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Dr. Nelly Burdette, clinical health psychologist, is a trailblazer in the field of integrated behavioral health, with a career spanning 15 years of groundbreaking achievements. Throughout her career, Dr. Burdette has seamlessly transitioned between leadership, program development and hands-on clinical practice, demonstrating her versatility and dedication to improving healthcare outcomes. In her current roles, Dr. Burdette serves as both the senior director of integrated behavioral health at Care Transformation Collaborative Rhode Island (CTC-RI), a nonprofit collaborative dedicated to revolutionizing primary care delivery in the State of Rhode Island, and the director of population behavioral health at Boston Medical Center (BMC), an academic medical health system comprised of eight accountable care organizations in the State of Massachusetts. At CTC-RI, she spearheads initiatives aimed at transforming systems of care; shaping policy; and training the health care workforce to embrace evidence-based, integrated behavioral health practices across the lifespan while also providing training and practice facilitation around high-functioning health care teams and psychological safety. At BMC, she leads a team focused on achieving quality goals in behavioral health and health equity across Massachusetts. Her expertise extends to integrated care settings, where she works closely with oncology patients from a behavioral health perspective, and she extends the reach of psychological safety in health care teams. Her academic background includes a doctorate degree in health psychology from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky; a two-year post-doctorate at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, specializing in primary care psychology; and an internship at Cherokee Health Systems in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she focused on delivering behavioral health services to underserved populations within primary care settings. She has created, operationalized, and implemented innovative integrated care programs in diverse settings, including federally gualified health centers, community mental health centers, specialty mental health settings, and the Veteran's Administration.