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MEMBER NEWS

Chestnut Health Systems was right fit for this Troy neighbor

Orville Mercer, 71, retired in December after 43 years with the same organization. He still does contract work for Chestnut and he is a member of Metanoia Prison Ministries, a national organization where inmates take a course in systematic theology. Mercer is a grader for the program. When he does have spare time, Mercer focuses on ways to stay healthy. "I'm getting a lot of bike riding in and my goal is to ride about 1,500 miles this summer," Mercer said. "I think we have the best riding trails in the country."

<https://www.theintelligencer.com/news/article/troy-man-retires-from-chestnut-health-systems-19395601.php>

Remembering Jeanne H. Wurmser

Jeanne was a leader in the mental health community. She served on the board or as chair of mental health provider groups such as the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies and Mental Health Corporations of America. After leaving CPC Behavioral Healthcare, Jeanne consulted on mental health policy with the state of New Jersey and served as a clinical assistant professor on the faculty of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

<https://tworivertimes.com/jeanne-h-wurmser/>

Wellpoint collaborates with McNabb Center, mental health providers across state

The Skills System is a pioneering emotion regulation curriculum designed specifically for individuals with IDD which enhances mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness, emotional regulation, and builds the capacity for distress tolerance. The long-term benefits of this curriculum include smoother transitions to increasing levels of independence within residential and vocational settings.

https://www.citizentribune.com/health/wellpoint-collaborates-with-mcnabb-center-mental-health-providers-across-state/article_fe624864-1d1b-11ef-8e75-479abfcd1e2.html

Heritage Behavioral Health Center to Expand to Northgate Plaza To Ensure Access to Care for All

“This is bigger than Heritage, this is about our community. We are committed to providing access to mental health, substance use and primary care services to all” says Mary Garrison, Heritage’s President and CEO.

<https://www.decatribune.com/2024/05/31/heritage-behavioral-health-center-to-expand-to-northgate-plaza-to-ensure-access-to-care-for-all/>

Chestnut opens dental clinic for all, including those with Medicaid, Medicare and no insurance

“In the Bloomington-Normal community, and especially in McLean County, there aren't a lot of providers for patients that don't have dental insurance or that have Medicaid or Medicare as their main source of insurance,” said Musson.

<https://www.wglt.org/local-news/2024-05-03/chestnut-opens-dental-clinic-for-all-including-those-with-medicaid-medicare-and-no-insurance>

INDUSTRY NEWS

Nation’s first mental health responders sign union contract

“One of our main goals throughout has been to focus on the safety and well-being of the responders and ensuring that our voices are heard,” Little said. The Union first organized in 2022. Their main goal is to work with the City of Albuquerque to establish consistent safety procedures and attain first responder status, according to Little.

<https://www.dailylobo.com/article/2024/04/nations-first-mental-health-responders-sign-union-contract>

Experts Aren’t Surprised About Optum Closing Its Virtual Care Business

Healthcare leaders agree that this closure reflects broader trends in the telehealth market, in which saturation and differentiation challenges are leading some providers to struggle. In the future, experts believe the most successful virtual care companies will be those that provide personalized patient experiences and focus on niche community needs — as well as those that adapt to a hybrid model of care rather than relying solely on virtual.

<https://medcitynews.com/2024/04/optum-virtual-care-telehealth/>

Community Health Centers Face Huge Lift in UDS Reporting Upgrade

FHIR-based platform is expected to become mandatory in 2025 or 2026 and will overhaul HRSA’s Uniform Data System reporting methodology

<https://www.hcinnoationgroup.com/analytics-ai/dashboards-reporting/article/55039218/community-health-centers-face-huge-lift-in-uds-reporting-upgrade>

HHS: 10 states joining Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid Demonstration Program

Now, CCHBCs in Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island and Vermont can receive Medicaid funding in addition the original program member states.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/4701673-hhs-certified-community-behavioral-health-clinic-medicaid-demonstration-program/>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

How to identify and develop high-potential leaders

Too often, high-potential leaders are identified by “I know it when I see it.” Not only does this approach open the door to bias and run the risk of overlooking hidden talent, but the lack of clarity limits the organization’s ability to develop a future-ready leadership cadre.

<https://bigthink.com/plus/adam-grant-on-how-to-identify-and-develop-high-potential-leaders/>

How to Come Back Stronger From Organizational Trauma

Traumatic events are destabilizing. In their aftermath, leaders can help individuals and teams recover and grow.

<https://sloanreview.mit.edu/article/how-to-come-back-stronger-from-organizational-trauma/>

A New Era Of Wellbeing: A Comprehensive Public Health Approach To Workplace Mental Health

The workplace has historically been a catalyst for social change, and now is the ideal moment to focus on enhancing employee and organizational wellbeing. By adopting a comprehensive public health strategy, we can foster healthier work environments through various levels of influence, highlighting the pivotal role of employers in cultural transformation.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbeseq/2024/06/04/a-new-era-of-wellbeing-a-comprehensive-public-health-approach-to-workplace-mental-health/?sh=64ae285a5650>

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