

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

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

ACUTE CARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE

October 17, 2006

Members Present:

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital/Bayside Center
Elaine Charyn	First Step of Sarasota
Kevin Chinault	Mental Health Community Center
Phyllis Cobb	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Cheryl LaFlame	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Kenneth Nutter	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Brian Ryals	First Step of Sarasota
Alan Skavroneck	Ambitrans
Charlie Thorpe	Sarasota Sheriff's Office
Bill Tracy	Sarasota Sheriff's Office
Ann Voorhees	Department of Children and Families

Staff Present:

Rik Jimison	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pam Meunier	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
James Schulz	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

Addictions Receiving Facility Update

Elaine Charyn advised the group that that the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) has had 316 admissions since August 1. Involuntary admissions number 133 to date. In August there were 48 involuntary admissions and in September there were 51. Peak hours for admissions have been the evening shift, which is 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There were 19 Marchman Acts on the unit the morning of the meeting. That is 4 more than the 15 beds set aside for Marchman Acts, but the unit was able to accommodate that number because the other funded beds were not being utilized. There is currently one empty bed in the facility. Discussion ensued regarding how the community will deal with the overflow when this facility is at capacity.

CIT Update

James Schulz advised the group that CIT class #7 will begin on Monday morning at Sarasota County Technical Institute Criminal Justice Academy. There are 36 enrolled in a class with a capacity of 30. They are going to expand the class to accommodate the demand. With the classes being held at the Criminal Justice Academy there is an opportunity for financial incentives for the officers who graduate from the program.

Centralized Data Collection

Ken Alexander distributed the data collection tool that has been adopted by the data collection work group as a model. Discussion ensued regarding a detailed review of the document. The data collected will be used, among other things, to look at trends with the providers in the acute care system and offer the opportunity to explore solutions for the excessive demand on the acute care system. This data will also open up possibilities for seeking additional funding for providers. A data base will be developed to collect, store, manipulate, and report the data. There has been no ability to look at this data across providers in the past.

Baker Act/Marchman Act Transportation Update

Rik Jimison reviewed the Baker Act/Marchman Act transportation decision flow chart with the task force. The chart that was distributed will be used in the field to assist law enforcement officers in deciding how to handle individual situations. This particular chart is for law enforcement only. Other flow charts will be developed for nursing homes, ALFs, doctor's offices, hospitals, and others who will be part of the Baker Act/Marchman Act transportation decision-making process. Discussion ensued regarding various scenarios where the chart may be used. Rik asked for input for any other information that may be added to the reverse side of the chart to make it more usable. He offered to bring his presentation to any meeting of law enforcement officers for training. The power point presentation will also be available on disk and via the Internet for training purposes.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force will be November 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sarasota County Health Department, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 2063 as opposed to the originally scheduled date of November 21.

A group will continue to meet monthly, immediately following the ACSTF, to discuss Marchman Act procedures such as transfer guidelines, transportation issues, and any misunderstandings that may still need clarification.