



Bi-Weekly Bulletin for July 15, 2021

MEMBER NEWS

Hundreds Helped in Early Stages of SCCTD Pilot Program

Three months into a new partnership, riders and staff are seeing a difference on the transit system in St Clair County, IL. In April, the St. Clair County Transit District (SCCTD) launched a one-year pilot program with **Chestnut Health Systems**™, a not-for-profit health and human services organization, and Metro Public Safety to address challenging behaviors by some riders of the local transit system.

<https://scctd.org/hundreds-helped-in-early-stages-of-scctd-pilot-program/>

Bowen Center Expands Access to Care via NextGen's (NXGN) Platform

Indiana-based Bowen Center will be leveraging NextGen Behavioral Health Suite. The platform, which integrates comprehensive physical, behavioral and oral health in one software solution, is being used by the center to improve the access to and delivery of whole-person care for the underserved patient pool.

<https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/bowen-center-expands-access-to-care-via-nextgens-nxgn-platform-2021-07-05>

Responder says KPD and McNabb Center co-responder program helps community

A co-response team was formed between the Knoxville Police Department and McNabb Center looking to connect people in need with community resources.

<https://www.wbir.com/article/news/community/hundreds-of-crisis-calls-later-a-mental-health-expert-gives-talks-about-kpd-and-mcnabb-center-co-response-program/51-921ca3db-96f5-46e6-99ed-ad066e29aabe>

Learn How Three Behavioral Health Executives Are Planning For Post-COVID Sustainability

During this event, an executive panel of leaders – Dr. Carrie Cadwell, PsyD, HSPP, CEO at Four County Comprehensive Mental Center; Sandy Hall, LISW-S, LMSW, President at Lighthouse Telehealth LLC – **Harbor**; and Dr. Laureen Pagel, CEO at **Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare** – will share their experiences in strategy,

growth, and organizational sustainability in a post-pandemic world.

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/state/learn-how-three-behavioral-health-executives-are-planning-for-post-covid-sustainability---/article_c820471c-ad29-5b0e-89ec-78c458eeb7b3.html

High Plains receives CCBHC status; plans to enhance regional services

“This is great news for Northwest Kansas. Our communities have been telling us they see a need for additional mental health and substance use treatment and resource options, and this funding and enhanced program status will enable us to fill some of the existing rural service gaps,” said Walt Hill, executive director of HPMHC.

<https://hayspost.com/posts/92600796-1ae9-456e-9de9-8cbe8510eeee6>

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare got a \$450,000 grant for a new program in Levy County

“One of the key goals for the CJMHSAG program is to not just divert individuals from jail and prison, but to help them with successful reentry back into their communities,” said Jeremiah Alberico, Vice President of Diversion & Recovery Services.

<https://www.mbhci.org/meridian-awarded-implementation-and-expansion-grant-for-criminal-justice-mental-health-and-substance-abuse-program-in-levy-county/>

Peace River Center seeks donations for Christmas in July

“Oftentimes our clients are living on incredibly limited incomes, by the time they cover housing and medication costs, many are left with little to purchase essentials like toiletry items or items that boost their coping skills such as journals,” said Ileana Kniss, Director of Development and Community Relations at PRC.

<https://www.theledger.com/story/news/regional/2021/07/06/peace-river-center-needs-items-christmas-july-mental-health-clients/7873040002/>

Compass Health preparing for local stabilization center

Jefferson City will be the home for one of six new Crisis Stabilization Centers being established statewide and funded in large part by the state of Missouri.

<https://www.newstribune.com/news/news/story/2021/jul/11/compass-health-preparing-for-local-stabilization-center/878631/>

Zepf Center launches crisis CARE Line, Mobile Outreach team

While the larger program planned will take time to implement, as of July 1, Zepf Center is offering a Crisis CARE Line and a Crisis CARE Mobile Outreach Team to ensure that help is available 24/7 for individuals in Lucas County experiencing a psychiatric crisis.

<http://presspublications.com/content/zepf-center-launches-crisis-care-line-mobile-outreach-team>

AltaPointe receives grant to support expanded mental health, substance use treatment services

“AltaPointe is proud to work alongside The National Council for Mental Wellbeing to improve access to whole person care and accelerate assessment and treatment in our community,” said Tuerk Schlesinger, AltaPointe Health CEO. “This funding creates new opportunities for our providers to deliver positive mental and physical health outcomes for the patients we serve today and for years to come.”

<https://www.wkrg.com/top-stories/altapointe-receives-grant-to-support-expanded-mental-health-substance-use-treatment-services/>

INDUSTRY NEWS

5 Reasons A Digital Front Door is a Healthcare Must-Have

For healthcare organizations, implementing an effective digital front door can mean better patient outcomes, lower costs, higher revenue, and more. Here are five ways a digital front door can deliver for patients and providers alike.

<https://hitconsultant.net/2021/06/30/reasons-digital-front-door-healthcare-must-have/#.YOSbf-hKhPY>

Under First-In-The-Nation Law, Coloradans To Receive Annual Mental Wellness Exams At No Cost

Colorado is the first state in the country to require insurers to cover annual mental wellness exams just as they do annual physicals.

<https://denver.cbslocal.com/2021/07/06/colorado-mental-health-wellness-law/>

Ketamine Seen As Possible Breakthrough Drug For Treating Range Of Mental Health Issues

“It’s the best antidepressant we have, especially embedded in psychotherapy,” explained Dr. Phil Wolfson, medical director at San Leandro-based Center for Transformational Psychotherapy. He is also a researcher and co-author of “The Ketamine Papers.”

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2021/07/12/ketamine-seen-as-possible-breakthrough-drug-for-treating-range-of-mental-health-issues/>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Leadership is a bumpy journey, but that's the job

Yes, there’s a destination at which you want to arrive. Yes, the sooner you can get there the better. But as a leader your task is, by definition, helping others get there as well. Which means you may have to stop and start repeatedly.

https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2021/07/leadership-bumpy-journey-thats-job?utm_source=brief

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