

## COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

### ACUTE CARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE

January 16, 2007

**Present:**

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital/Bayside
Elaine Charyn	First Step of Sarasota
Kevin Chinault	Mental Health Community Centers
Rik Jimison	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Cheryl LaFlame	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Pam Meunier	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Marlene Minzey	First Step of Sarasota
Kenneth Nutter	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Bryan Pope	The Salvation Army
James Schulz	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Alan Skavroneck	Ambitrans
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Tami Taylor	Englewood Community Hospital
April Teamer	Department of Children and Families
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Ann Voorhees	Department of Children and Families
Jeffrey Watts	Department of Children and Families
Joe Whitehead	Venice Police Department

#### **Forensic Mental Health Issues**

Jeff Watts informed the task force that there are over 200 more forensic state hospital beds being developed to serve the needs of those persons deemed incompetent to proceed or guilty by reason of insanity. At the present time, the waiting list includes approximately 300 individuals statewide who are waiting for a forensic bed. There are also plans to have an additional 140 community forensic beds available. On the civil side, there is not an issue of a shortage of beds and there is no waiting list.

According to Ken Alexander, it appears that the Governor and Legislature are supportive of funding \$16 million statewide to keep this population in the community.

Ken Nutter explained an ongoing issue with the forensic examiners. He indicated that they are not required to take a forensic examiners course and he believes this creates a quality issue with inconsistencies in determining whether a person is either incompetent to proceed or guilty by reason of insanity.

### **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Committee Update**

James Schulz advised that the next CIT class is scheduled from March 19 through March 23 at the Criminal Justice Academy. The remaining 2007 classes will be in July and October. Over 200 law enforcement officers have been trained to date. A CIT brochure is being developed for distribution to the CIT graduates and to use as a marketing tool for the course. A celebration "event" hosted by NAMI is being explored for graduates. A one-day refresher training is being considered that will allow for salary incentives and updated information for the CIT graduates.

### **Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Update**

As of last Monday's JAC Advisory Board meeting, the City of Sarasota has advised that the purchase of the building that will be used for the JAC is nearly complete. As soon as the purchase is complete, renovations will be completed and the JAC will reopen.

Since this meeting there have been several changes in the plan for the JAC. It will not be located in the building originally identified for this purpose. At this time the JAC Advisory Board is narrowing down the options based on the needs of the children.

### **Addictions Receiving Facility Update**

Elaine Charyn provided statistics from August 1 through December 31. She reviewed the monthly statistics with the group:

August 2006 – 48 involuntary admissions  
September 2006 – 51 involuntary admissions  
October 2006 – 70 involuntary admissions  
November 2006 – 59 involuntary admissions  
December 2006 – 75 involuntary admissions

Of the involuntary admissions, 71% were male and 29% were female. They are seeing more participation from the southern part of the county.

Of the involuntary admissions, the major diagnosis is:

Alcohol – 76%  
Crack – 11%  
Opiate – 6%  
Methadone – 1%

13% of the individuals discharged from the ARF are referred to the VIP-ER Program.

46% have been referred to other community treatment programs.

### **Baker Act/Marchman Act Transportation Update**

Rik Jimison advised that he is available to provide Baker Act/Marchman Act Transportation Training. A PowerPoint presentation has been prepared and can be used to train the trainer. He distributed the forms for special transport requests and reporting and billing.

A task force has been assembled to develop a flow chart for medical personnel similar to that prepared for law enforcement. Rik is seeking participation from nursing homes to obtain their perspective as well. Discussion ensued regarding the potential data collection uses for each data point being collected and whether the data could be collected electronically. Rik went through the process in detail and itemized how the form should be completed.