

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium Report July 20, 2007

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- The last meeting was July 17.
 - Each acute care facility in attendance (Sarasota Memorial/Bayside, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, the Addictions Receiving Facility, and Englewood Community Hospital) gave an update—there are no significant changes in the utilization of the system—there continues to be an excessive demand and long waiting periods for admissions to the proper facility.
 - Doctors Hospital and Venice Regional Medical Center were not in attendance
- Susan Nunnally, DCF, let these facilities know she is in the process of visiting all of them to discuss solutions and that Coastal Behavioral will be rolling out a new plan soon that will start to address some of these issues.
 - Susan will be re-convening the Baker Act Facilities Meeting soon to work on solutions to these ongoing issues.
- This group discussed the need for this task force to continue to meet monthly.
 - Discussed whether there is duplication/overlap with the DCF meetings
 - Will attendance improve with fewer meetings?
 - There was consensus that this task force cannot be effective unless ALL acute care providers get involved and stay involved in the conversation.
 - This group agreed to meet every other month and to continue to assess meeting frequency.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative

- Phase 1- The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
 - Admissions
 - As of June 30 there were 1,600 admissions.
 - 732 involuntary - 46% and 868 voluntary - 54%
 - 289 (39%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers
 - 171 were initiated by SPD
 - 84 were initiated by SSO
 - 26 were initiated by VPD
 - 7 were initiated by NPD
 - 1 New College Police Dept.
 - 337 (46%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hosp., Doctors Hosp.).

- 90 (12%) involuntary admissions resulted from *Ex Parte* Orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization.
 - 16 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a “pick up order.”
 - **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 8 minutes**
 - Discharges
 - The average length of stay was 4.37 days.
 - 97% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification to date.
 - 72 (10%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program.
 - 382 (52%) involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to outpatient treatment programs in the community.
 - Other referrals were made to halfway houses, shelters, homes/families.
 - Alcohol is the drug of choice for most ARF admissions (79%).
 - Prior to the ARF opening on August 1, 2006 an average of 70 Marchman Acts were brought to the jail monthly. The monthly average now is 12- mostly due to combativeness.
- Phase 2- 10-week Residential Treatment (VIP-ER Program)
 - 17 classes have graduated to date with a 76% completion rate.
 - Class 18 will graduate July 27 at The Salvation Army at 7:00 p.m. and the community is encouraged to attend and show support.
 - 100% of participants needing psychiatric services are receiving assessments and medications when necessary.
 - 100% of participants referred for primary care services received a comprehensive physical exam.
 - 87% of participants are receiving family reunification services.
 - 37% of participants have been reunited with their families.
 - 100% of participants received job counseling and job referrals.
 - 100% of participants are involved in vocational activities (jobs, supported employment, job training, or education) at discharge.
- Phase 3- Transitional Housing
 - A Transitional Housing contract was executed with Transitional Resources, Inc. (TRI) for the remainder of FY 06/07 (4 months) to fund start-up costs and a management fee to include a vacancy allotment for one 6-bed sober house (pilot)
 - The budget cuts that were anticipated will not affect this program as originally expected—the BCC has given the go ahead for opening up more sober houses as needed

- VIP-ER Program graduates, Mental Health and Drug Court participants, and certain persons released from jail with a commitment to recovery will be eligible for referral.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Committee

- CIT Class #9 is in progress this week (July 16-20) at the Criminal Justice Academy at SCTI.
 - Community support is encouraged by attending the graduation Friday, July 20 at 3:30 at the Criminal Justice Academy at SCTI.
- 250 law enforcement officers, call staff, school resource officers, and corrections staff will have graduated after this class is completed.
- The final 2007 class, October 15-19 will be a refresher course for officers who were trained before the salary incentive was approved
- A CIT brochure and newsletter have been developed.
- Members from the CIT Committee have started attending the quarterly Florida CIT Coalition meetings held in Orlando.
 - This group is exploring data collection and measuring outcomes
 - Most areas in Florida are struggling with implementing CIT
- Members from the CIT Committee will attend the National CIT Conference August 28-30 in Memphis.

Partnership for Children's Mental Health

See separate report

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium Meeting

- The last meeting was June 15
 - The Community Alliance Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Workgroup being led by Dave Beesley and Carolyn Eagen (Alliance members) which includes several members of the Consortium, NAMI, and consumers met May 31, June 18, and July 11.
 - After reviewing the Inventory of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the draft Community Plan for the MH and SA Service System in Sarasota County that has been developed by the Planning Committee of the Consortium, as well as the SCOPE Mental Health Study Group Report (and the 2006 Progress Report) and the Acute Care Issue Analysis, this group decided to use the gaps/needs list on page 21 of the draft Community Plan for the purpose of identifying 3-5 top priorities/issues.
 - A Zoomerang survey was sent to the work group and the Consortium with the directive to send it to as many stakeholders (especially consumers) who wanted to have a part in prioritizing the top needs/gaps.

- 61 respondents (more than one third were consumers) validated the priorities that other reports and this group already identified.
 - Before the next meeting each committee member will refine the wording of the top five priorities for presentation to the Community Alliance.
- The work group will re-convene August 20 at 1:30 to finalize the priorities
- The Consortium endorsed forming a work group to pre-plan for application to FEMA for a recovery grant for mental health/substance abuse services/structures affected by a disaster.
 - DCF sent a template to Bill for consideration.
- The Consortium expressed concern over the property tax reform issues and the effect on the County budget—asking for an update at the next meeting.

*The next meeting of the **Community Alliance Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Workgroup** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20 at 1:30 at the Health Dept, Room 227.*

*The next meeting of the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium** is scheduled for Friday, August 17 at 9:00 at the Health Dept, Room 226.*

*The next meeting of the **Acute Care System Task Force** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 9:00 at the Health Dept, Room 226.*

These meetings will now have videoconferencing available for participants in the southern part of the County at the Venice Health Dept., 7810 Tamiami Tr., Building A, in the Catlin Room. Please contact Pam Meunier at 861-2578 if you plan to participate at the Venice location.



Welcome to the sixth Sarasota County Early Childhood Mental Health System of Care Evaluation Data Report. This issue will present demographic, diagnostic, and enrollment information for the 32 enrolled participants in the System of Care (SOC).

Figure 1: Total Number of Referrals, Eligibility, and Enrollment

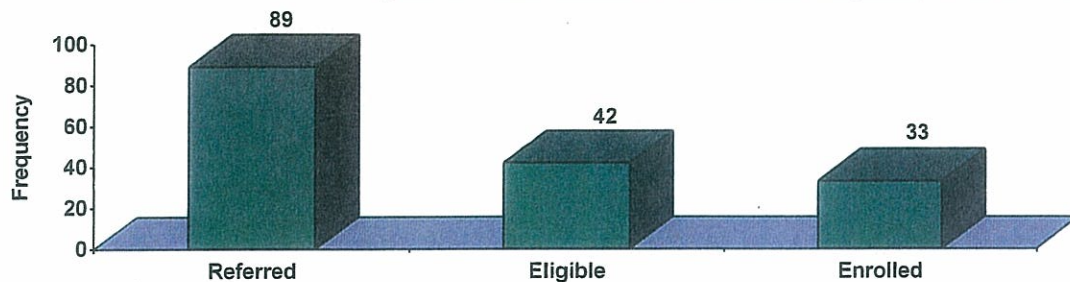
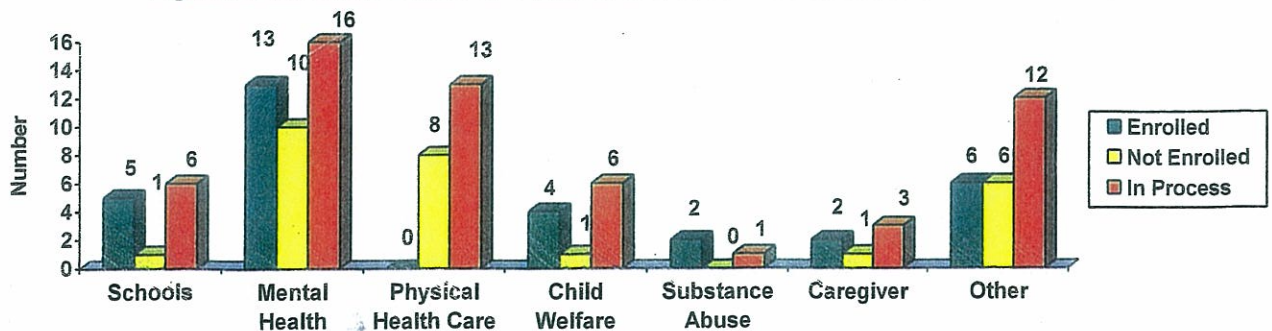


Figure 1 shows the total number of children and families referred into the SOC. Out of the 89 families referred, 43 have received a mental health assessment to determine eligibility, and 98% have met eligibility criteria. Of the 42 families determined to be eligible for services, 33 have been enrolled, and 9 are in the process of enrollment. One child has been determined to be ineligible for services based on the eligibility criteria, 12 were unable to be contacted, three moved out-of-state, three moved with no forwarding address, eight declined services (although four of them were enrolled in previous months), and 20 are still awaiting review. Of the 20 families awaiting review for eligibility criteria, 10 of them have had a first Parent Mentor/Wraparound Coordinator visit, eight have been scheduled for an initial meeting, and two are in the process of being contacted. Among the 10 families waiting for a mental health assessment, seven are scheduled for an assessment during the first week of July, and three are in the process of being contacted.

Figure 2 summarizes the referral sources based on the Enrollment and Demographic Information Form (EDIF) for the children and families enrolled into the program, families referred but not enrolled (declined services or dropped out of the program), and families in the process of enrollment. Most of the participants were referred to the SOC by a Mental Health Agency/Clinic/Provider. The Other category includes *Our Mother's House*, *Children First*, *Family Network on Disabilities*, *Early Steps*, *Healthy Families*, and *the Federation of Families*.

Figure 2: Referral Source of Children Enrolled and Referred but Not Enrolled



Thirty-two of the thirty-three families are participating in the longitudinal evaluation. In the month of June, four baseline interviews and two follow-ups were completed. During this month seven new families were enrolled, and the total number of children receiving services was 33. The target number projected in the roll out plan was 56.