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Dr. Nelly Burdette is a visionary leader and innovator in integrated behavioral health, with over 15 years of experience driving transformative change in health care. With a doctorate in health psychology and advanced training in primary care psychology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Dr. Burdette has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between mental and physical health care for underserved populations with an equity lens. Dr. Burdette has designed and implemented groundbreaking integrated care programs across federally qualified health centers, community mental health agencies, specialty clinics, and the Veteran's Administration. Her expertise extends to training and mentoring health care professionals nationwide, equipping them to deliver evidence-based care within the context of a psychologically safe team. Currently, Dr. Burdette serves as the chief clinical officer for the Care Transformation Collaborative of Rhode Island (CTC-RI), a nonprofit organization co-convened by EOHHS and OHIC to lead statewide initiatives that innovate primary care delivery and integrated behavioral health, shape progressive health policies, and build a skilled workforce prepared to meet the evolving needs of primary care patients. Most recently, Dr. Burdette served as director of population behavioral health at Boston Medical Center, where she spearheaded innovative approaches to behavioral health and health equity, directly impacting quality outcomes across Massachusetts. She also dedicates a portion of her time clinically working with patients in settings such as integrated oncology and primary care, with a focus on how chronic medical issues intersect with behavioral health.