

## Bi-Weekly Bulletin for March 7, 2019

### MEMBER NEWS

#### **RiverValley Behavioral Health honored with two best practices awards**

RiverValley Behavioral Health has been honored with two Best Practices Awards from the Mental Health Corporation of America (MHCA). The awards were presented at the MHCA conference this past week in Clearwater, Florida.

<https://www.owensborotimes.com/life/health-wellness/2019/03/rivervalley-behavioral-health-honored-with-two-best-practices-awards/>

#### **RiverValley Behavioral Health hosts Healthy Baby Workshops**

Last autumn, RiverValley Behavioral Health started hosting monthly Healthy Baby Workshops to educate pregnant women about ways in which choices they make can affect their unborn children.

[http://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/local/rivervalley-behavioral-health-hosts-healthy-baby-workshops/article\\_82289277-c8a5-5138-b8c3-5485f8bdcb7b.html](http://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/local/rivervalley-behavioral-health-hosts-healthy-baby-workshops/article_82289277-c8a5-5138-b8c3-5485f8bdcb7b.html)

#### **Mental health crisis team is mobile in Utah County**

Mental health crises do not always occur at convenient times of day. These types of emergencies can happen at any time, day or night and **Wasatch Mental Health** is able to help.

[https://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/mental-health-crisis-team-is-mobile-in-utah-county/article\\_694acd33-f52a-5110-b8b9-f6e806f40219.html](https://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/mental-health-crisis-team-is-mobile-in-utah-county/article_694acd33-f52a-5110-b8b9-f6e806f40219.html)

#### **New program will assist uninsured with mental illness**

**Volunteer Behavioral Health**, the parent nonprofit agency that oversees Rhea Mental Health, is an authorized agent by the State of Tennessee to accept applications for the Behavioral Safety Net Program.

[http://www.rheaheraldnews.com/news/article\\_22e1c010-3b73-11e9-9f26-4f7214f6e63c.html](http://www.rheaheraldnews.com/news/article_22e1c010-3b73-11e9-9f26-4f7214f6e63c.html)

#### **Local legislators making strong push for local Baker Act intake facility**

The plan is for **LifeStream Behavioral Center** and Citrus Memorial Hospital to partner in creating a Baker Act holding facility.

[https://www.chronicleonline.com/news/local/local-legislators-making-strong-push-for-local-baker-act-intake/article\\_aed8d48c-3eca-11e9-a735-ffedd76d86d9.html](https://www.chronicleonline.com/news/local/local-legislators-making-strong-push-for-local-baker-act-intake/article_aed8d48c-3eca-11e9-a735-ffedd76d86d9.html)

### **SPS and Burrell Behavioral Health expand mental health services**

Springfield Public Schools will partner with Burrell Behavioral Health to expand school-based mental health services for nearly 4,000 of its students.

<https://www.ky3.com/video/?vid=506315562>

### **Burrell Behavioral Health and Family Justice Center Partner To Bring Services to Survivors**

The Greene County Family Justice Center and Burrell Behavioral Health will work together to improve services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

<https://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/burrell-behavioral-health-and-family-justice-center-partner-to-bring-services-to-survivors/1827146479>

### **Bridgeway adds 2nd school counselor**

Isaacson, a Bridgeway employee, joins Sara Bates, who has been stationed at Lombard Middle School for more than a year, as the school-based counselor program grows in Knox County.

<https://www.galesburg.com/news/20190216/bridgeway-adds-2nd-school-counselor>

## **INDUSTRY NEWS**

### **New Council on Accreditation CEO Talks Family First Act, Behavioral Health, International Adoption**

Jody Levison-Johnson, 48, has succeeded Richard Klarberg, who will step down after 18 years at the helm. Klarberg will move into the role of special adviser.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/child-welfare-2/accrediting-entitys-new-president-plans-to-focus-on-increasing-interplay-between-behavioral-health-and-child-welfare>

### **Programs Seek New Approach for Patients Revisiting Treatment**

Too often when a patient with a substance use treatment history becomes a repeat visitor to treatment, programs do little to change up what the patient was exposed to in past experiences. The resulting care could be a precursor to failure, perpetuating a revolving door of relapse and recovery.

<https://www.behavioral.net/article/programs-seek-new-approach-patients-revisiting-treatment>

## **The Mandate for Measurement: When Will Behavioral Healthcare Fully Embrace Clinical Data Analysis?**

We may not have precise measures in behavioral healthcare on par with blood pressure and A1C, but we have good measures that are not being used consistently.

<https://www.behavioral.net/article/mandate-measurement-when-will-behavioral-healthcare-fully-embrace-clinical-data-analysis>

## **National Association of Counties and National Sheriffs' Association Form Joint Task Force to Study Inmate Health Care and Recidivism**

The task force, made up of NACo and NSA members representing county leaders, law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, behavioral health and veterans' services, will explore the impacts of the national mental and behavioral health crisis and the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP), which strips federal health and veterans' benefits from individuals upon admission to jail – not upon conviction – leading to increased recidivism.

<https://sanangelolive.com/news/business/2019-03-05/national-association-counties-and-national-sheriffs%E2%80%99-association-form-joint>

## **CompanionMx Among 25 Accepted to MIT Startup Exchange, STEX25**

CompanionMx's technology uses active monitoring of voice and passive monitoring of other smartphone metadata to continuously produce acoustic and behavioral biomarkers that predict core symptoms of mood and anxiety disorders.

[https://www.oaoa.com/news/business/article\\_79e70344-0139-5ab5-87c0-7619bf9c5798.html](https://www.oaoa.com/news/business/article_79e70344-0139-5ab5-87c0-7619bf9c5798.html)

## **Judge Finds UnitedHealthcare Coverage Guidelines Over-Emphasized Acute Problems, 'Cost-Cutting'**

A federal judge in San Francisco has found that an affiliate of the nation's largest health insurer breached its fiduciary duty to policyholders by following coverage guidelines for mental health problems and substance abuse issues that resulted "in a significantly narrower scope of coverage than is consistent with generally accepted standards of care."

<https://www.law.com/therecorder/2019/03/05/judge-finds-unitedhealthcare-coverage-guidelines-over-emphasized-acute-problems-cost-cutting/?sreturn=20190206090303>

## **Saffron Shows Promise as ADHD Treatment**

Saffron capsules appear to be as effective as methylphenidate for treating children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), researchers from Iran report.

<https://www.psychcongress.com/article/saffron-shows-promise-adhd-treatment>

## **Hospital took adequate steps to protect employees from assault**

An administrative law judge vacated a citation levied against a behavioral health hospital holding that the U.S. Secretary of Labor failed to show that the hospital violated the general duty clause.

<https://www.businessinsurance.com/article/20190225/NEWS08/912326896/Hospital-took-adequate-steps-to-protect-employees-from-assault>

### **How to design home healthcare devices that people will use**

Meeting consumer demands for home healthcare technology requires a keen knowledge of user behavior. Here are four ways companies are approaching the market.

<https://www.medicaldesignandoutsourcing.com/how-to-design-home-healthcare-devices-that-people-will-use/>

### **Lonely? Anxious? Depressed? Maybe Your Dentist Can Help**

“When you have someone who is telling you they’re going to go home and kill themselves, and you think, ‘I’m a dental provider; what can I do?’

<https://californiahealthline.org/news/dental-clinic-screens-for-depression-other-mental-health-issues-during-visits-to-dentist/>

### **Advancing Population Health in the Behavioral Health Sector**

Behavioral healthcare organizations need a line of sight into infrastructures and strategies that ensure all sensitive health data is identified and protected while advancing population health initiatives.

<https://www.behavioral.net/article/advancing-population-health-behavioral-health-sector>

### **UCLA Health wins HIMSS Davies for innovations in depression treatment**

Physician informaticists adjusted workflow, optimized EHR documentation and built new tools to improve depression screening, diagnosis and management.

<https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/ucla-health-wins-himss-davies-innovations-depression-treatment>

## **BUSINESS NEWS**

### **Why Thought Diversity Makes Us Better**

Teams with members from different backgrounds can attack problems from all angles and identify more possible solutions than teams whose members think alike.

<https://fs.blog/2019/03/stormtrooper-problem/>

### **Where Leaders Misfire on Culture and Strategy**

Four Ideas to Keep Culture from Eating the Entire Lunch

<https://artpetty.com/2019/03/01/culture-and-change/>

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