

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

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

ACUTE CARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE

April 25, 2006

Members Present:

Ken Alexander	Bayside Center for Behavioral Health
Marlene Minzey	First Step of Sarasota
Ken Nutter	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Bryan Pope	The Salvation Army
Ann Voorhees	DCF- Substance Abuse and Mental Health- Suncoast Region

Staff Present:

Pam Meunier	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

The committee reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and made a change to the wording of the third paragraph to read "It does not appear from her letter that we are breaking the law, however." The word "however" was added.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force is scheduled for May 30, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sarasota County Health Department, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226. The following meeting is scheduled for June 20 at the same time and place in Room 227. It was suggested due to a lack of attendance that an e-mail be sent to all members of the task force to determine what meeting date and/or time is best for them. The group present at today's meeting suggested that the meeting be held on the third Tuesday of each month, starting in July. Pam Meunier will send out an e-mail to all members with the new meeting dates for the rest of the year.

CIT Training Update

James Schulz advised the group that the next CIT training is scheduled for July 17 through 21 at the Community Foundation Building on Fruitville Road. The CIT Committee will be meeting again on May 4 to plan the details of the upcoming training and develop a schedule of training for 2007.

Decision Tree Updates

Pam distributed the latest decision tree updates and advised the group that these are final pending their input today. The Addictions Receiving Facility is scheduled to open July 31. There was a question regarding how people other than those closely involved in the project will be advised of the new Baker/Marchman Acts procedures. Pam advised that this would be addressed in the action plan review discussion. Discussion ensued regarding the role of law enforcement in transporting these individuals.

Action Plan Worksheet Review

Pam presented the Action Plan Worksheet to the group for review. Discussion ensued regarding how the law enforcement community will communicate these new processes to the individual officers and the potential impact of misunderstandings on the part of individual officers. One of the items in the action plan is a training component for law enforcement, hospitals, and providers to be provided by Rik Jimison by July 2006. There is also a Baker Act Training in Sarasota by Martha Lenderman scheduled for May 31 which will have many mental health professionals in attendance. Ann Voorhees offered to contact Martha to determine if Rik could make a short presentation on the transportation plan for Sarasota County or if Martha could include it in her presentation. If neither of those options are possible, handouts will be provided to the group outlining the process.

James Schulz suggested that the words "law enforcement" in the title be removed to make the forms more generalized to any individual, doctor, organization, etc. that may need to use this chart. To clarify the process, Pauline Tracy suggested that "involuntary" be added to "non-violent behavior" on the form under "Ex Parte Order."

On Page 2, Item 3, "Limited Bed Availability," Action Step #2, Ken Alexander recommended that a group be convened to visit Manatee Glens to review the processes they have in place to handle surges in the number of clients in need of acute care, which is something that Sarasota does not do well right now. Manatee Glens has done a good job in managing its census with existing resources. The idea is to solve the problem, not just shift it to another group. It was suggested that representatives from the following groups be present: Coastal, First Step, Bayside/SMH, Sarasota County Contracted Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Policy Coordinator. Ann Voorhees volunteered to include these individuals in a meeting she had already scheduled with Manatee Glens on May 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. She will contact Manatee Glens to ensure they are in agreement with the group visiting at that time. The committee will discuss the outcome of this meeting at the next Acute Care System Task Force meeting.