



Weekly Bulletin – July 22, 2022



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

988 - Federal Suicide and Crisis Hotline Now Up and Running



<https://988lifeline.org/> was officially launched on Saturday, July 16th across the nation as the new dialing code that will direct callers to the **988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline**. People can dial or text to be connected to trained crisis counselors to provide comfort, support, and resources for those individuals going through a difficult time. If an individual prefers chatting, they can visit <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>. After answering a few questions, a crisis counselor will connect.

There will be a caring and compassionate person on the other end seeking to support anyone who may be feeling suicidal, or experiencing a mental health, or substance use crisis. These trained counselors will help connect them to resources to help the individual in need navigate through their crisis. When someone in the state of Florida uses 988, they will be routed to one of 12 designated call centers based on their geography. **988 is a free resource to everyone** and does not require any special codes when calling, chatting, or texting.

A brief video explaining 988 in general terms can be found by clicking [here](#).

The official launch of 988 reminds us that now is as an important time as ever to ensure there is help that is easily accessible for people experiencing life's challenges. COVID-19 has exacerbated the need for a streamlined system of care that offers substantive assistance.

We encourage you to share this important information with your employees.

For more information, please contact David Cavalleri at david@flhealthvalue.org

Florida Alliance Welcomes New Team Member – Ashley Martin

We'd like to welcome **Ashley Martin, Program and Project Support** (Ashley.martin@FLHealthValue.org), to the Florida Alliance team! Ashley started with us on Monday, July 18th and jumped right in enthusiastically. We're looking forward to working with Ashley; she will be a valuable asset to our team.



Ashley Martin



PROJECT/EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVE (ELC) OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO OUR EMPLOYER MEMBERS

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 10:00AM – 12:00PM - Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) ELC

Our main employer contacts will soon receive an email with an invitation to participate in this ELC which will be held in-person in Tampa and virtually. Please note that if you intend to participate in person, seating at the Tampa location is extremely limited and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. All other registrants are welcome to participate virtually. This kick-off meeting will ramp up implementation of the *Path Forward for Mental Health and Substance Use*. We will refresh meeting attendees on the five pillars of [The Path Forward](#).



- Improve in-network access to MH/SU care providers
- Expand screening and testing for MH/SU conditions (measurement-based care)
- Expand MH/SU integration into primary care settings including pediatrics and OB/GYN (the collaborative care model),
- Improve tele-behavioral health access, quality, cost, and integration with primary care; and
- Resolve legacy mental health parity compliance issues.

We will solicit feedback from the attendees regarding the draft *Path Forward – Florida* action plan we have been developing. We will be hearing updates from around the state on activities that have already been initiated with employers to improve the system of care.

Attendees will learn about the best practice mental health workplace practices developed by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health which includes positive organizational culture, robust mental health benefits, healthy work environment, workplace policies and practices, employer-sponsored mental health resources, innovation, and leadership support.

We will also recognize Tommy Inzina, CEO of BayCare, with our “Healthcare Hero” award for his impactful work in mental health in the Tampa Bay area!



Tommy Inzina

PLEASE HELP by Responding to the Path Forward Behavioral Health Benefits Survey!

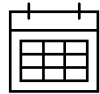
We invite you to participate in a survey developed by the Purchaser Business Group on Health (PBGH) on behavioral health benefits as part of our Path Forward efforts with the National Alliance. Several of the other regional coalitions are participating in this survey, the purpose of which is to obtain

information about benefits plans to help compare benefit designs and understand potential barriers to mental health parity. A summary report will be generated comparing benefits design by participants.

We hope you will take 15 minutes to complete the survey. The information you provide will be helpful for us in Florida as we undertake our important work to improve the system of care for mental health services.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey! Click [here](#) to access the survey.

For more information, please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBER BENEFIT: Better Health NOW: Advancing Primary Care – A National Alliance Employer Town Hall - August 4, 2022, 2:00PM ET

We need strong primary care in every community, so we all have better access to health. This **FREE webinar for Florida Alliance employer members** will help unify and engage diverse stakeholders in promoting policies and sharing best practices that support adoption and growth of high-performing primary care and achieve the “Quadruple Aim”: Better care, better health, lower costs, and greater joy for clinicians and staff in delivery of care.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

SPEAKERS



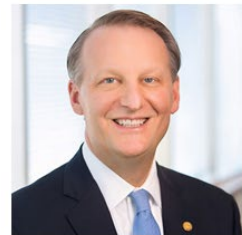
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NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE FLORIDA ALLIANCE TEAM AND EMPLOYER MEMBERS

Florida Alliance President & CEO, Karen van Caulil, Appointed to the Center for Workplace Mental Health's Advisory Council

The Advisory Council provides valuable strategic guidance to the Center for Workplace Mental Health. Members of the council are appointed by the [American Psychiatric Association Foundation](#) Board of Directors. The council represents a diverse range of experience and perspectives, including employers, psychiatrists, and related purchasing stakeholders. Council members provide leadership, a passion for improving mental health with employers, and an ongoing commitment to the Center for Workplace Mental Health. Congratulations, Karen!



Rosa Novo Selected as Member of The Leapfrog Group's National Panel of Employer Benefit Innovators



The Leapfrog Group has selected **Florida Alliance Board Chair Rosa Novo, Miami-Dade Public Schools Executive Benefits Director**, as a member of their national panel of employer benefits innovators. Leapfrog seeks advice from the national panel on organizational goals and design of specific programs.

Leapfrog management and/or their Board members pose questions to the National Panel each year, seeking advice on specific issues, such as:

- Challenges and opportunities employers encounter affecting the quality of health care and ideas for the future
- How to make it simple for employers and health plans to take Leapfrog patient safety and quality data and run with it and help demonstrate the value of the data
- The usefulness and design of Leapfrog tools and initiatives for value-based purchasing, employee engagement, and policy advocacy
- Design and advancement ideas for identified Leapfrog programs
- Decisions to launch new initiatives
- Employers' new strategies, such as tiering, centers of excellence, bundled payment, and other contracting tactics. Where can Leapfrog help?

Rosa will also be speaking at Leapfrog's Annual Meeting in December. Stay tuned for more details!

Employer members interested in applying to be part of the Leapfrog national panel of employer benefits innovators should contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org for information.

The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value is the Regional Leader for Leapfrog in the state for Florida. To learn more about the Florida Alliance's initiatives with The Leapfrog Group, click [here](#) to visit our Leapfrog webpage.

National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) Employer Champion

Although our 2022 Diabetes/Obesity ELC has wrapped up, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still have opportunities to participate in a variety of advisory activities through the summer and fall of 2022 to advance development of a new online tool. This tool will support benefits professionals who are interested in designing, implementing, and monitoring the impact of the National DPP lifestyle change program as a covered benefit for employees.

Congratulations and thank you to **Florida Alliance Board Chair, Rosa Novo, Executive Benefits Director for Miami-Dade County Public Schools**, for being selected to participate in this program and becoming a National DPP Employer Champion in the fight to prevent diabetes!



Rosa Novo

For more information on the National DPP and/or the opportunity to be a champion, please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org



MEMBER BENCHMARKING REQUESTS

REMINDER: Employers' Policies on Tuition Reimbursement

Employer Member Orange County Government is seeking information regarding employers' policies on tuition reimbursement. The County is seeking copies of employers' policies regarding tuition reimbursement that reflects eligibility guidelines and the amount of the reimbursement allowed.



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