

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

March 16, 2009

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**Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative** (see pages two and three)

- Phase 1- The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
  - The ARF diverts Marchman Act detainees from the jail—averaging 900 admissions per year.
  - Medically supervised detoxification is being provided along with an opportunity for life changes—with referrals to residential and outpatient treatment programs.
  - The average wait time for law enforcement officers dropping off Marchman Act detainees at the ARF has been five minutes, enabling them to get back in the community quickly.
  - There is no longer a revolving door at the jail for the “frequent flyers” that used to be sobered up and sent back out in the community with no intervention.
  - On average, 15 Marchman Act detainees are transported to the jail each month (down from an average of 70 each month before the ARF opened)—mostly due to combativeness.
  - The ARF is almost always at capacity.
- Phase 2 - VIP-ER Program
  - 35 classes have graduated to date with a 77% completion rate (409/529).
  - **Class 36 will graduate Friday, April 17 at The Salvation Army at 2:30 p.m.** The community is encouraged to attend and show support.
- Phase 3- Transitional Housing (see page 3 for details)
  - The Transitional Housing Committee formed a work group to guide Jon McKenzie, Project Manager for the Information and Data Exchange Alliance of the Suncoast (IDEAS)“Tapestry,” in developing a housing inventory. Both housing providers and those who would use the system in both Sarasota and Manatee County have participated in the December 11, January 9, and March 13 work group meetings.
    - Jon discussed the housing inventory with a provider group in Desoto County, January 26 and encouraged their participation (the website has been licensed for use in Circuit 12).
    - Jon submitted a custom request to the vendor that was developed by the work group.
    - The work group met March 13 to review the custom request for final changes before a purchase order is produced.
      - There will be an upcoming training for housing providers when the vendor completes the custom request.
      - The housing inventory should be operational by the end of June.

**Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health (Partnership)**

See the Community Empowerment Network Schedule for 2009 at the end of this document

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## Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- The last meeting was January 20.
- Representatives from the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF), the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) at Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH), Bayside Center at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH), and Venice Regional Medical Center (VRMC) were at the meeting to represent the acute care facilities.
- At the last meeting the ARF reported that there continued to be an increase in law enforcement transporting persons who agreed to be brought to the ARF without a Marchman Act being initiated, therefore considered voluntary. In many cases that person then decided to leave against medical advice after law enforcement left the premises.
  - At the last meeting Captain Sutton with the Sarasota Police Department (SPD) indicated that he encourages officers to initiate the Marchman Act as opposed to dealing with the same intoxicated person over and over with no opportunity given for change.
  - At this meeting Lieutenant Ron Locke with the Sarasota Sheriff's Office (SSO) and the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Coordinator indicated that the SSO deputies are given the same instruction as the SPD, and this is part of the instruction in CIT Training as well.
  - The result of this unified message has been a decrease in law enforcement transporting voluntary persons to the ARF and contributing to the "revolving door."
- The Sarasota Sheriff's Office reported that seven Marchman Act detainees were brought to the jail in November (six for combativeness and one due to no beds available at the ARF) and ten in December (all ten for combativeness).
- See the detailed ARF report on pages two and three of this report.
- The CSU reported that 96% of the adult admissions were initiated by a Baker Act (involuntary) and the children's unit Baker Act admissions were 86% of the total census in December. See the detailed CSU report on page three of this report.
- VRMC reported that they are actively recruiting psychiatrists which will result in better and faster dispositions for persons brought in to the ER under a Marchman or Baker Act.
- SMH reported that the number of persons under Baker Acts in the ER has decreased.
  - The secure unit that accommodates persons being held under a Baker or Marchman Act has had an average daily client count of 2.7 with very few days surpassing the four bed limitation.
  - The free standing ER in North Port should open mid to late summer. There will be two secure beds in that facility as well.
- Jeff Watts with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) reported that there are now dollar amounts for some of the recent budget cuts (since this meeting was held, the Governor vetoed the mental health and substance abuse cuts the legislature recommended—putting these cuts on hold for now).
- There will be a \$162,000 reduction in adult mental health services in Sarasota. Jeff does not have an agency break out yet.
  - There will be a \$20,000 reduction in children's mental health services for Circuit 12. That amount has not been broken out yet.
  - Jeff also indicated that each provider has been asked to complete budget planning exercises for an additional 4% and 8% reduction scenario.

- He said the 4% reduction could probably be accomplished without re-aligning the entire system. The 8% scenario would mean focusing on core services first and then looking at a better and more efficient way to make the mental health and substance abuse service system function.
- Jeff also announced that there is legislation pending to allow CSUs to function as ARFs. This is to coincide with the “no door is the wrong door” philosophy the state has adopted.
  - The CSU and ARF will work together in the next two months before the March meeting to determine how many times people needed to be transferred between the two facilities because they entered “the wrong door.”
- Immediately following this meeting the work group reconvened to give Jon McKenzie, Project Manager for the IDEAS/“Tapestry” system assistance in developing a data exchange system that will begin to meet the needs of the acute care system.
  - A good part of the conversation focused on the bureaucracy that could interfere with sharing the kinds of data this group would like to share.
  - Before the group meets again Marlene Minzey with First Step and Cheryl LaFlame with Coastal Behavioral Healthcare will work together to develop a list of fields that will be of value for the purpose of data sharing.
  - Before the next meeting the group will meet with a group in Pinellas County who has developed a data collaborative.
- **The next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force will be March 17 at 9:00** at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., second floor auditorium.

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

- Phase 1- The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
  - Admissions
    - As of February 28 there have been 2,232 total involuntary admissions—total admissions for February —64
    - 746 (34%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers—total admissions for February —25
      - 403 were initiated by the SPD
      - 225 were initiated by the SSO
      - 97 were initiated by the VPD
      - 19 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).
    - 1,130 (51%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and the CSU)—total admissions for February —26
    - 313 (14%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization—total admissions for February —13
    - 42 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a “pick up order”—total admissions for February —0
    - The highest numbers of admissions are during the 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. shift (40%).
    - **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 5 minutes in February (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 February was 4 days.
    - 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF to date have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.

- 197 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program to date.
  - 1,336 (60%) 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 69 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 15, mostly due to combativeness.
- Phase 2 - VIP-ER Program
  - 35 classes have graduated to date with a 77% completion rate (409/529).
  - **Class 36 will graduate Friday, April 17 at The Salvation Army at 2:30 p.m.** The community is encouraged to attend and show support.
  - 73% of participants to date have restored their relationship with their families as a result of participation in the program.
  - 88% 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, 57%. These are remarkable results—the national average for sobriety at 12 months out is only 10%.
- Phase 3- Transitional Housing
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    - Jon submitted a custom request to the vendor that was developed by the work group.
    - The work group met March 13 to review the custom request for final changes before a purchase order is produced.
      - Jon expected the vendor would need 60 days to complete the custom request.
      - The housing inventory will not be operational until after the 2-1-1 conversion is completed (late April).
      - Pam Meunier will compile the list of housing providers and complete a cross reference with 2-1-1.
      - Jon will prepare a worksheet for the providers to complete prior to the upcoming training.
        - The training will be targeted to the persons the 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 class will be held April 20-24, 2009 at the Venice Police Department training facility. There is an ongoing effort to target the agencies that have a low percentage of trained officers.
- To date 317 persons have been CIT trained (some of whom are not law enforcement officers):
  - Data is being collected from each agency to determine the percentage of officers trained and whether they are still in an assignment that responds to CIT calls.
- The next **CIT Committee meeting will be held March 19, at 2:00** at Sarasota County Health and Human Services. The CIT curriculum will be discussed at this meeting as well as finalizing logistics for the April class.
- The next Florida CIT Coalition meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2009, in Orlando.

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

- Adult Crisis Unit—February, 2009
  - 85 total admissions
  - 56 Baker Act admissions—66% 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— February, 2009
  - 42 total admissions
  - 25 Baker Act admissions—60% of total admissions
  - Average length of stay —4 days
  - Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) shared beds on the children's unit
    - 15 admissions

## **Criminal Justice Update**

Management Work Group – This group is considering which entity should manage the corrections system: the Sheriff's Office, a County Department of Corrections, a Corrections Board, privatization, or a combination of models. To date this group has:

- Finalized work group membership to ensure all interests are represented
- Identified scope to include secure detention facilities and community corrections centers
- Reviewed management model options
- Reviewed the 1998 Report of the Public-Private Competition Advisory Committee
- Began developing topics to compare and contrast the different models including effectiveness in meeting outcomes, legal authority to operate, responsiveness/adaptability, costs, ability to recruit and retain appropriate staff, appropriate role of government, etc.
- The work group has targeted May 2009 for a final recommendation to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC).
- Management Work Group membership includes:
  - Wayne Applebee, County Staff
  - Dave Beesley, First Step of Sarasota
  - Laurence Eger, Public Defender
  - Phil Gorelick, Jewish Family and Children Services
  - Tom Knight, Sheriff
  - Bill Little, Health and Human Services
  - Bryan Pope, The Salvation Army
  - Daryl Promey, Chief Probation Administrator
  - Dennis Nales, Deputy State Attorney
  - Walt Smith, Circuit Court Administrator

- Shannon Staub, Board of County Commissioners
- Karen Rushing, Clerk of Courts

#### Community Corrections Center Planning Update

- *Assessment Tool Work Group* – This group is researching sophisticated and validated assessment instruments to be used by the criminal justice system to identify risk of recidivism for each offender and to address individual needs. To date this group has:
  - Researched and selected four vendors to demonstrate their instrument
  - Developed evaluation criteria to compare the instruments including ease of use in a custody setting, accuracy and utility, costs, training, and technical considerations
  - Received demonstrations by Northpointe, Inc. and Assessments.com
  - Scheduled Orbis, Inc. and LSI-R for mid-March
- *Re-Entry Planning Work Group* – The purpose of this group is to explore ways to improve and provide comprehensive services to those being released from incarceration with the goal of removing barriers which may lead to re-arrest. They will be focusing on topics such as proper ID, transportation, housing, employment, mental health, substance abuse, medical services, medication, etc. To date this group has:
  - Identified the level of services to be provided to individuals based on the number of days remaining on a sentence
  - Identified the discharge planning services to be offered in the jail and the community corrections center
  - Researched medication maintenance and identified ways to improve linkages in the community to ensure psychotropic medications are continued after release
- *Curriculum Work Group* – This group is exploring evidenced-based, cognitive behavioral programs for use in the correctional system. To date this group has:
  - Received a demonstration of Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) by Dudie Luxton, a certified MRT facilitator at First Step of Sarasota
  - Received a demonstration of Thinking for Change (T4C) by Dru Greene, a certified T4C facilitator at the Department of Juvenile Justice
  - Developed evaluation criteria including outcome results, training, costs, and class structure

#### Prototype Site Selection Search

- County Staff released a Request for Information (RFI) to 650 realtors in Sarasota County on February 23 to identify potential existing properties which could become Sarasota County's first community corrections center. Responses are due March 9.
- The RFI is available on [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) under "Criminal Justice Policy Coordination."
- County staff have developed evaluation criteria to be used in evaluating the proposals received.
- Potential properties are expected to be shared with the CJC in April 2009.

#### Secure Detention Facility Planning Update

- Community Partners Work Group – This group is responsible for rating potential secure detention facility sites and serving as a liaison between the CJC and the community for all facets of the project.
  - Committee Membership is being finalized.
  - Current Members include the following:
    - Dr. Hal Nelson – School Board
    - John Ryan – Business
    - Mindy Tew – Business
    - Steve Queior – Business
    - Dr. Volodymer Smeryk – Faith-Based
    - Rev. Tom Pfaff – Faith-Based
    - John Ask – Neighborhood Association
    - Richard Redding – Neighborhood Association (Invited)
    - Gretchen Schneider – Neighborhood Association and Municipality

- Chief Terry Lewis (NPPD) – Municipality
  - Captain Michel Hollaway (SPD) – Municipality
- County Staff identified to assist the committee include: Steve Kirk (Planning and Development Services), Donna Parker (Facilities Planning), Crystal Pruitt (Communications), and Wayne Applebee (Health and Human Services).
- The Site Selection Kick-Off meeting was March 11
- Site ratings are scheduled to be presented to the CJC Fall 2009.
- Ratings will be endorsed by the CJC and forwarded to the BCC.

#### Jail Diversion Planning Update

- Sentenced Defendants Work Group — This group is developing a jail sentencing alternative program for low-level, non-violent offenders to serve their sanction on a community service work program in lieu of short term jail sentences. To date this group has:
  - Developed a program description
  - Identified possible lead agencies to manage the program
  - Received preliminary budget proposals
  - Released a survey to municipalities to identify possible work projects and funding opportunities
  - Identified potential projects for Sarasota County, the Sarasota County School Board, the City of North Port, and the City of Venice

### **Sarasota Partnership for Children’s Mental Health (Partnership)**

#### Policy/Administration

- Implemented the restructuring of the Partnership governance framework. A schedule of the Community Partnership, Coordinating Council and work groups is attached to this report.
- Drafted an over-arching strategic plan for 2009-2011 that provides a framework of strategies to support the social, emotional, and behavioral health of young children and families across three levels of intervention: individual child and family, services and systems, and community and policy levels.
- Submitted a formal response to the SAMHSA October 2008 Site Visit Report, including implementation plans and progress reports for all recommendations, terms, and conditions reported.
- Submitted the Year 4 Progress Report and Year 5 (2009-2010) Proposal to SAMHSA for continued funding for the Partnership. The proposal reflects an expected decline in SAMHSA funding and an increased requirement for matching funds.

#### Professional Development/Training

- Forty-five early childhood teachers, directors, and specialists recently completed an intensive six-day training on Positive Behavior Support. The goal was to help the participants develop skills to support young children’s social and emotional development and prevent challenging behavior. The Positive Behavior Support Training was provided by the University of South Florida (USF), Technical Assistance Center for Social Emotional Intervention (TACSEI) for young children and the Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS) for programs serving pre-kindergarten children with disabilities.

#### Practice/Service Delivery Teams

- Received 19 referrals for child assessment and family support and completed intake assessments for 10 children and families. 13 families enrolled in wraparound facilitation support, while 7 families transitioned out of the program. Expected enrollment for the Partnership is 100 families per year; a total of 48 new enrollments have been completed in the first five months of this grant year.
- In addition to individual home visits, there were 29 family team meetings held, which include families, clinicians, teachers, parent mentors, wrap facilitators, and any other formal or informal support providers connecting with children and their families.

- The Care Review Work Group approved revisions to the intake, assessment, and intervention framework for the Partnership service delivery to increase flexibility of services and supports to meet the unique needs of children and families.
  - Initial contact with families to include assessment of child and family strengths and concerns;
  - Families will be connected to services and supports with service coordination and intensive care management offered as needed.
- The Florida Center for Child and Family Development was awarded a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice to support mental health consultation and behavior support services for children in Sarasota County. These services are extremely valuable to support the collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach and the community-based parent and caregiver interventions to address challenging behaviors with nurturing and positive strategies.

#### Evaluation

- The Partnership Evaluation Principal Investigator, Ilene Berson presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Research Conference hosted by the USF Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health. Dr. Berson presented a workshop titled, "Translating Research into Practice: Strategies for Implementing a Public Health Approach to Early Childhood Mental Health."
- The Partnership will participate in a System of Care Assessment site visit on April 6-9. The site visit is conducted by Macro International, a research, management consulting, and information technology firm supporting business and governments worldwide. Every 18 months, site visits are conducted to each funded community to determine the types of developmental changes taking place at the organizational and service delivery levels. A system of care community's level of development is determined by measuring system attributes during each site visit through record reviews, interviews, and observations. Examples of the attributes include service availability, cultural competence of services, family involvement, and interagency structure.

#### Family Involvement/Support

- Parent mentors received 176 calls for information, service coordination or support through the month of January.
- Five parents of enrolled children have been confirmed to represent families on the newly-formed Coordinating Council. In addition parents are becoming active in work groups, including the Youth and Family Involvement Work Group.
- A task force of parents, community partners and staff developed recommendations to the Coordinating Council to provide stipends for parents and youth to reduce barriers to participation in Partnership governance activities. A formal protocol for the administration and tracking of stipends is expected next month.

#### Youth Involvement

- Emily Furst, Youth Coordinator has been attending parent support groups and meeting with parent mentors and community partners to engage families and youth in Partnership activities.
- Emily will become more involved in the Positive Behavior Support program and work with the Professional Development Work Group to prepare effective trainings for families within our community.
- Emily also joined the Oak Park Task Force and the Juvenile Justice Council to learn more about the needs of the youth in our community.
- The youth coordinator has also participated in TA Partnership conference calls and was asked to help plan the youth coordinator meeting for this summer's system of care conference in Anaheim.

- Additionally, the Family and Youth Work Group met for the first time this month. It was decided that a picnic for enrolled and transitioned families would occur in the upcoming months.

#### Cultural and Linguistic Competency (CLC)

- Anne Ferrier, Cultural and Linguistic Competency Coordinator, participated in the SCOPE workshop with John McKnight on partnering with the community and participated in a group discussion with representatives from the Sarasota County community on effective ways to connect with community assets.
- Participated in a pilot project by SCOPE on how to involve our youth more in the discussion around race and diversity. The Partnership watched the DVD, *Race, and the Power of an Illusion* which highlighted the research that has been done around race. It showed that the variations within one race are often bigger than between different races and the implications this will have on our society once we become more aware of this.
- Established the CLC Workgroup, consisting of community members, parents, staff, representatives of partnering agencies, and governance board members. The goal is to bring about change from the inside out. All members are committed to learning more about how they can become more culturally competent and then impart their knowledge and wisdom to their organizations, families and networks.
- Conducted a Cultural Competency Training (part 1) for parent mentors to gain understanding about how their beliefs, assumptions, and attitudes impact the way they approach clients. The goal of the training is to become more aware and more understanding of the needs of the population served by having greater insight into the meaning behind the words and actions of the client and to become more competent in understanding the meaning within the cultural context of the client.
- Significant connections were made with the “gatekeepers” of the African American Community in Newtown to map out what the informal supports are within the community and how to effectively collaborate.

#### Public Awareness/Social Marketing

- The Project Director met with the Sarasota County Health and Human Services Health Promotions team to discuss collaboration for public awareness, social marketing and community planning.
- A press release was completed and submitted to the local media outlets on the Positive Behavior Support training project.

Through collaboration with parents, providers and our community, we look forward to continued progress in achieving the goals of the Partnership to fulfill our mission to strengthen Sarasota County’s system of care that supports children’s mental health and well-being.

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

- The last meeting was February 20.
- The group was informed that letters were sent from Bill Little as the Chair of the SAMHSC to the Governor and local legislators to recommend support for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) as was requested at the January 16 meeting.
  - The Board of County Commissioners has added the PDMP to their legislative priorities.
  - For the purposes of tracking, the following bills have been filed to date:
    - HB 0143, HB 0145, SB 0440, SB 0462, HB 0583, HB 0585, HB 0612, SB 0612, SB 0614, SB 1354, SB 1356, SB 1402
- Claire Felder with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) indicated that Debbie Spellman, SunCoast Region Program Administrator, asked her to report that although the state budget cuts for mental health services were vetoed by the Governor DCF is still asking the providers to complete budget planning exercises for a 4% and 8% reduction in funds.

- It was noted by representatives from both the Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit (CCSU) and the Sarasota School Board that children appear to be suffering from the prevailing economic conditions as measured by the number of CCSU admissions and the number of children visiting the school nurses.
- Jewish Family and Children’s Service (JFCS) announced that they have received a grant that will provide them with the resources to assist veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts and their families.
  - JFCS will be able to provide mental health counseling, case management, financial assistance, etc. with this funding.
  - There was a recommendation that JFCS connect with the Veterans Service Officers who are working with large numbers of veterans in this community.
- The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse announced that they will begin a program to train vendors in the community about serving and selling alcohol responsibly.
- Pauline Tracy informed the group about a Community Calendar of Events that 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 Community Alliance website (see below).
  - There was a brief demonstration of this calendar that is still being developed.
  - The group was asked to send their ideas for developing this calendar.
  - Fund raisers will not be advertised on the calendar yet training opportunities would be appropriate.
- The next meeting will be March 20.

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The next meeting of the **Transitional Housing Committee** “Tapestry” Work Group has not been scheduled at this time.

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.

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Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health  
 Community Empowerment Network  
 2009 Schedule

Group Name	Meeting Frequency	Meeting Schedule	Time	Location	Chairperson	Staff Coordinator
Community Partnership	Quarterly	April 21, July 21 & October 20	6:00 – 8:00	TBD	Janice Mee	Sarah Cloud
Coordinating Council	Monthly	Fourth Wednesday of the month	TBD	TBD	Janice Mee	Sarah Cloud
Care Review Work Group	Monthly	Last Thursday of the month	9:30 – 11:00	Partnership Office	Philip Tavill	Kristie Skoglund
Finance Committee	Monthly	Third Thursday of the month	10:00 – 11:30	Partnership Office	Ken Alexander	Chip Taylor
Cultural and Linguistic Competency	Monthly	Second Thursday of the month	10:00 – 11:30	Partnership Office	TBD	Anne Ferrier
Family & Youth Involvement	Monthly	TBD	TBD	Partnership Office	TBD	Kelly Lewin & Emily Furst
Professional Development	Monthly	Third Thursday of the month	1:00 – 2:30	Partnership Office	Kim Megrath	Outreach Coordinator
Sustainability	Monthly	TBD	TBD	TBD	Rose Chapman & Kathryn Shea	Sarah Cloud
Social Marketing	Monthly	Third Tuesday of the month	10:00 – 11:30	Partnership Office	TBD	Outreach Coordinator