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New Episode of The Rundown with Beth Saboe Airs 3/24 Explores the critical shortage of mental health services in Montana

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BOZEMAN, Mont. -- The second installment of “Patients in Waiting”, produced by News & Public Affairs producer Beth Saboe, will air Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 5:19pm MST.

In this second episode of "Patients in Waiting," Saboe examines the extreme shortage of mental health services in Montana. Except for Yellowstone county, the entire state is considered a mental health provider shortage area, and recent budget cuts to the state health department could further cripple people's access to vital services. Without help, where will patients dealing with mental health issues turn?

Dr. Eric Arzubi has spent the last five years as an advocate for better mental health care in Montana while also serving as chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Billings Clinic. As the only inpatient psychiatric hospital on the eastern side of the state, Dr. Arzubi and his team care for an overwhelming number of people from across the region.

“I’ve sometime sometimes called Montana the epicenter of the mental health crisis the United States,” Arzubi said, “on average we see somewhere between 10 and 20 patients with a psychiatric crisis every single day in our emergency room.”

View the full program online at
montanapbs.org/rundownbethsaboe/214/patients-waiting-part-two/

Additional air dates for this program include:

- March 25, 2018 at 10:21am MST
- March 29, 2018 at 7:10pm MST
- March 30, 2018 at 7:25pm MST

The Rundown with Beth Saboe provides in-depth coverage of issues that matter to Montanans. Going beyond the headlines, Saboe explores a wide range of topics including politics, social and legal trends, business and the environment. To learn more and watch additional episodes, visit montanapbs.org/rundownbethsaboe/

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