

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH  
STAKEHOLDERS' CONSORTIUM**

**ACUTE CARE COMMITTEE**

**December 20, 2005**

Members Present:

Ann Voorhees  
Marlene Minzey

Rich Montemagno  
Ken Alexander

Staff Present:

Chip Taylor  
Bill Little

Rik Jimison  
Pauline Tracy

Michael Theall advised the group that the schedule for CIT classes will be finalized right after the first of the year. He advised the group that a class designed for ER staff, security officers and EMS is being designed and will be implemented after the Baker Act transportation contract is awarded.

Rik Jimison presented information on the Baker Act Transportation Request for Proposal. The format and specifications for the RFP are complete and in Procurement for review. It is anticipated that the RFP will be released early next year. Grant Medical has agreed to continue providing transportation until the bid process is complete. There is a list of ten potential bidders for this contract. It was suggested that members of the Acute Care Committee be on the award panel reviewing the bids.

Discussion ensued regarding which hospitals and hospital staff should have priority for the transportation CIT training slots. It was suggested that staff at the hospitals that do not have psychiatric services should be targeted as priority for training.

Michael discussed with the group the series of transfer guidelines under development. Baker Act transfer guidelines have already been drafted. He recently attended a meeting with Coastal, First Step and Bayside to develop Marchman Act guidelines. Draft guidelines were handed out and discussion ensued.

Chip Taylor suggested that we have a single guideline termed "Addictions Receiving Facility Transfer Guidelines" rather than Marchman Act and/or Baker Act guidelines since the symptoms are similar and might cause unnecessary

confusion on the part of the medical staff and police. Discussion ensued regarding the potential for cross referrals of Baker Act and Marchman Act clients exhibiting both problems and the dilemma that this puts law enforcement in. Chip suggested that Hillsborough or Volusia Counties may have a policy in place that we could use as a guideline in developing our policy.

Bill Little suggested that case reviews of Baker Act and Marchman Act placements could be done after the fact to determine if the right placement decision was made. This would give us a good idea of how to develop policies for the future.

Chip suggested that the original committee that developed the policies be reconvened to further review this process. An invitation needs to be extended particularly to law enforcement, both for the county and the cities. He asked that the timeline be revised so this task can be completed in the next couple of months in order to be ready when the facility opens.

Bill directed that the CIT training schedule be taken to the Chief Judge in January with a letter drafted for his signature to all law enforcement agencies in the county encouraging them to identify officers to participate in CIT training.

The next meeting of the Acute Care Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. January 17, 2006.