

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium and Acute Care System Task Force Monthly Report

June 19, 2009

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- The last meeting was March 17.
- Representatives from the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) at First Step, the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) at Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH), and Bayside Center at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) were at the meeting to represent the acute care facilities.
- The Sarasota Sheriff's Office reported that 18 Marchman Act detainees were brought to the jail in January and 10 in February, primarily due to combativeness.
- See the detailed ARF report on page two of this report.
- The CSU reported that 66% of the adult admissions were initiated by a Baker Act (involuntary) and the children's unit Baker Act admissions were 60% of the total census in February. See the detailed March CSU report on page three of this report.
 - There were 42 total admissions to the Children's CSU which is higher than normal. The economy appears to be playing a role in the increased admissions according to the CSU and the school nurses who are seeing more children with stress related ailments.
- The CSU and ARF were asked by DCF at the last meeting to determine how many times transfers were required because a person entered the "wrong door." This is in response to legislation pending to allow CSUs to function as ARFs and to coincide with the "no door is the wrong door" philosophy the state has adopted.
 - Over a one month period there was one transfer from the ARF to the CSU and one transfer from the CSU to the ARF.
- Ken Alexander with the Bayside Center and a member of Florida Partners in Crisis discussed the following bills that may be considered by the legislature:
 - HB 349—relating to a workgroup on forensic mental health
 - SB 456—relating to law enforcement having a memorandum of understanding with receiving facilities
 - HB 767—relating to co-location of CSUs with ARFs
 - SB 2018—relating to the creation of the Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (unfunded)
 - HB 1493/SB 2194—relating to Baker Act language revisions
- DCF announced that the Short Term Residential (SRT) facility that serves both Sarasota and Manatee County at Manatee Glens Hospital will be closing June 30 because the provider is no longer able to continue operations.
 - DCF noted that this program has been very successful in diverting people from state hospital admissions.
 - Representatives from the acute care facilities in Sarasota and Manatee County, DCF, and county government will be meeting to discuss the impact on each community and how to address the continuation of this service.

The next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force is scheduled for July 21 at 9:00 at *****The Salvation Army, 1400 10th Street, Media Room*****

Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative

- Phase 1 - The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
 - Admissions
 - As of May 31 there have been 2,476 total involuntary admissions—total admissions for May—87
 - 837 (34%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers—total admissions for May—33
 - 450 were initiated by the SPD
 - 256 were initiated by the SSO
 - 108 were initiated by the VPD
 - 21 were initiated by the NPPD
 - 1 was initiated by the New College Police Dept.
 - 1 was initiated by the Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport Police Dept. (recently CIT trained).
 - 1,233 (50%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and the CSU)—total admissions for May—34
 - 358 (14%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization—total admissions for May—18
 - 47 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a “pick up order”—total admissions for May—2
 - The highest numbers of admissions are during the 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. shift (40%) and the 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. shift admits (38%).
 - **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 5 minutes in May (a low of 1 minute to a high of 15 minutes)—allowing the officers to be back out in the community quickly.**
 - Discharges
 - The average length of stay for participants in May was 5 days.
 - 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF to date have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
 - 231 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program to date.
 - 1,519 (61%) involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to outpatient treatment programs in the community to date.
 - Other referrals were made to residential treatment programs, halfway houses, shelters, or homes/families.
 - A total of 72 clients who were admitted involuntarily to the ARF, and then referred to the VIP-ER Program, have graduated from the VIP-ER Program to date.
 - 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 14 mostly due to combativeness.
- Phase 2 - VIP-ER Program
 - 37 classes have graduated to date with a 77% completion rate (428/559).
 - **Class 38 will graduate Friday, June 26 at The Salvation Army, 1400 10th Street at 2:30 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend and show support for this collaborative effort.**
 - 76% of participants to date have restored their relationship with their families as a result of participation in the program.
 - 85% of graduates are working within the first two weeks of program completion. The local job market has a number of service and retail positions available at this time

which is advantageous for graduates who are typically well matched for this type of position in early recovery.

- For clients who successfully completed the program to date and who could be located at the time of 3-month follow-up, 72% indicated that they were still sober; at 6-month follow-up, 62%; and at the 12-month follow-up, 61%. These are remarkable results—the national average for sobriety at 12 months out is only 10%.
- **Phase 3- Transitional Housing**
 - The Transitional Housing Inventory for Sarasota and Manatee Counties will be going live on "Tapestry" soon. The vendor completed the custom request recently.
 - Jon McKenzie, Project Manager for the IDEAS/"Tapestry" system, is providing a training June 30 at 10:00 at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., second floor auditorium.
 - This training is targeted to the persons the housing providers identify as the "secure persons." This group will be instructed in entering the initial agency and housing information and shown the procedure for updates to the inventory.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Committee

- The next CIT Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 6 at 1:00 at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 227.
- The next 40-hour CIT class is scheduled for August 24-28 at the Criminal Justice Academy at the Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI) at 4748 Beneva Rd., Sarasota. This will be class number 14.
 - The graduation for this class will be held at SCTI August 28 at 3:00. The community is encouraged to attend and show support for this community collaboration.
 - 344 officers have been trained to date
- The next Florida CIT Coalition meeting is scheduled for September 11 at 10:00 at Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare, 1800 Mercy Drive, Orlando.

Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Report

- Adult Crisis Unit—May, 2009
 - 117 total admissions
 - 87 Baker Act admissions—74% of total admissions
 - Average length of stay—3 days
 - 0 persons are waiting for Short Term Residential (SRT) placement
 - 0 persons are waiting for state hospital placement
 - 0 persons were placed at the SRT or state hospital
- Children's Crisis Unit—May, 2009
 - 34 total admissions
 - 28 Baker Act admissions—82% of total admissions
 - Average length of stay—3 days
 - Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) shared beds on the children's unit
 - 20 admissions
 - Average length of stay—4 days

Criminal Justice Update

- Planning is underway for rating sites for both the Secure Detention Facility and the Community Corrections Center Prototype.
 - Ratings are expected to be presented to the Criminal Justice Commission by September.
- The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission is scheduled for June 22 at 12:00 at the Sarasota County Administration Center Commission Chamber at 1660 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health (Partnership)

The Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health continues to make progress in strengthening the system of care that supports early childhood mental health and well-being. Specific activities in May 2009 include:

- Participated in the community-wide Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 7, 2009
- Facilitated the approval of resolutions by Sarasota County, the Sarasota County School Board, and Florida State Senate to recognize May 7, 2009 Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Florida and Sarasota.
- Hosted a Family Day Picnic in recognition of Children's Mental Health Awareness Day for dozens of families, children, and partners
- Hosted *Checking the Pulse* family focus groups to inform the Partnership on family support and involvement activities
- Received 22 referrals for comprehensive child and family assessment, mental health, and care management services
- Enrolled ten children and families for care management support
- Continued cultural awareness education programs for Partnership teams providing care management, family support, and mental health services
- Currently planning training activities to expand Positive Behavioral Support strategies in early learning settings across Sarasota, including the addition of Infant/Toddler and Parent Training modules.
- Sarasota Family Support Network published the first edition of **Connections**, a newsletter for families and community

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC)

At the May 15 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC) the following emerging issues were discussed:

- The Sarasota County Prevention Policy Board Three Year Plan that was recently approved by the Juvenile Justice Council was outlined. The three identified priority areas for Sarasota County are:
 - The reduction of teen substance abuse related injuries and deaths
 - The lack of opportunities for pro-social involvement in the community that will engage at risk teens
 - The implementation of a zero tolerance law
 - Bill Little suggested that the Health Department could assist with implementing this plan with the help of the Epidemiologist and his intern.
- At the April 17 SAMHSC meeting the Department of Children and Families (DCF) asked that a work group of the SAMHSC develop a community action plan specific to substance abuse prevention in order to consider Sarasota County for specific funding in the future—school-based funding was recently lost in Sarasota County, for the next three years, because a substance abuse prevention plan was not in place.
 - The work group convened May 4 with a large number of SAMHSC members in attendance and ready to complete a plan.
 - The group decided that they would tackle the bigger picture of substance abuse and mental health strategic planning as was identified as a need at the SAMHSC "retreat" held a few months ago.
 - Monthly meetings of the work group have been scheduled for the first Monday of every month until further notice. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 1:30.
 - If you are interested in being part of this work group email: Pam.Meunier@doh.state.fl.us

- Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH) reported that plans are moving forward for the Short Term Residential (SRT) Program transition from Manatee Glens Hospital to Mental Health Care (MHC) in Tampa by July 1.
 - A job description is being developed for an SRT Specialist position that would be the liaison between MHC and the community, diverting people from this service when possible, actively participating on the treatment team when people are admitted, and ensuring a smooth transition back to the community upon discharge, with appropriate services in place. This position will be connected to the FACT Team at CBH.
- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) representative, Dale Lux, announced that May is Mental Health Month as a way of bringing attention to the issues surrounding mental illness.
 - There are many misconceptions about the prevalence of mental illness as well as the issue of stigma for those persons with mental illness.
 - Dale is attempting to energize the NAMI base in Sarasota County to assist him in presenting the issues of mental illness to the community.
 - He made a recommendation that was supported by the group to plan a one day event that would provide information to several segments of the community including legislators, hosted by NAMI, mental health providers, law enforcement, community leaders, etc.
 - The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCoSA) recommended combining it with a substance abuse focused event they are planning.
 - If you would like to help with this effort please email: [Pam Meunier@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Pam.Meunier@doh.state.fl.us)

The next meeting of the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group** is scheduled for Monday, **July 6** at 1:30 at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 227.

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Please note this change: Videoconferencing will NOT be available until further notice for the Acute Care System Task Force participants (scheduling conflict with the equipment) yet will still be available for the Stakeholders' Consortium participants in the southern part of the County at the Venice Health Dept., 7810 Tamiami Tr., in the Healthy Start suite if you indicate that you will be attending the meeting in Venice.

This monthly report can be viewed at: www.sarasotaalliance.net as well as the summaries of several other meetings/task forces of the Community Alliance of Sarasota County.

A Community Calendar of Events can be accessed at the Information and Data Exchange Alliance of the Suncoast (IDEAS) website at: <https://suncoastos.org/cms/> or as a link from the website above.

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