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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[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.

[At the Table](#) is the newsletter for the Colorado Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Task Force that is published twice monthly with meeting recaps, updates and need-to-know information about this group's work. To subscribe, [click here](#).

The Colorado Health Foundation is looking for a "Learning & Evaluation Officer" to help assess the foundation's progress and impact while supporting staff in using evaluative thinking, evidence and learning practices to accelerate progress toward their mission. [Click here to learn more and apply](#). Application deadline is 9/8/19.

[An Odyssey of Primary Care Research, Historical Perspectives](#) is a book by Dr. Ed Bujold, practicing physician and member of the AAFP National Research Network, that describes the rise of general/family practice in the western world. It also details the lives of four physicians over four centuries who made major contributions to medicine from their office-based practices, as well as other interesting stories about physicians in primary care.

[Patient-Centered Primary Care: Getting from Good to Great](#) is a book by Sandy Blount that offers a summary of the approaches that are currently in growing use, such as health literacy assessment, motivational interviewing, appreciative inquiry, shared decision-making, and more; as well as a transformative method. A 20% discount is available until 9/22/19 on www.PCPCG2G.com, along with comments about the book from leaders in the

field.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*No Room for Prevention: The Unintended Consequence of Mental Health Stigma Reduction Efforts*](#) is a blog post on *Health Affairs* from a couple of years ago by Jack Westfall, Ben Miller and Andrew Bazemore who discuss the mixed results from stigma and discrimination reduction campaigns around mental health.

[*Seeking better results for behavioral health patients: Here's how one medical center is redesigning its standard of care*](#) is a piece on the *Well Being Trust* website about how emergency departments have become the last safety net for people with behavioral health issues. To test new tools and standards to improve the quality of care provided to behavioral health patients in emergency departments, the trust funded Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, WA to work with the nonprofit Institute for Healthcare Improvement to help correct a fragmented system.

[*Attributing Violence to Mental Health Increases Stigma, Stalls Progress on Gun Violence*](#) is a post on the *Hogg Foundation for Mental Health* blog by Dr. Octavio N. Martinez, Jr. who calls out the 'act' of using "mental health" as a politically expedient alternative to the "more courageous" conversations necessary about racism, dehumanization and gun violence...after yet more shootings.

[*Naloxone, a drug that reverses overdoses, can save lives. Here's why you should learn how to use it.*](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Erin Blakemore who discusses the number of folks who overdose, overdose symptoms, and ease of administering naloxone (video)...a life-saving drug.

[*Attorney general issues statewide directive assigning mental health police officers*](#) is a story in *The Press of Atlantic City* by Amanda Auble about how the New Jersey AG issued a directive this month requiring all law enforcement agencies in the state to appoint at least one resiliency program officer, responsible for implementing the state's resiliency training program designed to create a supportive culture.

[*In Detroit, a new approach to stemming cycles of violence: meeting victims' needs*](#) is an *NPR* story by Sarah Cwiek about how for victims of violence, the recovery process usually goes far beyond healing from physical wounds. DLIVE (Detroit Life Is Valuable Every Day) is a program housed in Detroit's Sinai-Grace Hospital's emergency room whose mission is to stop violence by treating it like a public health problem.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*Promises and Perils in Public Health*](#) is a commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health, about how evidence-based policies around gun violence are not only being rejected but are not even being brought to the table.

[*Health care needs to be “disrupted,” but not in the way startups think*](#) is a story in the *San Francisco Examiner* by Shannon Brownlee, Ben Miller and Vikas Saini who discuss the need for a different business model when it comes to improving the population’s health.

[*Warren makes point on disparities in insurance coverage for physical and mental health*](#) is a story in *Politifact Wisconsin* by Mica Soellner who reports that Elizabeth Warren calls out the unequal playing field when it comes to coverage of physical and mental health needs.

[*Mental health consultants helping California teachers in the classroom*](#) is a story by Erin Cargile and Juan Salinas for *KXAN* about a program funded by California lawmakers in 2018 to provide mental health consultation services that help support/instruct teachers on how to deal with struggling kids.

[*Pete Buttigieg Unveils \\$300 Billion Initiative on Opioids, Mental Health*](#) is a *Huffington Post* story by Jonathan Cohn who reports on Mayor Pete’s proposal, an effort to treat mental illness as a public health crisis, designed to break down the barriers around mental health and build up a sense of belonging.” His plan includes requiring insurance plans to cover MAT fully, enabling more front-line health care workers to prescribe it.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*The Chronic Care Model’s Legacy: Reflections from Edward Wagner and Donald Berwick, and New Research from Russell Glasgow*](#) is a piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* about a series of Milbank Quarterly Classics that includes the 1996 article by Ed Wagner that outlined a chronic care model for treating people with chronic illnesses, Don Berwick’s commentary on the model’s role in health care delivery as the gold standard for managing chronically ill patients, and new research by Russ Glasgow and colleagues that builds upon the chronic care model to create an integrated, patient-directed system that takes greater account of a patient’s life, such as the degree of available support in the home, work, and primary care settings.

[*Primary Care, Not Palaces*](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund President’s Blog: The View from Here*, by Christopher F. Koller, who discusses how adequate primary care is far and away the most effective at promoting long lives. He cites data from a recent study that showed that an increase of 10

primary care physicians per 100,000 people resulted in an increase in life expectancy, and provides graphics of healthcare spend.

[*Did the Affordable Care Act Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage?*](#) is an article on *The Commonwealth Fund* site by Ajay Chaudry and colleagues who report findings after looking at the extent to which the ACA reduced disparities in insurance coverage among different racial and ethnic groups.

[*Opioid Treatment Is Used Vastly More in States that Expanded Medicaid*](#) is a *New York Times* story by Abby Goodnough with findings from a new Urban Institute study that provides more evidence that the ACA is playing a significant role in addressing the opioid epidemic.

[*Here's how much a family with good health insurance spent last year*](#) is a *CBS News* story by Megan Cerullo about how we're paying more for less, how this affects wages, and ideas for cutting costs.

[*Primary care financing: A systematic assessment of research priorities in low- and middle-income countries*](#) is a *BMJ* article by Felicity Goodyear-Smith and colleagues who set out to identify and prioritize the perceived needs of primary healthcare clinicians and researchers for new research in low- and middle-income countries about financing of primary healthcare.



[*Memphis CHiLD*](#) is a partnership among The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Memphis Area Legal Services and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital...the first of its kind in the region, encompassing all of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. This arrangement includes training programs, educational/bi-directional partnerships, on-site Legal Clinic located at the hospital where law students, working under the supervision of a clinical professor and staff attorney, with devoted space to work in cases and referrals, meet with patients and conduct training sessions.

[*Wanted: Assistant VP of Social Determinants*](#)...a job posting for the NYC Health and Hospitals out of the Office of Population Health, whose responsibilities include overseeing the system's medical-legal partnership through co-located attorneys.



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