

Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium and Acute Care System Task Force Monthly Report

January 15, 2010

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

The last meeting was held September 23

- Representatives from the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) at First Step, Bayside Center at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH), the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) at Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH), Englewood Community Hospital (ECH), and Venice Regional Medical Center (VRMC) were at the meeting to represent the acute care facilities.
- There were 95 admissions to the ARF in July and 90 in August. These numbers are higher than normal.
 - The average wait time for law enforcement dropping off Marchman Act detainees has been five minutes.
 - See the detailed ARF report on page two and three of this report.
- The CSU reported that in July, 25% of the total adult admissions were initiated by a Baker Act (involuntary) and in August, 48%.
 - The children's unit Baker Act admissions were 32% of the total admissions in July and 84% in August.
 - There were 25 total admissions to the Children's CSU in July and 32 in August which is higher than unusual.
 - There were 7 admissions to the Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) in July and 13 in August. See the detailed CSU report on page four of this report.
 - The Short Term Residential Treatment (SRT) Program Liaison reported:
 - 14 people have been referred to the SRT to date—57% from Bayside and 43% from CBH
 - 5 people are presently at the SRT
 - The average length of stay has been 37 days.
 - 4 people were discharged and are now part of the FACT Team
 - 1 person was discharged to a group home
 - 2 persons were discharged to a family member
 - 1 person was discharged to another program
- SMH reported that the average daily census at the Bayside Center for August was below 28 people, although admissions have risen dramatically as of September 23.
 - In August, the Secure Emergency Care Unit (SECU) in the Emergency Care Center (ECC) in Sarasota was below the year-to-date average daily census of 2.59 and people moved through the system effectively.
 - The free standing ECC on Toledo Blade Boulevard in North Port opened September 1 to a brisk business.
 - There is a two-bed SECU at the North Port ECC as well which allowed for the secure care of 16 people under a Baker Act and 2 people under a Marchman Act, from September 1-23, as they awaited placement.
 - The representative from the North Port Police Department indicated that his officers have been instructed to transport all people under a Baker Act to the North Port ECC.
 - It was explained that only persons needing medical attention needed to be transported to the ECC—that the North Port ECC is not a designated Baker Act Receiving Facility.

- Ken Alexander, the Executive Director at Bayside, scheduled a meeting with the Medical Director of SMH, the Director of the Sarasota ECC, CBH, the two Baker Act receiving facilities in Charlotte County, law enforcement, Ambitrans, DCF, and Sarasota County staff to discuss how the North Port ECC fits in to the established system and procedures.
- ECH reported that ECC admissions are slowly increasing as are Baker Act admissions to the ECC.
- VRMC reported that since utilizing ECC technicians to ensure security for people under a Baker Act or Marchman Act in the ECC, there have not been any elopements.
- A representative from the Sarasota Sheriff's Office indicated that deputies are still getting tied up when transporting people under a Marchman Act or Baker Act that need a medical assessment before being accepted at either the Marchman Act Receiving facility or Baker Act Receiving facility.
 - Wayne Applebee, the Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, recommended determining the scope of this problem by tracking the incidences to better address the specific issues.
 - It was also pointed out that law enforcement is not required to stay with a person at an ECC while they are being medically assessed. Ambitrans, the County funded transportation provider, needs to be called to transport when a person has been medically cleared to be transferred to the proper facility.
 - Wayne and Pam Meunier, the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Policy Coordinator, will gather data to determine what changes might need to be made to the system.
- At the July 21 meeting the Department of Children and Families (DCF) announced that with the passage of SB 456, which addresses the transportation of persons (under a Baker Act) by law enforcement to receiving facilities for involuntary examinations, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is now required between each law enforcement agency and the receiving facilities.
 - Prior to the passage of this law there has been an understanding without the formality of an MOU for law enforcement to transport to the nearest receiving facility.
 - This generated a discussion around the advantages and disadvantages of a Transportation Exception Plan (TEP) for adults, similar to the TEP for children that was developed several years ago in Sarasota County. A TEP would take the place of an MOU.
 - Although the affected agencies/facilities have been meeting to discuss the implications of this law it is the intention of DCF that whether MOUs are developed or a TEP that it be a community process with input from law enforcement, the receiving facilities, and any other stakeholders. No one agency needs to be working on this requirement in isolation.
 - An MOU/TEP Committee was identified at the meeting.

Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative

- Phase 1-The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
 - Admissions
 - As of December 31 there have been 3,075 total involuntary admissions—total admissions for December —86
 - 1,042 (34%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers—total admissions for December—33
 - 538 were initiated by the SPD
 - 338 were initiated by the SSO
 - 135 were initiated by the VPD
 - 29 were initiated by the NPPD
 - 1 was initiated by the New College Police Dept.

- 1 was initiated by the Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport Police Dept.
 - 1,473 (48%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and the CSU)—total admissions for December—35
 - 498 (16%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization—total admissions for December—20
 - 65 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a “pick up order”—total admissions for December—1
 - The highest numbers of admissions are during the 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. shift at 40%, the 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. shift admits 38%, and the 11:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. shift admits 22%.
 - **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 3 minutes in December (a low of 1 minute to a high of 10 minutes)—allowing the officers to be back out in the community quickly.**
- Discharges
 - The average length of stay for participants in December was 5 days.
 - 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF to date have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
 - 277 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program to date.
 - 1,953 (64%) involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to outpatient treatment programs in the community to date.
 - Other referrals were made to residential treatment programs, halfway houses, shelters, or homes/families.
 - A total of 82 clients who were admitted involuntarily to the ARF, and then referred to the VIP-ER Program, have graduated from the VIP-ER Program to date.
 - Prior to the ARF opening on August 1, 2006 an average of 70 Marchman Acts were brought to the jail monthly. The monthly average now is 14 mostly due to combativeness.
- Phase 2-VIP-ER Program
 - 43 classes have graduated to date with a 76% completion rate (496/649).
 - 78% of participants to date have restored their relationship with their families as a result of participation in the program.
 - 87% of graduates in the past year are working within the first two weeks of program completion.
 - 3 months after completing the program 77% indicate they are still working
 - 6 months after completing the program 74% indicate they are still working
 - 12 months after completing the program 76% indicate they are still working
 - For clients who successfully completed the program to date and who could be located at the time of 3-month follow-up, 83% indicated that they were still sober; at 6-month follow-up, 76% were sober and at the 12-month follow-up, 88% were sober.
- Phase 3-Transitional Housing
 - Transitional Resources, Inc. continues to provide 18 beds for safe, supportive, and sober housing at three single family homes in Sarasota County.
 - There has been a high vacancy rate due to the economy—residents have had difficulty obtaining employment and maintaining employment.
 - Renaissance Manor, Inc. provides 79 beds for safe and affordable housing throughout Sarasota County at 14 different locations.
 - The vacancy rate is under 20%—many residents are disability recipients.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Committee

- Fifteen CIT classes have been completed to date with a total of 380 persons trained. The majority of trainees are law enforcement officers although a number of corrections officers and call center staff have been trained as well.
- The next 40-hour CIT Class will be held April 12-16 at the Criminal Justice Academy at the Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI), at 4748 Beneva Rd., Sarasota.
- The next CIT Committee Meeting will be held January 19 at 1:00 at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, Room 201.
- The next Florida CIT Coalition meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare, 1800 Mercy Drive, Orlando.

Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Report

- Adult Crisis Unit—December
 - 113 total admissions
 - 47 Baker Act admissions—42% of total admissions
 - Average length of stay—4 days
 - 0 persons are waiting for Short Term Residential (SRT) placement
 - 0 persons are waiting for state hospital placement
 - 0 persons were placed at the SRT or state hospital
- Children's Crisis Unit—December
 - 37 total admissions
 - 16 Baker Act admissions—43% of total admissions
 - Average length of stay—5 days
 - Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) shared beds on the Children's Unit
 - 8 admissions
 - Average length of stay—4 days

Criminal Justice Update

- Court administration has applied for a grant with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice to implement a Court Assisting Veterans (CAV) program. This program will identify veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom at an early stage as they enter the criminal justice system.
 - The goal is to allow the court to intervene with these veterans post-arrest and provide a diversion alternative which provides mental health, substance abuse treatment, housing, medical, and employment services that will be available through local agencies and the Veteran's Administration.
- Sheriff's Office and county staff will be meeting with Manatee County officials this month to review the implementation of its Sentenced Defendants Work Crew Program. This program provides a sentencing alternative for the court for certain low-level offenses where a sanction other than jail is appropriate with a result of better outcomes for the community and the offender.
- Planning for the Community Corrections Center will focus on engaging in "*Community Conversations*" during the beginning of 2010 in order to have a dialogue with the community about best practices for reducing recidivism and increasing public safety.
- A second tour of the Washington County Community Corrections Center is planned for February. Lee County officials, who like Sarasota County are developing a community corrections center model, will be traveling to Oregon with Sarasota County representatives from the Courts, Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Office, the County and substance abuse treatment providers.
- All Justice Assistance Grants have been awarded and implementation has begun. The grants require additional reporting requirements with increased frequency which has created an extra burden on agency and county staff.

Sarasota Partnership for Children’s Mental Health

Developed and approved action plans for nine system-level (across agencies and programs) initiatives to:

- Create an inter-agency, comprehensive, multi-media campaign to raise awareness of children’s mental health, including a community-wide early childhood website, media campaign, and community events and media messages
- Develop a community screening program to increase access to and coordination of high quality developmental screening for all children and improve timeliness between screening and services for children at risk for social, emotional and behavior problems
- Support Organizational Cultural and Linguistic Competency through intensive training, organizational self-assessment and improvement projects, and coaching
- Build on the success of the Positive Behavior Support initiative by providing Train-the-trainer workshops for family enrichment programs to engage families in *Positive Solutions for Families* curriculum
- Create a video and photo journal chronicling the Observer and the Observed collaboration between the Sarasota Partnership, the Arts Center Sarasota and selected families to support mental health awareness and cultural and linguistic competence
- Enlist the support of Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy in developing strategies for sustaining the Partnership’s efforts beyond SAMHSA funding
- Host activities and speakers for families to recognize Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day
- Provide professional development training in children’s mental health to support home visitors working with young children and families
- Develop the Family Leadership Academy to support parents and caregivers in becoming leading advocates for children

Strengthened collaboration among agencies and systems to provide comprehensive mental health services and supports for children with emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs, including:

- Sarasota County School District
 - Emma E. Booker Elementary School
 - Emma Dream Team
 - Cyesis Teen Parent Programs (Cyesis and North Port)
 - Chances for Children Infant Mental Health project
 - Pre-K Exceptional Student Education Programs
 - Positive Behavior Support
- Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
 - Positive Behavior Support
 - Training
 - Coaching
 - Fidelity Assessments
 - Warm Line
 - Building Better Behaviors (Mental Health Consultation)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders’ Consortium (SAMHSC)

The last meeting was held November 20

- Marcia Monroe, with Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, updated the group about the need for a co-occurring action plan to address the community’s co-occurring capability (the ability to provide services or refer people who have both mental health and substance abuse issues—“no door is the wrong door”). She indicated that this is being driven statewide and most counties are either working on a plan or preparing to.
 - Marcia provided a copy of the CO-FIT tool that has been developed by Ken Minkoff, MD and Christie Cline, MD.

- After discussion the group agreed that in order to move forward with what would be a day long assessment process that the group would need to have a better understanding—perhaps a training—to prepare for a workshop.
- The group agreed that Marcia, Bob Piper, and Pam Meunier would come back to the January 15 meeting with a plan and a few ideas for a venue.
- P.J. Brooks, with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group, discussed a bill that is being proposed to enhance the penalty to a third degree penalty for having an open house party involving great bodily harm or death and providing enhanced penalties for subsequent offenses for providing alcohol to persons under 21 years of age.
 - There was a great deal of discussion about this issue with most members agreeing that philosophically it is wrong to serve minors alcohol but the criminal justice contingency explained that this is the type of law that can have the potential to burden the corrections system.
 - The group agreed that due to the nature of this bill and the effect it could have on the criminal justice system if passed that it should go on the agenda for the December 7 Criminal Justice Commission Meeting for discussion.
 - Wayne Applebee, the Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, will report back to the Stakeholders' Consortium January 15.
- The group agreed to change the name of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium to the **Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium** and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group to the **Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Work Group**.

Upcoming Meetings:

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
1-19-10	9:00 a.m.	Acute Care System Task Force	CANCELLED
1-19-10	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Social Marketing Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
1-19-10	1:00 p.m.	Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Committee Meeting	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 201
1-20-10	12:00 p.m.	Probation Advisory Board	Court Administration, 2002 Ringling Blvd., 8 th Floor Conference Room
1-21-10	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Finance Committee	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
1-25-10	12:00 p.m.	Criminal Justice Commission	Sarasota County Administration, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Think Tank
1-25-10	3:30 p.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Sustainability Work Group	Sarasota School Board Chambers, The Landings, Brown Awning Building
1-28-10	9:30 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Care Review Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
1-28-10	2:30 p.m.	Juvenile Justice Council Strategic Planning Meeting	Sarasota School Board, The Landings, Blue Awning Building, Room 218

Upcoming Meetings, Continued

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
2-1-10	1:00 p.m.	Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Work Group	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
2-2-10	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Family and Youth Involvement	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
2-3-10	9:30 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Care Review Work Group	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
2-8-10	2:00 p.m.	Juvenile Assessment Center Committee	Sarasota School Board, The Landings, Blue Awning Building, Room 219
1-8-10	3:00 p.m.	Juvenile Justice Council	Sarasota School Board, The Landings, Blue Awning Building, Room 221
2-19-10	9:00 a.m.	Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226

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A Community Calendar of Events can be accessed at the Information and Data Exchange Alliance of the Suncoast (IDEAS) website at: <https://suncoast.communityos.org/cms/> or as a link from the website above.

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