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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*Sustainability, Value and Cost: Developing Enduring Health Care Interventions*](#) is a seminar October 19th, noon to 1PM MT, presented by Drs. Bethany Kwan and Mark Gritz.

You're invited...to [premier a new documentary](#) by the Center for Health Progress November 10th, 11:30am-1pm MT that will feature immigrants from across Colorado. It captures their pain, power, and persistence as they shoulder the weight of a global pandemic.

[*Mental Health Colorado's Tribute 2020 Gala*](#) will be virtual this year and is scheduled for October 10th at 7PM. Reggie Rivers will host and Patrick J. Kennedy will deliver the keynote address.

[*Soldiering On: A Military Man's Addiction and Mental Health Recovery Journey*](#) is a live podcast event October 8th, 6:30-8PM MT sponsored by the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. This will be an interview hosted by CPR News host Vic Vela about the trauma experienced in service to our country and paths to recovery.

[*Health Workforce Equity Summit: Structural Racism and Health Profession's Education*](#) is a virtual summit October 29th, 11AM-3PM MT. The goal for the summit is to identify barriers for increasing diversity in health professions, and actions to address those barriers. Our very own Dayna Bowen Matthew will be the keynote speaker.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*A New "PPE" for a Thriving Community: Public Health, Primary Care, Health*](#)

[Equity](#) is a post by Jack Westfall and colleagues on the *Health Affairs Blog* about how the strategy for an optimal pandemic response and recovery requires a concerted and coordinated multisector effort informed by a health equity lens, and integrated into policies, practice and evidence.

[Science, Leadership, and Public Trust in the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Lawrence O. Gostin, global health law professor at Georgetown University, that discusses how scientific understanding is only as powerful as society's confidence in scientific expertise and the public's willingness to adhere to its findings.

[What Is a Tele-ICU and How Does It Work?](#) is an article in *HealthTech* by Amy Burroughs about how care and outcomes are elevated when bedside and remote teams collaborate through tele-ICUs.

[University of Colorado School of Medicine and AristaMD Partner to Expand eConsults to Community Providers](#) is a story in the *Valdosta Daily Times* about how the AristaMD platform works with EHRs to seamlessly integrate into physician workflows, allowing them to scale to community providers throughout the state of Colorado.

[Colorado health officials: Flu vaccine is the best way to reduce dual impact of COVID-19, influenza](#) is a story by Stephanie Butzer for *The Denver Channel* who writes about how Colorado officials are urging the public to get a flu shot in the next two weeks, our only option for preventing “two hurricanes hitting at once.”

[The Forgotten F-Word in the Pandemic](#) is a story in *Vanity Fair* by Monica Lewinsky about the toll of 2020, and how we're using the wrong metric to talk about the coronavirus...we talk about death instead of suffering. As Viktor Frankl said, “To suffer unnecessarily is masochistic rather than heroic.”

[A Volunteer-Run Program Could Be Model for Mental Health Response without Police Intervention](#) by Emily Nonko in *Next City* about a pilot program in California involving community-based organizations and volunteers to serve as first responders to mental health crises instead of the police...a bill that is awaiting Gov. Newsome's signature.

['This Place Is Just Peace': Finding a Mental Health Respite through Peer Support](#) is a story by Robert Garrova on LAist about an alternative approach to mental health that involves peer support where people who know what it's like living with a mental illness help others with their psychiatric condition in the form of peer-run drop-in centers and peer respite centers...where guests can stay for up to two weeks.



[Behavioral Health in Colorado: Putting People First: A Blueprint for Reform](#) is the result of the work by the State of Colorado Behavioral Health Task Force, facilitated by the Farley Health Policy Center, especially Stephanie Kirchner

and Emma Gilchrist. The report calls for the creation of a behavioral health administration to provide an infrastructure to deliver on its recommendations, and the expansion of tele-behavioral health services.

[*Life Ratings among Black Americans Erode During Trump Era*](#) is a story by Dan Witters on the *Gallup* site about how Black life ratings in 2020 rank among worst since 2008, life ratings for Hispanic adults drop to lowest level since 2009 and daily stress and worry level off at elevated points.

[*Our collective mental health recovery will be “make or break” in the next few months. Here’s how political leaders can step up.*](#) is a story in *Medium* by Drs. Ashwin Vasani and Ben Miller who reiterate the dire mental health crisis in this country and recommend some concrete steps for our political leaders to take relative to a domestic policy platform.

[*Behind the White House Effort to Pressure the CDC on School Openings*](#) is a story in the *New York Times* by Mark Mazzetti and colleagues about how documents and interviews show how senior officials sought to play down the risks of sending children back to the classroom, alarming public health experts.

[*How Expanded Medicaid Could Improve Food Security*](#) is an NPR interview with Jim Carnes, policy director at Alabama Arise, about how the expansion of Medicaid could help lift Americans out of the poverty that causes food insecurity.

[*COVID-19 forced Minnesota’s reluctant mental health providers to try telemedicine. Now there’s no going back.*](#) Is a story by Andy Steiner in the *MinnPost* about how telehealth for mental health is spiking in adoption and because of the convenience for both clinicians and patients, many won’t return to in-person only.

[*Some Workers Face Looming Cutoffs in Health Insurance*](#) is a story in the *New York Times* by Reed Abelson about how insurance coverage is a major expense for employers, especially those in small businesses, as they deal with the pandemic’s economic fallout. Many face end-of-year renewal deadlines that are harder and harder to afford.

[*America’s racial reckoning is putting a spotlight on Black mental health*](#) is an NBC News story by Doha Madani about how the pandemic, economic anxiety, and reignited fights on racist structures have created a “mental health tsunami” in the Black community.



[*New study shows symptoms of depression have more than tripled since start of the pandemic*](#) is a story by Dan Grossman for *The Denver Channel* about a study out of Boston University that found depression in adults and teenagers has more than tripled since the pandemic started.

[*Study finds asthma may not raise risk of severe COVID-19*](#) is a story by Beth

Galvin for *Fox 5 Atlanta* who reports on a study led by Dr. Fernando Holguin, director of the Asthma Clinical and Research Programs at the CU School of Medicine, that looked at data from 15 other studies of COVID-19 infections in people with asthma.

[*Tracking FY2019 Federal Funding to Combat the Opioid Crisis*](#) is a report by the Bipartisan Policy Center that tracks spending targeted to address the opioid epidemic across the federal government for fiscal year 2019 and provides insight into how funds are being spent at the state and county-level to address the opioid epidemic.

[*Rates of Alcohol-induced Deaths among Adults Aged 25 and Over in Urban and Rural Areas: United States, 2000-18*](#) is a data brief by Merianne Rose Spencer and colleagues published on the CDC National Center for Health Statistics site that provides data from the National Vital Statistics System, and mortality.

[*Primary Care Practice Finances in the United States Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic*](#) is an article by Sanjay Basu and colleagues in *Health Affairs* who estimate the potential impact of COVID-19 on the operating expenses and revenues of primary care practices.

[*Reasons for Being Uninsured among Adults Aged 18-64 in the United States, 2019*](#) is a data brief by Drs. Amy E. Cha and Robin A. Cohen and posted on the CDC National Center for Health Statistics that provides findings from the National Health Interview Survey.

[*NBER Working Paper Series: A Satellite Account for Health in the United States*](#) is a National Bureau of Economic Research paper by David M. Cutler and colleagues that models the productivity of the medical sector as a whole and also of specific conditions.

[*The long-term pain of the emotional health pandemic*](#) is an AXIOS story by Bryan Walsh about how the open-ended trauma of the pandemic and the general chaos of 2020 make feeling depressed more logical than pathological.



[*A New Report and Recommendations: Civil Justice for All*](#) is a press release posted on American Academy of Arts and Sciences about how America has a civil justice gap...that of the number of Americans who need civil legal assistance and the few who receive it.

[*Connecticut medical-legal partnership for veterans a model worth emulating*](#) is a commentary by Ronald Flagg and Darren Pruslow about the significant improvements and benefits when you integrate lawyers into health care settings, leading to better health outcomes.

[*Health Centers & Medical-Legal Partnerships: Technical Assistance Office Hours*](#) is a webinar November 12th, 12:30PM MT hosted by the National Center

for Medical-Legal Partnership and NLADA to share experiences with setting up and running MLPs in health centers.



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