



Bi-Weekly Bulletin for July 12, 2019

MEMBER NEWS

Mental Health Champion: Joe Masciandaro of CarePlus

“The biggest contributor to stigma is a lack of education about the nature of mental illnesses.”

<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/mental-health-champions-the-biggest-contributor-to-stigma-is-a-lack-of-education-about-the-nature-of-mental-illnesses-with-joe-masciandaro/>

Robins’ Nest, Cape Counseling Services, NewPoint Behavioral Health Care complete merger

The new group is called Acenda Integrated Health, and is made up of Robins’ Nest, Inc., Cape Counseling Services and NewPoint Behavioral Health Care. Dr. Anthony DiFabio serves as CEO of the new organization.

<https://www.nj.com/news/2019/07/robins-nest-cape-counseling-services-newpoint-behavioral-health-care-complete-merger.html>

Bluegrass.org, Regional Leader in Behavioral and Mental Health, Rebrands as New Vista™

Paul Beatrice, New Vista CEO, noted, "Our new corporate name and identity better reflect both the challenges many Kentuckians and their families face and the promise we provide – a chance for a full recovery, a fresh start, and a brighter tomorrow."

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/bluegrass-org-regional-leader-behavioral-120000865.html>

Meet Paul Beatrice, president and CEO of NewVista (formerly Bluegrass.org)

I love being around good food and cooking. In another life, I would be a chef or restaurateur.

<http://www.medicalnews.md/meet-paul-beatrice-president-and-ceo-of-bluegrass-org/>

Burrell to offer counseling for California students

Superintendent Dwight Sanders told the school board during the June 19 board meeting he and Burrell Behavioral Health recognized conflicts students may have in receiving the professional counseling they may require, and that these impediments are oftentimes out of their control.

<http://www.californiademocrat.com/news/local/story/2019/jun/26/burrell-to-offer-counseling-for-california-students/784238/>

Haven4Change Expansion

“A key aspect that sets Haven4Change aside from other residential transitional programs is that residents are allowed and encouraged to bring their children, ages 12 and under, to live with them while they learn the necessary life skills needed to adapt to the day-to-day challenges of living life while in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction,” said Karen Garrity, **LifeSkills** clinical director of addiction services.

https://www.bgdailynews.com/community/maureen-mahaney-haven-change-expansion/article_53b604a7-9c04-5a56-a9fa-dc7d28c964f3.html

Harris County program diverts low-level offenders with mental illness from jail to treatment

In the first seven months, **The Harris Center's** Jail Diversion Center saved law enforcement \$9 million, so authorities expanded the program to include more non-violent offenses.

<https://www.khou.com/article/news/health/be-mindful/it-saved-my-life-harris-county-program-diverts-low-level-offenders-with-mental-illness-from-jail-to-treatment/285-7eef9ded-3474-42d3-ada3-23d0251e6c6c>

Knoxville Top Workplaces

McNabb Center receives large company Top Workplaces award at Knox.Biz's Top Work Places event <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/money/business/2019/06/25/2019-knoxville-top-workplaces-winners-announced/1558490001/>

Mental Health Advocate and Comedian Bill Bernat Announced as Keynote Speaker for Compass Health's 2019 Building Communities of Hope Gala

Tom Sebastian, president and CEO for Compass Health, said, “We’re thrilled to have Bill on board this year – his ability to make mental health approachable, and to see the humorous side in experiences that touch everyone, uplifts those who have struggled and helps reduce the stigma of seeking care.”

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/mental-health-advocate-comedian-bill-175200580.html>

INDUSTRY NEWS

Student 'Hope Squads' Fight Teen Suicide by Saving Peers' Lives: 'Every School Should Have This'

"We train kids to recognize the warning signs," says Hope Squad founder Greg Hudnall

<https://people.com/human-interest/student-hope-squads-fight-teen-suicide/>

Latest Suicide Data Show the Depth of U.S. Mental Health Crisis

While material well-being has improved, America's emotional distress has climbed to crisis levels.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-06-20/latest-suicide-data-show-the-depth-of-u-s-mental-health-crisis>

House Lawmakers Looking to Relax Anti-Kickback Rules in Value-Based Care Arrangements

"Too often, Congress is mired in short-term health care problems instead of pushing the limits on true innovation that will not only improve the quality of care but also lower costs for consumers," members of the Bipartisan Health Care Innovation Caucus wrote in a letter to their congressional colleagues.

<https://homehealthcarenews.com/2019/07/house-lawmakers-looking-to-relax-anti-kickback-rules-in-value-based-care-arrangements/>

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis: Predictors of Disengagement

The investigators recommend these predictive variables be routinely screened at referral or assessment and targeted prior to or early in therapy to increase the likelihood of engagement.

<https://www.psychiatryadvisor.com/home/schizophrenia-advisor/cognitive-behavioral-therapy-for-psychosis-predictors-of-disengagement/>

OpenNotes notches another big milestone, with 40 million patients now seeing their EHRs

As more than 200 health systems have signed on with the patient empowerment movement, population health, patient safety and quality improvement gains are apparent.

<https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/opennotes-notches-another-big-milestone-40-million-patients-now-seeing-their-ehrs>

How Social, Behavioral Determinants of Health Can Enable Next-Gen Risk Stratification

The ability to precisely sort members to interventions such as mail-order prescriptions, food assistance, and Uber Health rides isn't a pipe dream—it's a reality.

<https://www.managedhealthcareexecutive.com/news/how-social-behavioral-determinants-health-can-enable-next-gen-risk-stratification>

California is using apps to monitor mental health patients. Is that 'cool'—or just 'creepy'?

John Torous, director of the division of digital psychiatry at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, said, "If we're excited about the potential of data, we should be equally worried about the risks, and those seem to be evolving faster than the scientific benefit."

<https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2019/06/21/california-mental-health>

Second-Generation Antipsychotics Recommended for Negative Symptoms

“Overall, data from the literature suggest that second-generation antipsychotics, such as cariprazine and amisulpride, should be preferred over first-generation antipsychotics, as they are associated with better functional outcomes and lower cognitive impairment,” researchers wrote.

<https://www.psychcongress.com/article/second-generation-antipsychotics-recommended-negative-symptoms>

Answering The Question ‘What Comes Next?’ The Top OPEN MINDS Executive Briefings

In case you missed them, these are our top-15 OPEN MINDS Circle Executive Briefings from 2019.

<https://www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/executive-briefings/answering-the-question-what-comes-next-the-top-open-minds-executive-briefings/>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Listening and curiosity are key traits for leaders

The most stable, successful and credible leaders have a plan in place for their growth. In spite of their busy schedules, they make time and take time to develop themselves.

<https://upwardsleader.com/2019/06/23/easy-ways-for-everyone-to-be-a-better-leader/>

How to build disruptive strategic flywheels

Gaming, artificial intelligence, and deep learning are paving the way for dynamic and resilient 21st-century business models.

<https://www.strategy-business.com/article/How-to-build-disruptive-strategic-flywheels?gko=3ed00>

If you want to be great, take time to disconnect

What if instead of looking at time for your own personal rejuvenation as a reward for certain work accomplished, you saw this as a key ingredient to effective leadership, and the path to achieving significant improvement and results in your business?

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/if-you-want-to-be-great-take-time-to-disconnect-2019-06-21>

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