



Bi-Weekly Bulletin for June 18, 2021

MEMBER NEWS

RiverValley Behavioral Health announces \$10M renovation of facility

“We want to provide a therapeutic and inviting atmosphere for our clients and encapsulate our rich history while making room for future expansion,” said Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Peralta, RiverValley President & CEO.

<https://www.owensborotimes.com/features/non-profits/2021/06/rivervalley-behavioral-health-announces-10m-renovation-of-facility/>

Jeff Thomas discusses Washington’s behavioral health crisis system, workforce shortages and improving the behavioral health system

Jeff Thomas is the CEO of **Frontier Behavioral Health**. Frontier Behavioral Health is a nonprofit organization that provides behavioral health and related services to individuals of all ages in collaboration with community partners. They are also one of regional operators for Washington’s behavioral health crisis system.

<https://stateofreform.com/featured/2021/06/behavioral-health-crisis-system/>

Kansas City Mayor Tours Burrell Behavioral Crisis Center In Springfield

Lucas was interested in learning more about the collaboration between the Springfield Police Department and Burrell Behavioral Health, specifically the new Rapid Access Treatment Unit, according to Springfield city officials.

<https://www.ksmu.org/post/kansas-city-mayor-tours-burrell-behavioral-crisis-center-springfield#stream/0>

High Plains Mental Health Center hoping for millions in grant funding to help with service

“I have been around about 40 years,” Walt Hill, executive director of the High Plains Mental Health Center, told the Ellis County Commission Monday. “I don’t get excited about much, except this is one of the most exciting things I have ever seen in my career in mental health.”

<https://www.hdnews.net/story/sports/2021/06/09/high-plains-mental-health-center-hoping-millions-grant-funding-help-service/7613474002/>

Substance use and abuse is on the rise. Here's how to seek help.

Behavioral health organizations all over the Puget Sound area are accepting patients, including **Sound Health**. You can call to make an appointment at one of Sound's 16 locations across King County.

<https://www.king5.com/article/sponsor-story/drug-alcohol-abuse-increase-pandemic-advice/281-f7321494-08b9-4ee5-b366-09abb7576a0c>

Crowe votes to support statewide behavioral health resources

In alliance with advocates from **Chestnut Health Systems** in Granite City and Centerstone in Alton, state Sen. Rachele Crowe (D-Glen Carbon) voted to enhance behavioral healthcare resources across Illinois.

https://www.advantagenews.com/news/local/granite-city-news/crowe-votes-to-support-statewide-behavioral-health-resources/article_cdb22824-c2d8-11eb-bd75-db032ed7ea8c.html

COVID Vaccination Rates Are Slowing. Where Does That Leave McLean County In The Fall?

Stephanie Paxton, director of the **Chestnut Family Health Center** on Bloomington's west side, said, "We've adjusted our schedules and our availability, based on feedback that we've received from the community and patients. Right now, we run vaccine clinics two days a week for about three to four hours per day. We really can vaccinate up to probably 60 or 70 people in one of those clinics. On an average day, I would say we probably stay around 40."

<https://www.wglt.org/local-news/2021-06-11/covid-vaccination-rates-are-slowing-where-does-that-leave-mclean-county-in-the-fall>

INDUSTRY NEWS

Telemental Healthcare Access Act would repeal in-person service requirements

The bipartisan bill would eliminate a mandate for Medicare patients to be seen in person before receiving virtual behavioral care.

<https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/telemental-healthcare-access-act-would-repeal-person-service-requirements>

Psychiatry Needs to Get Right with God

By not making more of an effort to incorporate spirituality in treatment, we are doing a disservice to patients

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/psychiatry-needs-to-get-right-with-god/>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

15 Ways to Learn from Someone You Disagree With

Mark Sanborn was stuck on a plane next to a droning, complaining person until he asked, "Why do you feel that way?" That question, with its empathy and curiosity, is just one of 15 tips Sanborn offers for understanding people who think differently than you, even if you ultimately disagree with them.

<https://marksanborn.com/blog/2021/06/15/15-ways-to-learn-from-someone-you-disagree-with/>

It's Time to Accept that Pay for Performance Doesn't Work

PfP simply is not a useful tool. The problems with it overwhelm the good that it hypothetically produces. There are five big problems that in combination are just too big for PfP to overcome.

<https://rogermartin.medium.com/its-time-to-accept-that-pay-for-performance-doesn-t-work-716017c62177>

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