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MEMBER NEWS

Survey Reveals CEO Priorities and Insights on the State of Behavioral Health in 2022

Owl, a behavioral health technology company in partnership with **mhca**, a national association of innovative behavioral health executives, today released the results of a survey on the state of behavioral health. Respondents included nearly 100 behavioral health executives from community mental health centers across the country.

<https://www.owl.health/press-releases/survey-reveals-ceo-priorities-and-insights-on-the-state-of-behavioral-health-in-2022/>

Terros Health announces planned CEO transition

After a comprehensive succession planning process, Terros Health's Board of Directors has promoted Dr. Karen Hoffman Tepper, the company's Chief Operations Officer for the past eight years, to President and CEO. Tepper will assume her new position on May 6, 2022 from Peggy Chase, who will retire after leading Terros Health to local and national prominence during her 23-year tenure with the company.

<https://azbigmedia.com/business/terros-health-announces-planned-ceo-transition/>

Register Now for Vinfen's Innovative Technology in Behavioral Health Conference- May 20th

Vinfen's Innovative Technology in Behavioral Health Conference will be on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with a reception to follow) at the Royal Sonesta Boston in Cambridge, MA. This is a hybrid conference with both in-person and virtual participation options.

Additional details available here: <https://vinfen.org/tech>

Mental health mobile response teams offer alternative to police in Aurora, CO (video)

Across the country, police officers are increasingly responding to mental health-related calls that don't always require an armed response. **Aurora Mental Health Center** therapist Tandis Hashimi speaks with chief national affairs and justice correspondent Jeff Pegues on how the Colorado police department is experimenting

with using mental health mobile response teams as an alternative to an armed response during emergencies in the community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY0Bpl7jwel>

Scope of Galesburg homelessness unknown; groups gather resources, info to combat problem

A number of the organizations present at the **Bridgeway** forum provide services to people in need of food, shelter, or mental health support in Galesburg. However, as each organization or office is its own entity, information on the scope of the city's homelessness often remains isolated. "That's part of the reason for this forum too," said Keri Dodson, community engagement director for Bridgeway. "To kind of educate the stakeholders of the community and say, 'Hey we need to get accurate numbers and actually report those numbers so that we can get funding and we actually know the problem we are facing.'"

<https://www.galesburg.com/story/news/2022/02/04/warming-center-galesburgs-homelessness-issue-larger-than-people-think/6662069001/>

Galesburg Police adds mental health co-responder patterned after successful Elgin program

Stacey Brown, the vice president of behavioral health services at **Bridgeway**, said that when it comes to connecting individuals with the resources they need, each situation will be different and there may be more than one issue a respondent needs help with. But whether it be access to a caseworker, a food pantry or employment opportunities, there are a number of resources available that people may not know about.

<https://www.galesburg.com/story/news/healthcare/2022/02/18/galesburg-police-add-mental-health-focus-working-bridgeway/6812186001/>

First-ever schools mental health summit plans to improve Frontier Health offerings

Frontier Health President and CEO Kristie Hammonds said representatives of 13 out of 15 school districts in Frontier Health's service area attended, saying the different systems and schools were diverse but also had common needs.

https://www.timesnews.net/living/health-care/first-ever-schools-mental-health-summit-plans-to-improve-frontier-health-offerings/article_7a8134e2-aaf4-11ec-b49e-ebb3444161f7.html

Jefferson Center partners with RTD for mental health and homelessness outreach

The Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH) is partnering with RTD to provide a mental health professional on trains and at stations to help address people in need of care, people who are in crisis and people who are homeless with mental health needs. According to JCMH Spokesperson Stephanie Schiemann, in this new and unique role, a Navigator will make contact on RTD trains and in stations, offering assistance in the form of resource referrals. The Navigator also will develop trauma-informed standards of care for RTD, while acting as a liaison between RTD and the community.

<https://jeffcotranscript.com/stories/jefferson-center-partners-with-rtd-for-mental-health-and-homelessness-outreach,389117>

Kentucky kids need our help

Sherry Roy-Hunton, manager of **LifeSkills**' therapeutic foster care program for more than 20 years, says there are more than 9,000 Kentucky children in out-of-home care, which includes foster care. "More and more kids in the commonwealth are in need of being placed into a foster care home every single day," Roy-Hunton said, "and we are just now beginning to realize the truly devastating effects of the global pandemic on our youth. I believe we will continue to experience an escalation in these numbers for years to come."

https://www.bgdailynews.com/community/kentucky-kids-need-our-help/article_dc7de966-7bec-5795-8b6c-7a695844b8cc.html

Peace River Center Announces the Appointment of New Chief Executive Officer

Peace River Center's Board of Directors appoints Larry G. Williams, Jr. as the new Chief Executive Officer, which will be effective May 2. Peace River Center's CEO, Bill Gardam is set to retire effective June 30. The appointment of Williams comes after an executive search that began in December 2021.

<https://www.peacrivercenter.org/new-ceo/>

Peace River Center Launches New Early Intervention Program for Youth and Young Adults

"While it is never too late to seek treatment for a mental illness, early intervention is beneficial in the recovery process. Many people do not realize the average age of onset for mental illness is around 14. Oftentimes though because of stigma, people wait an average of 10 years to seek treatment," said Bill Gardam, CEO of Peace River Center.

<https://www.peacrivercenter.org/ontrack-launch/>

Five Being Inducted into SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Known as "SWOSU's highest honor," the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 1976 by SWOSU to recognize outstanding former students and to celebrate their achievements. There are currently 111 SWOSU graduates who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The 2022 inductees include: **Verna Foust** of Oklahoma City (Classes of 1985 and 1992).

<https://www.kecofm.com/news/five-being-inducted-into-swosu-distinguished-alumni-hall-of-fame/>

INDUSTRY NEWS

CMS launches special low-income ACA enrollment option

The CMS is allowing Americans with incomes below 150% of the federal poverty level to enroll in health insurance coverage at HealthCare.gov through year-end, and many states that run their own marketplaces are also opening enrollment to low-income residents. The option was allowed by a provision in the pandemic relief legislation, and it is available through this year.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/03/21/politics/obamacare-aca-free-premium-plans-federal-exchange/>

Colorado lawmakers open to MDMA as a mental health treatment — if federal government approves

In the most recent federal trial, 79 people with severe PTSD underwent supportive therapy for 18 weeks; 42 were given MDMA, and 37 received placebos in conjunction with three of their sessions and while in the presence of a trained therapy team. At the end of it, two-thirds of the patients who received MDMA no longer met the diagnostic criteria for the disorder, compared to one-third of the control group, according to a study about the trial published in Nature Medicine.

<https://www.pilotonline.com/government/nation/vp-nw-mdma-lawmakers-colorado-20220406-3hu4ybjeobcnllwaqxav6x2djm-story.html>

With students in turmoil, US teachers train in mental health

Luna-Herrera, who teaches in a high poverty area of the Mojave Desert, is among a small but growing number of California teachers to take a course called Youth Mental Health First Aid. It teaches adults how to spot warning signs of mental health risks and substance abuse in children, and how to prevent a tragedy.

<https://apnews.com/article/health-california-education-mental-health-distance-learning-7d6c8b93794d2522e5807ca9fe2fb0cf>

How Selena Gomez uses her mental health journey to help others | GMA

The actress and singer is using her platform to help others by launching a new multimedia endeavor called Wondermind, which is focused on mental health.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSXyvyUGuM4>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

When Terrible Things Happen To Good Innovation Projects...

OK, we have finally realized that innovation and transformation are not optional for the long run well-being of a large enterprise. But that is a far cry from having the capability to do something with that understanding. The good news is that the things that sink innovation efforts are often easy to identify and eliminate.

<https://www.ritamcgrath.com/sparks/2022/04/when-terrible-things-happen-to-good-innovation-projects/>

The 6 things CEOs must juggle every day

CEOs have six key high-level duties involving purpose, alignment, stakeholders and their personal effectiveness, writes McKinsey senior partner Scott Keller. "This is actually quite a liberating idea, because being great at being the CEO does not mean you have to be great at any one thing -- you just need to be great at managing across them," Keller writes.

<https://nextbigideaclub.com/magazine/ceo-excellence-six-mindsets-distinguish-best-leaders-rest-bookbite/32999/>

3 strategies for helping leaders extinguish collective burnout

Even highly engaged and skilled employees can suffer burnout. One study found that nearly one in five employees reported being both highly engaged and burned out. Essentially, your best employees can also be at the highest risk. Considering that burnout can eventually lead to decreased engagement and lower levels of interest in work, the overall impact on a company is clear.

https://corp.smartbrief.com/original/2022/04/3-strategies-for-helping-leaders-extinguish-collective-burnout?utm_source=brief

In search of elegance - A counterintuitive antidote to turbulent times

Elegant solutions unravel difficult problems—customer service centers thwarting connection to someone who can answer a question; terms of service agreements that run dozens of pages; organizational processes mired in bureaucratic thickets—achieving a desired outcome using the minimum of time, effort, and materials. They feel seamless and almost intuitive. They bring clarity and ease.

<https://www.strategy-business.com/blog/In-search-of-elegance>

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