

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

March 2014

Oklahoma City treatment center neighbors lose patience over loose patients

Cedar Ridge psychiatric hospital and treatment center is officially only permitted by the city to accept juveniles, but accepts adult patients.

It was about 10 a.m. on an frigid February morning when a distraught teenage boy in a short-sleeved T-shirt and handcuffs appeared on Mark Cashion's doorstep in northeast Oklahoma City.

"He must have run here full speed — he was jumping up and down, asking me to call his dad," Cashion said. "He showed me his hands cuffed behind his back and they looked like serious handcuffs, so I told him I had to call 911."

Cashion lives less than a mile north of Cedar Ridge Residential Treatment



Center and Psychiatric Hospital at 6501 NE 50. The neighborhood is a quiet, semi-rural area

where many of the residents own large acreages and keep horses.

Both Choctaw and Oklahoma City police, who responded to the call, confirmed Cashion's story of the runaway, handcuffed boy. Choctaw police had taken the teen to Cedar Ridge for evaluation at the request of his mother when he broke free and bolted to Cashion's house, Choctaw Police Chief Conny Clay said.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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It's Daylight Savings time! Did you set your clocks back?

<p>Orally inhaled medicine for schizophrenia, bipolar disorder hits the market</p>	<p>Major Results, Milestone For The Oklahoma Health Care Authority's Health Management Program</p>
<p>Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. has announced the commercial launch of the trademarked <u>ADASUVE</u> (loxapine) inhalation powder 10 mg, an orally inhaled medicine for the acute treatment of agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I disorder in adults.</p> <p>ADASUVE is administered through Alexza Pharmaceutical's innovative proprietary trademarked Staccato single-use, hand held drug delivery technology system. This new drug-device combination product provides rapid systemic delivery by inhalation of a thermally-generated aerosol of loxapine, a first generation antipsychotic, to the lung.</p>	<p><i>Independent assessment shows aggregate savings of nearly \$182 million over a five-year period. Program also sees measurable gains in improved health outcomes among program participants.</i></p> <p>A proactive approach in disease management is paying off in big ways at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA). A recent evaluation of the agency's <u>SoonerCare</u> (Oklahoma Medicaid) Health Management Program (HMP) shows a return on investment (ROI) of 562 percent.* This equates to more than six dollars in medical savings for every dollar in administrative expenditures.</p>

NJ program urges treatment, not jail, for mentally ill defendants

Pilot program aims at diverting some offenders into needed treatment while reducing the odds of recidivism

Criminal defendants with mental health disabilities in New Jersey will be able to avoid jail time while pursuing treatment for their illness under a pilot program led by Essex County prosecutors.

Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from New Jersey's Attorney General, individuals in the Newark area will benefit from a strategy that's been proven in many other areas of the country - diversion of non-violent mentally ill defendants away from jail and into treatment.

<p>Doctor: ADHD does not exist</p>	<p>Testing is 'the technology of addiction'</p>
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This Wednesday, an article in the *New York Times* reported that between 2008 and 2012 the number of adults taking medications for ADHD has increased by 53%, and that in the case of young American adults, it has nearly doubled.

Over the course of my 50-year-long career in behavioral neurology and treating patients with ADHD, it has been in the past decade that I have seen these diagnoses truly skyrocket. Every day my colleagues and I see more and more people coming in claiming they have trouble paying attention at school and at work, and diagnosing themselves with "ADHD."

Robert L. DuPont, MD, president of the Institute for Behavior and Health and the first director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the 1970s, eschews subtlety when discussing his views on the importance of drug testing to addiction treatment services.

"Drug testing is the technology of addiction medicine," says DuPont. He adds, "It is vastly underutilized, both in terms of prevention and treatment." DuPont chaired a committee that last year crafted a white paper on drug testing from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
The Arc of the United States

National Professional Social Work Month
National Association of Social Workers

National Problem Gambling Awareness Month
The National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc.

March 2-9
National Sleep Awareness Week
National Sleep Foundation

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 17-20
Case Mgmt Training-OKC

March 20
Cross Cultural Learning Collaborative

March 20-21
Continuing the MI Journey: OKC

March 24-27
Case Mgmt Training-OKC

March 24-28
RSS Training - Tulsa- Registration Required

March 27
Nicotine Dependence Treatment Symposium

March 27
OHCA Board Meeting

March 28
SOC Family Support Provider Training: Tulsa

March 31
ASAM Training

March 31
Case Mgmt Training—Tulsa

March 31
Deadline to apply for coverage on Healthcare.gov

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