



Bi-Weekly Bulletin for May 7, 2020

MEMBER NEWS

Tennessee Voices, Episode 26: Bob Vero, regional CEO of Centerstone in Tennessee and Georgia

Long before the novel coronavirus pandemic shuttered businesses and kept people at home, mental health professionals warned about the crisis of loneliness, toxic stress and lack of self-care. COVID-19 has heightened those worries and created new trauma for health care and other essential workers, such as grocery store employees and drivers, who are more at risk of becoming infected because they are in public.

<https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/opinion/columnists/david-plazas/2020/05/04/tennessee-voices-bob-vero-centerstone-mental-health-coronavirus/3015281001/>

Mental Health Month

Valley Oaks Health, a provider of high-quality mental health services to communities in Indiana, announces a three-part webinar series in time for Mental Health Month in May.

<https://valleyoaks.org/mental-health-month-press-release/>

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

During these uncertain times, **Mental Health Partners** (MHP) is honored to continue to provide uninterrupted essential mental health and addiction recovery services to our clients, serve as the expert for these topics, and recognize the dedication of our staff, and all behavioral health professionals. In celebration of NMHA Month, MHP is offering a series of events and programs throughout the month of May.

<https://www.mhpcolorado.org/mental-health-partners-honors-national-mental-health-awareness-month/>

Peace River Center Hosts Mental Health Awareness Month Virtual Sessions

These virtual sessions are free to attend and those interested can visit <https://www.peacerivercenter.org/mham-registration/> for details and to register. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time, but they will also have a chance to ask the mental health experts their questions at the end of each session.

Compass Health Debuts Revolutionary Mobile Telehealth System to Provide Vital Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment During COVID-19 Social Distancing, and for Future Care

Compass Health announced the organization-wide launch of its mobile telehealth system, Compass Health Bridge. The three-part system enables behavioral health professionals to connect virtually with clients in community and home settings via HIPAA-compliant, secure video chat for counseling, psychiatric evaluation and case management.

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200504005591/en/Compass-Health-Debuts-Revolutionary-Mobile-Telehealth-System>

Spindletop Center hosting virtual support groups open for all

Spindletop Center launched “Stronger Together Spindletop Cares” in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help support Southeast Texas during these uncertain times. Spindletop Center will host individual wellness calls and virtual support groups with representatives present to guide the conversations.

<https://www.panews.com/2020/04/30/spindletop-center-hosting-virtual-support-groups-open-for-all/>

Centralia’s Cascade Community Healthcare Receives Almost \$2 Million State Grant

“We’re pretty excited that this opportunity came to our state. It’s in the works. We knew it was a long shot to apply, and we are thrilled with the news. It fits with our long-term strategic plan, and it’s a win not only for our behavioral health agency but a win for Lewis County as well,” said Cascade Community Healthcare CEO Dr. Richard Stride.

http://www.chronline.com/news/centralia-s-cascade-community-healthcare-receives-almost-2-million-state-grant/article_7a3561ce-8bfd-11ea-bda3-afdd20fcd3e8.html

RiverValley Behavioral Health awarded \$4M grant

RiverValley Behavioral Health has been awarded a \$4 million grant over two years from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to expand behavioral health services, and they will become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic.

<https://www.owensborotimes.com/news/2020/05/rivervalley-behavioral-health-awarded-4m-grant/>

Norcross Announces More Than \$3.3M in Grant Funding to Acenda Health for Behavioral Health

“The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are helping to transform how care is delivered in our communities and Acenda is excited to bring the model to our Gloucester County communities,” said Dr. Anthony DiFabio, President & CEO, Acenda.

<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/norcross-announces-3-3m-grant-funding-acenda-health-behavioral-health/>

Burrell awarded \$4 million grant to provide services for uninsured

Burrell Behavioral Health has received a grant of \$4 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) over the next two years, \$2 million per year, to expand its behavioral health services in southwest and central Missouri.

<https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2020/05/02/burrell-awarded-4-million-samhsa-grant-services-uninsured/3066455001/>

F&CS's Women in Recovery's Remote Microcosm

For Tulsa Oklahoma's **Family & Children's Services** Women in Recovery – an alternative to incarceration program – eliminating face-to-face contact for outpatient treatment and programming took some ingenuity.

<https://www.fcsok.org/women-in-recovery-remote-microcosm/>

Family & Children's Services Joy Movement sustains staff amid pandemic.

The coronavirus has forced many of us to work from home for an extended period — or permanently. Family & Children's Services (F&CS) employees are no exception. We are all navigating uncharted waters, making it important to find new ways to work and interact while also taking care of our mental health and well-being.

<https://www.fcsok.org/fcs-joy-movement-sustains-staff-amid-pandemic/>

Good vibes with telemedicine

The example of **Harbor** should be followed by other mental health and substance abuse providers. They put tablets into the hands of patients.

<https://blade-share.newsslide.com/57639759-b096-41b9-9779-718836dbb575/46f2da56-8d7f-44ce-b12c-c9e210c1975e/>

Telehealth focuses on mental health, addiction treatment

Harbor distributed 4,000 tablets to aid patients with connectivity issues to conduct telehealth video conferencing and counseling sessions. CEO John Sheehan said the mental health boards in Lucas and Wood counties came through with special funding for the endeavor.

<https://blade-share.newsslide.com/6e04cbdd-f380-423a-a372-a3f9781a4f0b/007d3997-d264-417b-91d1-fdecf67f1d2f/>

Chestnut Receives \$4 Million Grant

Chestnut Health Systems will receive \$4 million over the next two years from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The funding is part of an estimated \$450 million in nationwide funding to increase access to community mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

<https://www.riverbender.com/articles/details/chestnut-receives-4-million-grant-41752.cfm>

INDUSTRY NEWS

With new coronavirus tracker, Apple and Google may finally get their big break in health care

By embedding disease-monitoring capabilities into virtually every smartphone on the planet, the tech giants hope to create a globe-spanning Covid-19 warning system. Soon, potentially millions of people could be having their first-ever interactions with Apple and Google in a health-related context.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/30/tech/apple-google-contact-tracing/>

OPINION: FRONT-LINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS DESERVE HAZARD PAY

We believe that it is sound public policy to include subsidies to organizations that employ healthcare professionals responsible for direct patient contact in the next round of pandemic-related legislation. Those subsidies should compensate healthcare professionals for the added risks they are assuming in order to perform their work.

<https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/covid-19/opinion-front-line-healthcare-workers-deserve-hazard-pay>

Crisis counselors, the ‘paramedics of mental health,’ wage a wrenching battle on the coronavirus front lines

The 26-year-old St. Louis woman, who was issued a provisional counselor’s license in November, is among the thousands of counselors taking calls from fearful Americans trying to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic. And Ochs, like her colleagues around the country, is doing it at a breakneck pace.

<https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/04/crisis-counselors-wage-wrenching-battle-on-coronavirus-frontlines/>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Whether Competitors Or Colleagues, CEOs Collaborate During COVID-19

Emerson Electric CEO Farr exemplifies how chiefs of companies big and small have been pulling together during the crisis. “In the environment we’re in now, CEOs need to touch base and find out what each other’s strategies are for dealing with certain situations, and make sure you line up. “It’s not unknown for us to pick up the phone and talk to each other, of course,” Farr said. “But we’re doing much more of that right now—at small, medium and large companies. Sometimes even with competitors and frenemies, where we’re working together now even though we compete against each other.”

<https://chiefexecutive.net/whether-competitors-or-colleagues-ceos-collaborate-during-covid-19/>

Overwhelmed? Adopt a Paradox Mindset

In times like these, times of change, uncertainty and scarcity, we need to do many tasks together. And people need to feel comfort with discomfort – these hurdles aren’t going away.

<https://knowledge.insead.edu/leadership-organisations/overwhelmed-adopt-a-paradox-mindset-14026>

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