

Bi-Weekly Bulletin for June 20, 2019

MEMBER NEWS

Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Named As TX Serves Coordination Center To Help Rio Grande Valley Veterans and Their Families

As part of a growing national movement, TXServes – RGV was born of a simple question: How can we improve the quality of life for Texas veterans, service members and their families as they seek to navigate a complex maze of well-intentioned but disconnected systems, agencies and bureaucracies?

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/tropical-texas-behavioral-health-named-152432992.html>

Grant funds Spindletop's mobile clinic

Spindletop Center has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas to employ staff capable of addressing behavioral health crisis services to the community using the center's mobile mental health clinic.

<https://www.panews.com/2019/06/06/grant-funds-spindletops-mobile-clinic/>

Rep. Rodney Davis visits Chestnut Health Center to address opioid crisis

The Chestnut Family Health Center now has \$200,000 to help patients struggling with opioid addiction. The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the grant to help fight the crisis in rural areas.

<https://www.centralillinoisproud.com/news/local-news/rep-rodney-davis-visits-chestnut-health-center-to-address-opioid-crisis/2058424400>

Burrell Behavioral Health, Stephens College sign agreement

Burrell Behavioral Health and Stephens College officials last week signed an agreement toward a partnership focused on developing highly-qualified behavioral and mental health professionals to serve mid-Missouri.

<https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20190605/burrell-behavioral-health-stephens-college-sign-agreement>

Kentucky's community mental health centers provide 'safety net' of services

“I’d like for people to know that mental illness and substance use disorders are treatable. The first place to go is to your local community mental health center, where professionals and specialists with access to a flexible range of treatment options are on hand to start you on your journey to recovery.”

https://www.bgdailynews.com/community/kentucky-s-community-mental-health-centers-provide-safety-net-of/article_7a9b6c16-0494-5078-973f-0f3c50ee0b45.html

INDUSTRY NEWS

First-Ever Private Funding Of State Loan Repayment Program

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, through its Mobilize AZ initiative, is awarding \$560,000 in funding to the Arizona Department of Health Services' State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

<https://www.biospace.com/article/releases/blue-cross-blue-shield-of-arizona-tackles-severe-shortage-of-mental-health-providers-with-first-ever-private-funding-of-state-loan-repayment-program/>

The Whisper Of Schizophrenia: Machine Learning Finds ‘Sound’ Words Predict Psychosis

Their results show that automated analysis of the two language variables — more frequent use of words associated with sound and speaking with low semantic density, or vagueness — can predict whether an at-risk person will later develop psychosis with 93 percent accuracy.

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/15062019-the-whisper-of-schizophrenia-machine-learning-finds-sound-words-predict-psychosis/>

WHAT YOU WRITE ON FACEBOOK COULD BE USED TO DIAGNOSE CONDITIONS FROM DEPRESSION TO DRUG ABUSE AND STIS

The researchers wanted to see if looking at a person's Facebook profile was a more accurate way of predicting and identifying conditions they had than their demographic information, such as age, sex, and race.

<https://www.newsweek.com/facebook-diagnose-depression-drug-abuse-sti>

One-third of nursing homes cannot meet behavioral health needs

Despite new rules calling for multidisciplinary care teams and more social work involvement in everyday care, 30% of homes reported having inadequate coordination of care between nursing home and community providers. In addition, more than 26% had inadequate infrastructure to handle referrals and transportation, researchers reported in the Journal of the American Geriatric Society.

<https://www.mcknights.com/news/one-third-of-nursing-homes-cannot-meet-behavioral-health-needs/>

Anthem Acquires Behavioral Health Group, Focuses on Health Access

The health payer plans to improve behavioral health management and healthcare access via the acquisition of Beacon Health Options.

<https://healthpayerintelligence.com/news/anthem-acquires-behavioral-health-group-focuses-on-health-access>

Kaiser Permanente partners with The Kennedy Forum, advocates to elevate mental health in election discourse

Mental Health for US will use civic engagement with voters and candidates during the election and seek to be a catalyst in addressing mental health and addiction.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/kaiser-permanente-partners-kennedy-forum-advocates-elevate-mental-150000042.html>

Fueled by latest \$60M funding round, Quartet Health partners with Louisiana, Illinois Medicaid plans

Behavioral health technology company Quartet Health has expanded to two new states with a growing focus on supporting Medicaid beneficiaries with mental health conditions.

<https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/tech/fueled-by-latest-60m-funding-round-quartet-health-expands-to-louisiana-illinois>

Deep TMS Reduces Symptoms of Treatment-Refractory OCD

Deep transcranial magnetic stimulation (dTMS) may help the many patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) who have an inadequate response to medication or psychological interventions, according to a study published online in The American Journal of Psychiatry.

<https://www.psychcongress.com/article/deep-tms-reduces-symptoms-treatment-refractory-ocd>

Video gaming disorder is a disease? Sounds like cultural bias to me | Commentary

Frankly, this entire discussion reeks of cultural bias toward a younger generation that enjoys virtual entertainment.

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-op-world-health-organization-gaming-20190616-m2xjz7ascbjpis5z5tjcomluq-story.html>

BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

THE FROSTED FLAKES FIASCO

When things don't look right, investigate. Don't allow excitement for results to blur your judgement.

<https://leadershipfreak.blog/2019/06/18/the-frosted-flakes-fiasco/>

Great presentation design requires a center of gravity

In our work, we've identified some simple, yet rarely employed best practices, which revolve around a 'Center of Gravity,' a framework for presentation design.

https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2019/05/great-presentation-design-requires-center-gravity?utm_source=brief&utm_medium=FeaturedContent&utm_campaign=MktgOriginals

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