

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS' CONSORTIUM

Acute Care Task Force Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Ken Alexander	Bayside Center for Behavioral Health
Charles Keniff	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Captain Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Marlene Minzey	First Step of Sarasota
Bill Tracy	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Don Ottinger	SCOPE
Ann Voorhees	DCF—SunCoast Region
Pauline MacDonald	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Phyllis Cobb	Sarasota Memorial Hospital

Staff Present:

Rik Jimison	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Michael Theall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

The meeting was called to order by Bill Little and began with introductions of the participants.

Update on Coordination of Baker and Marchman Acts

Michael Theall reported that the transfer guidelines that were discussed in the previous meeting have been forwarded to DCF. Bob Holm of DCF reported that they have a committee that will review the information and will forward a final draft to Michael when they are approved.

Marlene Minzey of First Step reported that the information that was on the transfer guideline may need to be updated, especially in the area of admission criteria. She and her staff are attempting to gather admission criteria from ACTS and any other ARF to compare. When they have that it final form it will be forwarded to be included in the transfer guidelines.

Ken Alexander of Bayside, Cheryl LaFlame of Coastal, Elaine Charyn and Marlene Minzey of First Step, and Michael Theall of Sarasota County Health and Human Services met to discuss a flow chart for the Baker and Marchman Acts.

Cheryl reported that there was a flow chart in existence and that she would forward a copy if she could find it. She did find one and copies were distributed to the committee for review. No one knew who originated the flow chart, but it was agreed that it needed to be updated.

Sgt. Keniff of the Sheriff's Department added that it would be beneficial if two charts were developed, one for both the Baker and Marchman Acts. The current charts have been used by Law Enforcement for some time now and he believes that they are thought of as a useful tool, but with the addition of the Addiction Receiving Facility (ARF), the JARF, the increased use of the Transportation provider, and the Transportation Exception Plan the form is in need of refinement.

It was decided that Sgt. Keniff would assist Ken Alexander, Cheryl LaFlame, Marlene Minzey and Michael Theall with the update. It was also added that it would be most beneficial if the material would be on ½ sheet cards and be laminated.

Phyllis Cobb of Sarasota Memorial Hospital added that the cards would be valuable for social workers, in Doctor's offices, and possibly for use as a training tool for nursing homes. It was generally agreed by the committee that as the information gets updated on the cards that the uses and the possibilities for distribution would be finalized.

Work will continue on updating the information on the cards. Copies will be forwarded to Ken, Marlene, Michael, Sgt. Keniff, and Cheryl for editing. A working copy will be discussed at the next meeting. Ken Alexander requested that as First Step compiles information related to admission criteria for the ARF that it be discussed and approved with Physicians from the ER's and Medical Directors from the area programs.

Transportation Contract Update

It was requested by Chip Taylor that greater documentation be kept regarding the use of transportation and the statistics that show their performance. The forms for transportation requests were passed out by Rik Jimison and improvements were requested as to showing more accurately the time from which calls are made to request these services and the real time that the services are performed.

Rik Jimison reported on the status of the secondary transportation contract for Baker and Marchman Acts. He reported that there is a 3 month extension on the current contract with Grant Medical and now the new bid specifications have been developed for a Request for Proposal. There are other providers in the area and they will have the opportunity to bid on a new contract that will include

both Marchman and Baker Acts. Rik also provided his phone number in case members had any questions. Rik can be contacted at 941-861-2564.

CIT Training Update

Chip Taylor reported that there may be some funding available for CIT, but this will not be available until October of this year. The Criminal Justice Commission will have to move to allocate the grant funding available for the CIT classes. The goal is to have at least 3 classes. An update of the status will be given to the Justice Commission and this committee will be notified of the status of the upcoming classes.

The Current Status of Acute Care System in Sarasota County

With the addition of the Marchman Act Receiving Facility, the mobile crisis team, and the expanded CIT training, the face of acute care services in the county has begun to change. This has prompted individuals from the Stakeholders' Consortium to express the need for greater dialogue on how all of these services work together. Ken Alexander discussed how there has been a surge in crisis services within the county and he has noticed that the system has responded much better than in the past.

Bill Little asked if we could use these meetings to discuss the functioning of the acute care system and start using a statistical format so that we can monitor the way the system is functioning. Ken agreed that we could do this and we will be receiving information from Sarasota Memorial on the disposition of Baker Acts for calendar year 2005.

The next meeting of the Acute Care Task Force will be on February 21, at 9:00 a.m, in the Auditorium at the Health Department.