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New Lottery Machines Could Offer Chance At Funding For Kansas Mental Health Facilities

The Kansas House and Senate have approved versions of House Bill 2313, which would direct proceeds from newly legalized lottery ticket vending machines to crisis stabilization centers and mental health clubhouses.

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Studies Question Link Between Mom's Antidepressant Use, Autism in Kids

Taking antidepressants during pregnancy doesn't appear to raise a child's risk of autism, once other factors that could influence the risk are taken into account, two new studies suggest.

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Residual Symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

When someone experiences a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder episode there are residual symptoms. Residual symptoms are different from PTSD symptoms. These begin immediately after the episode subsides. And, these residual effects last for another 24 to 48 hours.

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Outrageous! Joan Bishop recounts the tragic death of her psychotic sister in powerful documentary, raising troubling questions about our system

A seriously mentally ill woman denies that she is sick and after a year of refusing treatment is released from a state hospital. She gives discharge officials a fake address, walks a few miles from the hospital and breaks into an unoccupied farm that is for sale...[I] first heard this incredibly sad story in 2009 from the woman's sister, Joan Bishop...Joan was determined to tell the world what happened to Linda in a book and a new movie titled GOD KNOWS WHERE I AM.

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Kansas Agency Working To Speed Federal Inspections Of Osawatomie State Hospital

The head of the Kansas agency that oversees the state's hospital system is working to jump-start the process of recertifying Osawatomie State Hospital. Federal officials decertified the state's largest psychiatric hospital in December 2015 due to concerns about patient safety and staffing. The decertification order is costing the hospital approximately \$1 million a month in federal funding.

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New Form of Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation May Treat Depression More Efficiently

A new type of magnetic stimulation to the brain may improve depression symptoms more efficiently than other treatment options, researchers suggest.

NOTE: This topic has been selected as a possible topic of our June 6, NAMI Wichita program meeting. Please join us to learn more. Confirmation of the topic of our June 6 meeting will be coming soon.

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