

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

November 20, 2009

## Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

The last meeting was held September 23

- Representatives from the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) at First Step, Bayside Center at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH), the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) at Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH), Englewood Community Hospital (ECH), and Venice Regional Medical Center (VRMC) were at the meeting to represent the acute care facilities.
- There were 95 admissions to the ARF in July and 90 in August. These numbers are higher than normal.
  - The average wait time for law enforcement dropping off Marchman Act detainees has been five minutes.
  - See the detailed ARF report on page two and three of this report.
- The CSU reported that in July, 25% of the total adult admissions were initiated by a Baker Act (involuntary) and in August, 48%.
  - The children's unit Baker Act admissions were 32% of the total admissions in July and 84% in August.
    - There were 25 total admissions to the Children's CSU in July and 32 in August which is higher than unusual.
    - There were 7 admissions to the Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) in July and 13 in August. See the detailed CSU report on page four of this report.
  - The Short Term Residential Treatment (SRT) Program Liaison reported:
    - 14 people have been referred to the SRT to date—57% from Bayside and 43% from CBH
    - 5 people are presently at the SRT
    - The average length of stay has been 37 days.
    - 4 people were discharged and are now part of the FACT Team
      - 1 person was discharged to a group home
      - 2 persons were discharged to a family member
      - 1 person was discharged to another program
- SMH reported that the average daily census at the Bayside Center for August was below 28 people, although admissions have risen dramatically as of September 23.
  - In August, the Secure Emergency Care Unit (SECU) in the Emergency Care Center (ECC) in Sarasota was below the year-to-date average daily census of 2.59 and people moved through the system effectively.
  - The free standing ECC on Toledo Blade Boulevard in North Port opened September 1 to a brisk business.
    - There is a two-bed SECU at the North Port ECC as well which allowed for the secure care of 16 people under a Baker Act and 2 people under a Marchman Act, from September 1-23, as they awaited placement.
    - The representative from the North Port Police Department indicated that his officers have been instructed to transport all people under a Baker Act to the North Port ECC.
      - It was explained that only persons needing medical attention needed to be transported to the ECC—that the North Port ECC is not a designated Baker Act Receiving Facility.

- Ken Alexander, the Executive Director at Bayside, scheduled a meeting with the Medical Director of SMH, the Director of the Sarasota ECC, CBH, the two Baker Act receiving facilities in Charlotte County, law enforcement, Ambitrans, DCF, and Sarasota County staff to discuss how the North Port ECC fits in to the established system and procedures.
- ECH reported that ECC admissions are slowly increasing as are Baker Act admissions to the ECC.
- VRMC reported that since utilizing ECC technicians to ensure security for people under a Baker Act or Marchman Act in the ECC, there have not been any elopements.
- A representative from the Sarasota Sheriff's Office indicated that deputies are still getting tied up when transporting people under a Marchman Act or Baker Act that need a medical assessment before being accepted at either the Marchman Act Receiving facility or Baker Act Receiving facility.
  - Wayne Applebee, the Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, recommended determining the scope of this problem by tracking the incidences to better address the specific issues.
  - It was also pointed out that law enforcement is not required to stay with a person at an ECC while they are being medically assessed. Ambitrans, the County funded transportation provider, needs to be called to transport when a person has been medically cleared to be transferred to the proper facility.
  - Wayne and Pam Meunier, the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Policy Coordinator, will gather data to determine what changes might need to be made to the system.
- At the July 21 meeting the Department of Children and Families (DCF) announced that with the passage of SB 456, which addresses the transportation of persons (under a Baker Act) by law enforcement to receiving facilities for involuntary examinations, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is now required between each law enforcement agency and the receiving facilities.
  - Prior to the passage of this law there has been an understanding without the formality of an MOU for law enforcement to transport to the nearest receiving facility.
  - This generated a discussion around the advantages and disadvantages of a Transportation Exception Plan (TEP) for adults, similar to the TEP for children that was developed several years ago in Sarasota County. A TEP would take the place of an MOU.
  - Although the affected agencies/facilities have been meeting to discuss the implications of this law it is the intention of DCF that whether MOUs are developed or a TEP that it be a community process with input from law enforcement, the receiving facilities, and any other stakeholders. No one agency needs to be working on this requirement in isolation.
  - An MOU/TEP Committee was identified at the meeting.

### **Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative**

- Phase 1-The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
  - Admissions
    - As of October 31 there have been 2,905 total involuntary admissions—total admissions for October —80
    - 978 (34%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers—total admissions for October—31
      - 511 were initiated by the SPD
      - 311 were initiated by the SSO
      - 131 were initiated by the VPD
      - 23 were initiated by the NPPD
      - 1 was initiated by the New College Police Dept.



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

- Fourteen classes have been completed to date with a total of 377 persons trained. The majority of trainees are law enforcement officers although a number of corrections officers and call center staff have been trained as well.
- The next 40-hour CIT Class will be held November 30-December 4 at the North Port Police Department, at 4980 City Hall Boulevard.
- The next Florida CIT Coalition meeting is scheduled for December 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare, 1800 Mercy Drive, Orlando.

### **Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Report**

- Adult Crisis Unit—October, 2009
  - 110 total admissions
  - 61 Baker Act admissions—55% of total admissions
  - Average length of stay—5 days
  - 1 person is 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—October, 2009
  - 80 total admissions
  - 37 Baker Act admissions—74% of total admissions
  - Average length of stay—5 days
  - Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) shared beds on the children's unit
    - 10 admissions
    - Average length of stay—4 days

### **Criminal Justice Update**

- The Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) for all stimulus and non-stimulus funding are beginning to be awarded. As of November 9, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has awarded the following program grants:
  - Drug Evaluation and Treatment for Felony Offenders under the Supervision of the Department of Corrections (\$25,000)
  - Counseling for Youth and Families in Crisis in Delinquency Court Proceedings (\$50,000)
  - Mental Health Evaluation and Treatment for Felony Offenders under the Supervision of the Department of Corrections(\$6,000)
  - Sexual Offense and Abuse Rehabilitation (\$50,000)
  - Domestic Violence Coordinator (\$63,125)
  - Juvenile Assessment Center (\$154,198)
  - Family/Inmate Reunification (\$63,592)
  - Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit (\$224,000)
  - Mentors for Success (\$65,000)
- Stimulus grants for the Children's Supervised Visitation Program and the Crossroads Long-Term Women's Residential Program have not been awarded yet.
- FDLE has denied the YMCA Youth Shelter grant application for \$50,000.
  - The Criminal Justice Commission will review and reallocate these funds at the December 7 meeting.
- Awards for non-stimulus JAG applications have not been granted yet for the Juvenile Assessment Center and Mental Health Court.
- Human service agencies receiving funds from these programs will see the funding and related contract requirements incorporated into their annual Contracted Human Services contract for FY2010.
  - Anna Day is the designated contract manager for these grants.

- The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded the Sheriff Offices' Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit grant. (\$314,806).
- The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) held a joint meeting with the CJC on October 26.
  - The BCC discussed their desire to prioritize the Community Corrections Center (CCC) and expansion of Early Case Resolution to assist in jail overcrowding.
  - In addition, the BCC communicated to staff and consultants that the site for a future jail shall retain a minimum of 30 acres to allow for expansion capabilities beyond the jail and consideration of less than one fifth of a mile from a school is acceptable as the search continues for potential sites.
  - The county's consultant (Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jerrigan) will provide a recommendation to county staff for minimum site criteria for a CCC in November.
- Law enforcement agencies have been engaged with the Baker Act Receiving Facilities, County Human Services staff, etc. to develop a Transportation Exception Plan for Sarasota County.
  - The main concept discussed was a plan that would require all law enforcement Baker Acts within Sarasota County and to try to find ways to ease the transportation requirements for the North Port Police Department.
    - A sub-committee was formed to develop a Transportation Exception Plan that will work for the community.
- County staff and consultants will be completing a cost analysis for the jail siting process. The cost analysis will explore the long-term financial requirements on all local governments—whether a single centrally located jail intake area or two separate jail intake areas (one to cover north and the over for south county arrests) is built.
  - The result of the cost analysis will provide the BCC with the appropriate information to set policy for what level the new jail will serve for the intake process of arrestees.
  - From this policy, the Jail Siting Work Group can provide the appropriate rating to each site.
  - The Jail Siting Work Group will be on hiatus while the policy decision is being reached.
  - The Sheriff's Office is researching its current expenses related to intake for the Jail Siting Work Group.

### **Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health**

- In October, the Board of County Commissioners approved a consolidation of Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health agency contracts with the Sarasota County Contracted Human Services contracts beginning October, 2009. Contract terms and expectations were clarified with this transition.
- The Partnership is encouraging work groups to develop action plan proposals to communicate priorities and funding needs for activities for the remaining year of the SAMHSA-funded initiative. These proposals are due to the Partnership by December 10; anyone interested in learning more about this process or community-based planning through work groups should contact the Partnership at 861-1410.
- This month, the Partnership partnered with Chances for Children Parent-Infant Project and the World Childhood Foundation to provide an intensive infant mental health training and coaching program for ten Sarasota County mental health clinicians working with teen mothers and their children.
  - Partners in the local implementation of this initiative include the Sarasota County School District, the Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County, Forty Carrots Family Center, Gulf Coast Early Steps, and the Florida Center for Child and Family Development.
  - For more information, contact Liza Leonard, Community Outreach Coordinator at 861-1448.

## **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC)**

The last meeting was held October 16

- Debbie Spellman with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) was asked to update the group about the Managing Entity outcome.
  - Debbie explained that several months ago an Invitation to Negotiate was released and two agencies met the criteria to apply.
  - A distinctive group of people representing several counties in the region were assembled to act as the negotiating team.
  - There were negotiations over a seven week period with a decision made October 7 to recommend Suncoast Community Services to be the Managing Entity for the region.
  - This recommendation has gone to the Secretary of DCF for approval, although to date a decision has not been posted and lawyers from each agency are involved in this delay.
  - In preparation for this shift in duties DCF reduced its staff from 42 people to 21 people and continue to function with this reduction awaiting a decision.
- Nancy DeLoach, the Contracted Human Services (CHS) Supervisor, informed the group about the progress being made with the recent changes with the Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative October 1.
  - Phase 2—the VIP-ER Program will be instituting several changes:
    - The shift from a fiscal agent model to the seven individual partnering agencies contracting directly with the County and managed by CHS took place October 1 and most of the contracts have been developed and signed.
    - The VIP-ER Program partners are meeting weekly to work out the details of the contracts and the performance measures as well as program policies and procedures.
    - Wraparound case management services are being provided by Jewish Family and Children's Service as well as individual and group counseling.
    - Psychiatric medications are being provided by the Health Department.

### Upcoming Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
11-20-09	10:30 a.m.	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Day Planning Committee	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
11-24-09	9:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Professional Development Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
12-1-09	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Family Involvement Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
12-2-09	9:30 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Coordinating Council	Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center, 17 <sup>th</sup> Street
12-7-09	12:00 p.m.	Criminal Justice Commission	Think Tank, 1660 Ringling Blvd., 3rd Floor
12-7-09	9:00 a.m.	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
12-18-09	9:00 a.m.	CANCELLED Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226

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

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