



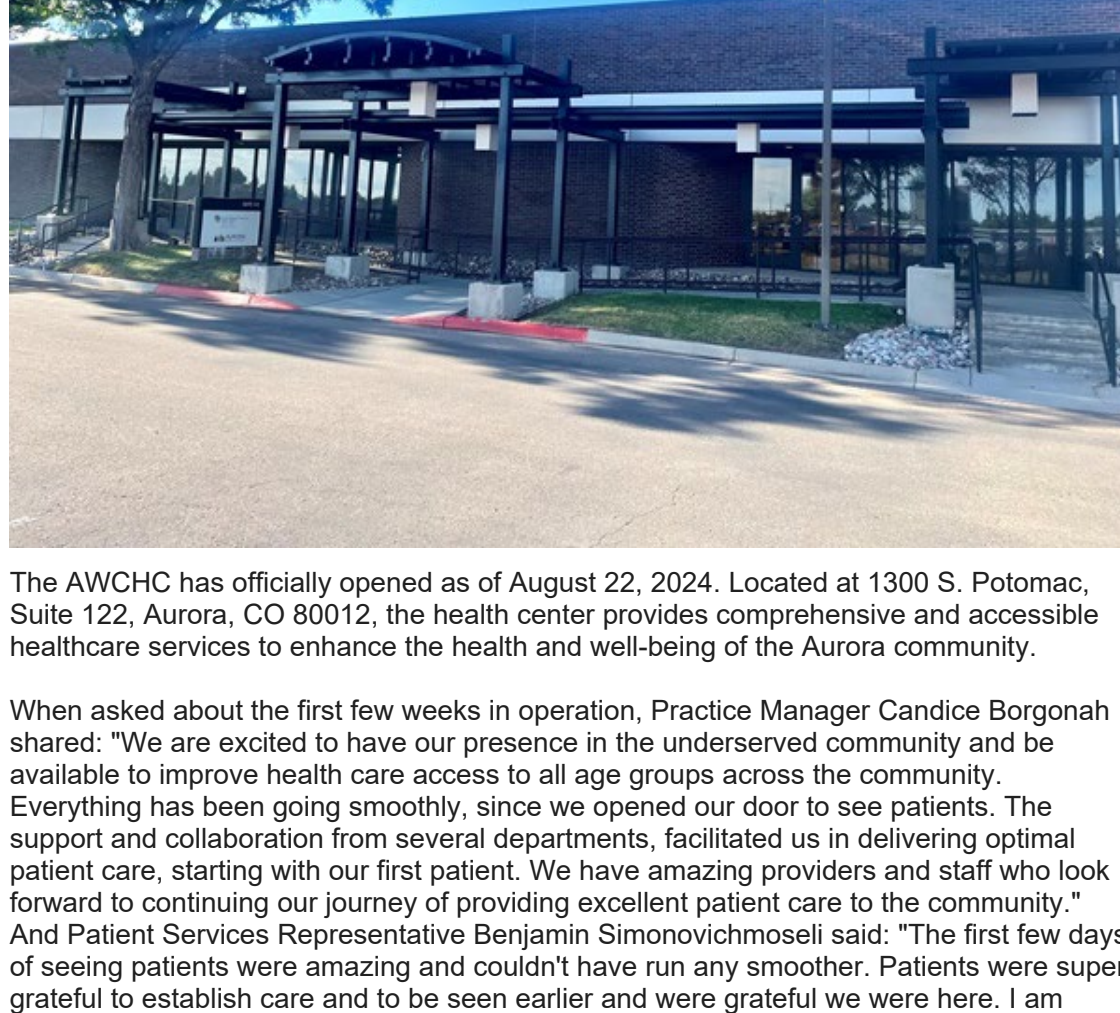
September 6, 2024 - Monthly Newsletter

Check out the latest and greatest August news from the DFM.

News and Publications



The Aurora Wellness Community Health Center (AWCHC) is Officially Open!

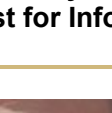


The AWCHC has officially opened as of August 22, 2024. Located at 1300 S. Potomac, Suite 122, Aurora, CO 80012, the health center provides comprehensive and accessible healthcare services to enhance the health and well-being of the Aurora community.

When asked about the first few weeks in operation, Practice Manager Candice Borgonah shared: "We are excited to have our presence in the underserved community and be available to improve health care access to all age groups across the community. Everything has been going smoothly, since we opened our door to see patients. The support and collaboration from several departments, facilitated us in delivering optimal patient care, starting with our first patient. We have amazing providers and staff who look forward to continuing our journey of providing excellent patient care to the community." And Patient Services Representative Benjamin Simonovichmoseli said: "The first few days of seeing patients were amazing and couldn't have run any smoother. Patients were super grateful to establish care and to be seen earlier and were grateful we were here. I am happy to finally be running and seeing patients and helping to make a difference in the community moving forward."

Congrats to all those who have worked to make the AWCHC a reality!

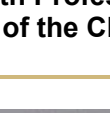
Learn More on the AWCHC Website



Response to the Pay PCPs Act of 2024 Request for Information



In early August, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Standing Committee on Primary Care (Standing Committee), co-chaired by Dr. Lauren Hughes, associate professor of family medicine and state policy director of the Farley Health Policy Center, published a response to the Pay PCPs Act of 2024 Request for Information. The original RFI, released by Senators Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island and Bill Cassidy, MD, of Louisiana, aims to create new hybrid payments for primary care, reduce cost-sharing for certain primary care services for Medicare beneficiaries, and establish a new technical advisory committee to inform primary care payment rates more accurately. Dr. Hughes co-authored the RFI response along with Dr. Stephanie Gold, associate professor of family medicine and scholar in the Farley Health Policy Center and James C. Puffer, MD/American Board of Family Medicine Fellow in the National Academy of Medicine."



Training Health Professionals on the Front Line of the Climate Crisis



A number of health practitioners — from all over the U.S. — were recently here as part of the University Colorado School of Medicine's Diploma in Climate Medicine Program. It trains clinical leaders about climate change and its health impacts. Director and family physician Bhargavi Chekuri said it starts with a crash course on the basics.

The diploma is a 250-hour continuing education program with five one-week certifications. They study things like environmental justice, helping health systems decarbonize and reduce their energy use and surviving disasters. To date, 60 people have done training in one or more climate medicine diploma certificates. Most of them are physicians; the others are nurses and paramedics, and another is a physical therapist.

Read the full article.



Rural Maternity Care Summit and Research



Earlier this year, the Rural Maternity Care Summit meeting was convened with the goal of identifying the site and leadership characteristics of six rural communities that have been successful in maintaining high-quality, accessible rural maternity care access. The six sites vary in geographic location and size but share many characteristics. One is leadership that recognizes the community and economic value of maintaining maternity care. Another is a workforce model that prioritizes and recognizes and supports the pivotal importance of full-scope Family Medicine physicians either as the sole maternity care clinicians or in partnership with OBGyn and midwives.

Mark Deutchman, MD, is one of the authors on site and leadership reports for this summit. Both reports can be viewed/downloaded on the Rural Health Information Hub website. Starting on page 28 you will find the "lessons learned" in common from the study. The leader report focuses on evidence learned from study of the sites and the practical implications of that evidence.



Assessing Commitments to DEI through Performance Reviews



Cleveland Piggott, MD, MPH; Gilbert Achay; Vanessa Owen, MA; and Carlee Kreisel, MPH were authors on a recently published Society of Teacher's of Family Medicine (STFM) column entitled "Assessing Faculty Commitments to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through the Performance Review Process."

When asked about this important publication, Cleveland said: "As leaders helping to institutionalize DEI in the culture of academic medicine, the DFM has been instrumental in changing the faculty performance review process in the school of medicine. This publication highlights some of the why, how, and findings of this work over the first two years of implementation."

Read the full column.

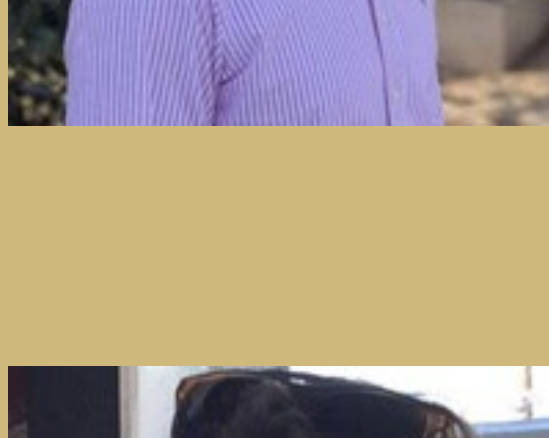
Clinical Callouts

Matthew McDowell, PA-C

"He was outstanding. I was so appreciative of how caring he was, how knowledgeable, very service oriented. I can't say enough about him. You are very fortunate to have him, and I hope that you appreciate him because he is outstanding, truly. He just did everything he could to help me and to work with me, and I will be looking forward to working with him in the future. Thank you."

Location: CU Medicine Family Medicine - Park Meadows

Faculty Bio

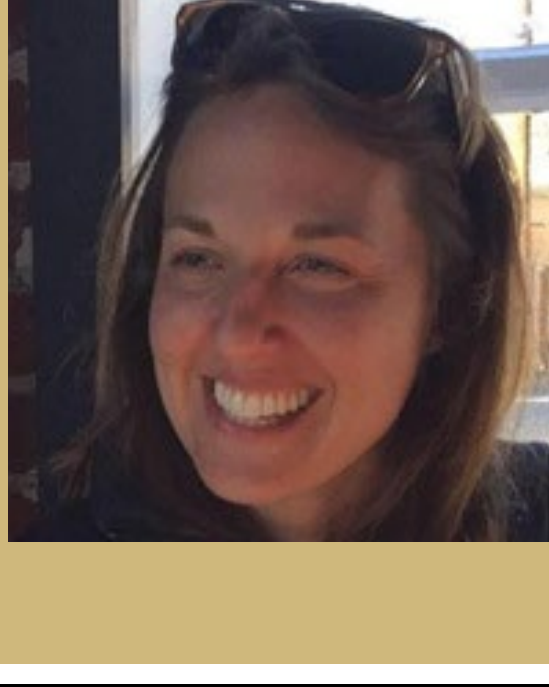


Jill VanWyk, MD

"I trust Doctor VanWyk and her team completely. She listens, is compassionate, and realistic. I have seen my overall health improve under her partnership and care. It does feel like partnership and I value that tremendously. The staff members are always lovely and compassionate as well. I appreciate the care I receive from Boulder Family Medicine."

Location: Boulder Family Medicine - Boulder

Faculty Bio



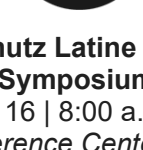
Events and Meetings



September DFM Monthly Meeting  
September 11 | 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Zoom

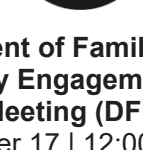


For this meeting, we will welcome the DFM's Diversity and Health Equity Team for 'I Love Black People! Vol. 3—The DFM's Journey in DEI'; an interactive presentation and the third in a multi-part series of updates from our wonderful colleagues. The meeting ID is 95337846491 and the Zoom access link is available on your Outlook calendar.



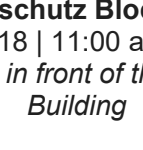
CU Anschutz Latine Excellence Symposium  
September 16 | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Elliman Conference Center, second floor of the Health Sciences Building

Join the CU Hispanic/Latine Serving Institution Advisory Committee as they aim to elevate the Latine experience on the Anschutz campus. This will be an inspiring and transformative day as the group engages in conversations about excellence in serving Latine students, faculty, staff and community partners. The group will also recognize Latine leaders with the inaugural "Con Ganas" Award for demonstrating excellence in their field, creating collaborative environments, and uplifting communities. Sign up to get updates on how to register.



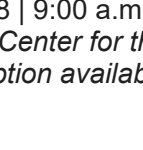
Department of Family Medicine Community Engagement Program Monthly Meeting (DFM-CEP-MM)  
September 17 | 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join the CEP in learning about the Wellbeing, Opportunity, Resiliency, Through Health (WORTH) program supporting people as they experience, and transition from, incarceration. During this session WORTH Program Manager Megan Robins and Peer Support Specialist Jessie Henderson will share some lessons learned, such as relationship building with jails; community advisory board challenges; understanding the unique role and value of peer support specialists; the importance of hiring people from the community you are serving; and the need for trauma informed management. The Zoom meeting ID is 926 2054 8194 and the passcode is 060434.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
CU Anschutz Block Party  
September 18 | 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Bonfils Circle, in front of the Fitzsimmons Building

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus Block Party returns on Wednesday, September 18. Open to students, staff, clinicians, administrators, and researchers from across the campus, this annual end-of-summer celebration at is a fun-filled opportunity to learn about all the amazing things happening here and within the neighboring Aurora community. Buy lunch from local food trucks, enjoy games and activities, and visit the booths of more than 140 on-campus departments and community non-profits and businesses. Learn more on the event website. The DFM will have a booth at the Block Party and we are looking for volunteers. Let sign up for a shift and let Lydia Lyon know if you have any questions.



CU Social Justice Summit  
October 8 | 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
UCCS's Ent Center for the Arts (Virtual option available)

The Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion is delighted to announce that they will be hosting the 2024 CU Social Justice Summit at UCSS! This year's theme is Inclusive Leadership and Belonging, centering each campus's commitment to fostering inclusive learning and work environments. The summit will explore four areas of focus: Social Activism & Community Engagement; Equity in Research, Teaching, and Scholarship; Mental Health, Wellness, and Self-Care; and Advocacy, Safety, and Transformative Justice. Register to attend on the Summit webpage.

Resources

DFM Intranet

The Strategic Plan

CU Celebrates!

Departmental Well-being

Supporting the DFM

Interested in understanding how to promote the department to those who have expressed an interest in providing financial support? Or looking for options for payroll deduction, a one-time gift, or planned giving? Learning about ways to show support for the DFM could not be easier and, more importantly, philanthropic participation helps ensure we can continue to do the good work that we do! Check out our newly invigorated giving page and feel free to share if anyone asks for more information.

Learn More About Supporting the DFM

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