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New Poll Highlights Colorado Voters' Top Issues for Gubernatorial Race

On Oct. 10, the Foundation partnered with the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) in the release of a poll of more than 1,800 Coloradans: [Coloradans' Perspectives on Health, Quality of Life and Midterm Elections](#). Colorado voters most often cite education, health care and housing costs as the top issues for the state's gubernatorial candidates to

discuss ahead of the November elections.

Key findings indicate that most Colorado residents see the state's economy as improving, but view health care, housing costs and substance abuse as getting worse. Coloradans are split on how well the state's health system works and view access to mental health services as a problem, with both cost and coverage barriers to mental health and substance abuse services.

We encourage you to read the [topline findings](#), the [full report](#) and our [blog post](#) about the poll. You can also view a [recorded webinar](#) which explains its key findings, hosted by Kyle Legleiter, senior director of policy and advocacy at the Foundation, and Ashley Kirzinger, senior survey analyst at KFF.



Health Equity Leadership

Center for Health Progress recently honored former Foundation Board member Jim Garcia with the Dr. Gary VanderArk Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment to advancing health equity. Congrats, Jim!

[Watch...](#)

Call for Proposals

Mental Health America is currently soliciting proposals for its 2019 conference, [Dueling Diagnoses: Mental Health and Chronic Conditions in Children and Adults](#).

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 30.

[Apply...](#)



Voices for Health: A Symposium Podcast Series

At this year's [Colorado Health Symposium](#), we encouraged conference attendees to speak up for health at our audio booth, hosted by Postmodern Company. We invited attendees – participants, speakers and policymakers alike – to join us and bring their voice to the important and pressing conversation of behavioral health. We heard stories, both personal and professional, highlighting the complex ecosystem of behavioral health, and the tireless commitment of those working to improve the health and well-being of all Coloradans.

The podcast series, [Voices for Health](#), includes three episodes, two of which feature commentary from keynote speakers. Our third episode features the voices of attendees as they reflect on conference highlights and ways in which they have been touched by the behavioral health crisis.

Listen to [our podcast series](#), which captures voices and messages from 2018 Symposium speakers and attendees on an issue that reaches all of us. If you or someone you know is experiencing behavioral health challenges, [here are some resources](#) to help.



Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rahn Porter to Retire

It was bittersweet when we recently announced the upcoming retirement of [Rahn Porter](#), our chief financial and administrative officer.

Rahn has played an integral role in the evolution of the Foundation over the past several years. He served as interim president and CEO from 2014 to 2015 after a decade of leadership by previous CEO Anne Warhover and prior to Karen McNeil-Miller joining the staff. During this time, Rahn's change management approach ensured steady leadership for the organization's staff, Board and its core stewardship responsibilities as a grantmaker.

Rahn's accomplishments as chief financial and administrative officer have been too numerous to catalog. However, some recent achievements include: Leading the successful transition of our Graduate Medical Education programs; championing efforts to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion into our investments and organizational culture; and supervising efforts to build our new headquarters in Uptown Denver.

We thank Rahn for all he has done for the Foundation and Colorado. He will be greatly missed!

Mark Your Calendar

[Leidigh Park KaBOOM! Playground Build in Pueblo](#)

Nov. 3, 2018

[Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)

Feb. 15, 2019

June 15, 2019

The Foundation in the News

[Novelist Sara Schantz to speak on mental health at CMC campuses](#), *The Aspen Times* (10/16)

[Pueblo community park built in a day](#), *The Pueblo West View* (10/13)

[Voters Acknowledge Colorado's Hot Economy, Worry Over Housing And Health Care](#), *Colorado Public Radio* (10/10)

[Why Is This Health Foundation Backing Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses?](#), *Inside Philanthropy* (9/25)

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