schools try to sell rural life](#) is a story by Sudhin Thanawala for the *Associated Press* who discusses medical school strategies to attract/entice a new generation of doctors to rural areas struggling with health care shortages.

[How Schools Use Social, Emotional Learning Curriculum to Teach Mental Health](#) is a story covered by Virginia Prescott and colleagues for *Georgia Public Broadcasting* about how Georgia schools are finding innovative ways to make social and emotional learning part of the curriculum.

[*A Framework to Improve Community & Enhance the Quality of Life of Millions*](#) is a posting on the *Well Being Trust* site by Dr. Somava Saha and Tyler Norris who discuss the newly developed [“Well-being in the Nation Measurement Framework: Measures for Improving Health, Well-Being and Equity across Sectors](#). This framework can be used by anyone to guide policy, compare results across initiatives, and drive improvement.

[*United States of Care Summer Reading List*](#) is a curated list of articles, op-eds, studies, and podcasts by the founder’s council members, staff, partners and friends.

[*DNP – Mental Health*](#) is a story by Liz Cambage, basketball player for the Las Vegas Aces, in *The Players’ Tribune* about her ongoing struggles with depression and anxiety and the NBA’s new rule that every team has to have a mental health professional on staff, which doesn’t extend to the WNBA.

[*Preventing Farmer Suicide: Collaboration and Communication*](#) is a YouTube video where experts discuss warning signs of suicide and how communities can help farmers and their families address mental health concerns.



[*It’s time to transform rural health care in America*](#) is an opinion piece by Tom Daschle and Tom Tauke in the *Des Moines Register* who have joined the Bipartisan Policy Center’s Rural Health Task Force to develop policy recommendations to improve access to affordable, quality care in rural America.

[*Screen All Adult Patients for Drug Abuse, National Panel Urges*](#) is a *NY Times* story by Jan Hoffman about how the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended this week that doctors screen all adult patients for illicit drug use, including improper use of prescription medications. BUT, they didn’t endorse the same for teenagers. [*For the first time, U.S. panel recommends screening adult for illicit drug use*](#) is another story about the same in *STAT* by Brittany Flaherty.

[*2019 State Health Policy Progress*](#) is a report from Kristin Wikelius, senior policy director and Joanna Dornfeld, senior director of state affairs at United States of Care. Key takeaways include: 1) examples from at least 14 states demonstrate health care progress is possible, 2) states have made progress on creating more affordable coverage choices, addressing high prescription drug costs, improving access to mental health care and protecting patients from expensive surprise bills, and 3) big changes often require multiple legislative sessions, and emerging ideas indicate where states might make progress next.

[*Opinion: The U.S. can slash health-care costs 75% with 2 fundamental changes – and without ‘Medicare for All’*](#) is an opinion piece on *Market Watch* by Sean Masaki Flynn believes two policy changes that have been proven by Whole Foods, the state of Indiana, and Singapore would save \$2.4 trillion a

year across individuals, businesses and the government... 1) price tags, and 2) deductible security.

[*Why governments should prioritize well-being*](#) is a visionary Ted Talk by Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, who explains the far-reaching implications of a “well-being economy” that places factors like equal pay, childcare, mental health and access to green space at its heart – and shows how this new focus could help build resolve to confront global challenges.

[*Guns, Hate and Mental Health: Where Do they Intersect: And How Should We Move Forward?*](#) is a *CPR* story by Ryan Warner and colleagues who interviewed several Colorado experts – ER doc, a gun-rights activist, a Democratic state senator, a Republican prosecutor, and a mental health activist about guns, mental health, and where they intersect. Beliefs: we have a public health problem, we need science to guide decision-making, we need laws with teeth, we’re a different civilization than in the 50s or 60s...there’s been an increase in people using weapons to demonstrate their hatred, we have too many guns which means not everyone is using them responsibly, and we need to come together as a community to support those we know have a mental health condition...not demonize them.

[*The Impact of Racism on Children’s Health*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Dr. Perri Klass who reports on the first policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics on racism and its effect on children that calls for clinicians to improve their own practices as a “safe place,” as well as to get involved in their communities. Most harmful is when children internalize racism.

[*Kennedy’s vision for mental health never realized*](#) is a story in *The Oakland Press* by Michelle R. Smith, AP, who writes about how the Community Mental Health Act, signed into law by President John Kennedy in 1963 authorizing \$329 million to build 1,500 mental health centers to allow those with mental illness to be treated while working and living at home. The legislation brought positive changes but was never fully funded. This week, Trump advocated the return of more mental health institutions to combat gun violence...[*‘We have to start building institutions again’: Trump again links guns and mental health.*](#)



[*The Relationship between Health Spending and Social Spending in High-Income Countries: How Does the United States Compare?*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Irene Papanicolas and colleagues who examined the relationship between health spending and social spending across high-income countries.

[*The Trump Administration’s New Public Charge Rule: Implications for Health Care & Public Health*](#) is a blog post on *Health Affairs* by Wendy E. Parmet who writes about how, unless halted by litigation, the long-anticipated public charge rule, published in the Federal Register by the Department of Homeland Security August 14th, will take effect October 15th...creating punishing new challenges for immigrant patients and their health care providers.

['Conversation-based' activities reduce mental illness stigma among college students](#) is an article in *Science Daily* about the first study to systematically survey a single graduating class (Indiana University) on the effect of a multi-year campaign against mental illness. The study found that college students exposed to certain anti-stigma messages and activities are significantly less likely to stigmatize people with these conditions.

[Exploring the Impact of Integrated Medicaid Managed Care on Practice-Level Integration of Physical and Behavioral Health](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.* site by Logan Kelly and colleagues that describes how integrated financing influences the coordination of physical and behavioral health services at the point of care...distilling insights from providers in AZ, NY, and WA.

[Facilitating Practice Transformation in Frontline Health Care](#) is the introduction to an *Ann Fam Med supplement* by Dr. Bob Phillips and colleagues about early learnings (benefits and challenges) from multiple examples of health extension and practice transformation support to inform future efforts to improve our health care system.

[New National Center Promotes Mental Health in Rural Schools](#) is an NPR story by Sebastian Martinez Valdivia who reports on a multi-year study in collaboration with Harrisburg Middle School (Missouri) and the University of Missouri that has a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education for a national center that will build on this research. The National Center for Rural School Mental Health will equip teachers in rural schools to support kids who self-report risk.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-Legal Partnerships: A Legal Prescription for Improving Health](#) is a post on the University of Houston site by Chris Stipes who reports on a lunch and learn series with students, faculty, community and industry leaders focused on the benefits of medical legal partnerships.

[Doctors and Lawyers for Kids/Health Three60](#) is a YouTube video that features a Louisville nonprofit organization that helps families with a wide range of legal matters, such as public benefits, housing, custody, immigration, and tax issues that may impact a child's health.

[Our health partners team up to protect your health](#) is a story on the *Mercola* site by Dr. Joseph Mercola about the beauty of partnerships to help folks take control of their health.



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