

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

January 18, 2008

### Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- Bill Liitle sent a letter to Doctors Hospital, Venice Regional Medical Center, and Englewood Community Hospital CEO's, as requested by this group, encouraging them to make it possible for their ER Directors to attend this very important meeting. Doctors Hospital and Venice Regional Medical Center were in attendance.
- The Reinvestment Grant proposal was distributed for discussion.
  - This group will be involved in the discussions around the design of the data system that will be developed with this planning grant to address sustainable data exchange and availability. The awarding of this grant will make it possible for the acute care system to get back to the conversation that started many months ago about the need for a data system that would allow for real time data to be shared to successfully divert or transfer persons with mental health and/or substance abuse issues into the appropriate treatment setting.
  - See page 4 for an update on the status of this grant.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 9:00 a.m.

### Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative

- Phase 1- The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
  - Admissions
    - As of November 30 there were 2,530 admissions.
    - 1,169 involuntary - 46% and 1,361 voluntary - 54%
    - 415 (36%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers.
      - 240 were initiated by SPD
      - 120 were initiated by SSO
      - 43 were initiated by VPD
      - 11 were initiated by NPD
      - 1 New College Police Dept.
    - 583 (50%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hosp., Doctors Hosp.).
    - 144 (12%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization.
    - 27 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a "pick up order."
    - **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 4 minutes in December.**
  - Discharges
    - The average length of stay for participants was 5 days, in December.
    - 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF October 1, 2006–September 30, 2007 have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
    - 103 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program as of November 30.

- 642 (55%) involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to outpatient treatment programs in the community as of November 30.
  - Other referrals were made to residential treatment programs, halfway houses, shelters, homes/families.
  - A total of 33 clients who were admitted involuntarily to the ARF and then referred to the VIP-ER Program have graduated from the VIP-ER Program.
  - 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 14- mostly due to combativeness.
- Phase 2- 10-week Residential Treatment (VIP-ER Program)
  - 22 classes have graduated to date with a 78% completion rate.
  - Class 23 will graduate January 18 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.
  - 49% of participants are receiving co-occurring psychiatric services.
  - 96% of participants referred for primary care services received a comprehensive physical exam.
  - 89% of participants are receiving family reunification services.
  - 55% of participants have been reunited with their families before graduation.
  - 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.
  - 33 participants have graduated to date that were referred to the VIP-ER Program from the ARF.
  - Program clients average 40 years of age, with the youngest client being 18 and the oldest being 62 at time of admission.
  - Only 37% report having a high school diploma or GED, 5% have attended a vocational school, and 9% have a post-high school degree.
  - Over 92% of the clients report that they are homeless at the time of admission.
  - 80% of clients report that they are “unemployed” at the time of admission.
  - The most commonly reported “primary” substances used were alcohol (48%), cocaine/crack (36%), heroin (4%) and marijuana/hash (4%).
  - For clients who successfully completed the program and who could be located at the time of 3-month follow-up, 63% indicated that they were still sober; at 6-month follow-up, 57%; and at the 12-month follow-up, 49%. These are remarkable results—the national average for sobriety at 12 months out is only 10%.
  - 61% have been arrested and convicted in Sarasota County prior to program admission.
  - 18% of VIP-ER program graduates were arrested and convicted in Sarasota County within the 18 month follow-up period.
- Phase 3- Transitional Housing
  - A Transitional Housing contract was executed with Transitional Resources, Inc. (TRI) on October 9 for FY 2007/2008 to fund start-up costs, a management fee, and a vacancy allotment for up to 54 sober housing units.

- TRI opened their first six bed sober house in Sarasota November 10. Five of the six beds are occupied.
  - Coastal Renaissance, Inc. last reported October 19 that they have five houses in north Sarasota County and they were planning on opening another house the following week. In addition, they have six houses in North Port. No updates have been provided since that initial report three months ago.
- The Year Two Evaluation of the CART Initiative conducted by the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) at the University of South Florida was submitted to the BCC for their review and was distributed to the Criminal Justice Commission, CART Initiative partners, the Community Alliance, the Stakeholders' Consortium and other community leaders. This report reviewed findings from the second year of evaluation activities, including implementation of the multi-phased CART Initiative, program development and modification to the VIP-ER Program, and outcomes related to program participation.

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

- The most recent CIT Class (#10) graduated 13 law enforcement officers, October 19, at the Criminal Justice Academy at SCTI.
  - To date, 258 law enforcement officers, call staff, school resource officers, Department of Corrections (probation and parole) staff, and corrections staff have completed CIT Training.
- 2 classes are planned for 2008.
- The next class will be in April 28-May 2 at the North Port Police Department.
- A work group of this committee is developing a procedure to bring CIT to the next level—implementation.

#### Partnership for Children's Mental Health

See the separate report at the end of this document. There was no December report therefore this November report is the most recent available data.

#### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium Meeting

- The last meeting was December 7.
  - Scott Pritchard, the Epidemiologist with the Sarasota County Health Department, distributed data on prescription drug deaths in Sarasota County.
    - Bill recommended that this group develop strategies for a public health approach to this issue.
  - Wayne Applebee, the new Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, will follow-up on whether there is a correlation between a report that First Step received from the jail that there have been an inordinate amount of arrests for open container and various city ordinance violations in the past month and very few Marchman Act detainees and the data presented indicating lower ARF numbers in November.
  - Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH) presented monthly and aggregate data (January-November 2007) for the adult and children's Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) for admissions, Baker Acts, and average length of stay and aggregate admissions for the Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF).

- Bill recommended that wait times for the state hospitals and the Short Term Residential (SRT) facilities be included on next month's report.
  - The group requested a FACT Team update/presentation at a future meeting.
- Bill encouraged the providers to become engaged in the conversations to plan the new detention facility which will have services built in to the plans based on these discussions.
- After the Children's Committee reported that the pre-natal substance exposure task force was having difficulties moving forward, Bill recommended that this group might want to become a task force of the Consortium.
- The next Consortium meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant

- A planning grant for \$100,000 was submitted October 29.
  - The Sarasota County request was denied due to a technical error when submitting the application.
  - Although there is no formal appeal process a request for reconsideration has been submitted.
  - There may be an opportunity to re-apply if all of the funding has not been awarded.

#### Sarasota County Recognition

- Florida Partners in Crisis (FPIC), Inc., the statewide association and advocacy group for organizations and local governments involved with acute care systems honored Sarasota County for its statewide leadership in this arena. The County was recognized for the innovative programs it has launched over the past three years, such as the CART Initiative (Adult Addictions Receiving Facility/VIP-ER Program/Sober Housing) and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, as well as the partnerships and structures (the Criminal Justice Commission, the Community Alliance, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium and its work groups, and the CIT Planning Committee) which it has developed to address the complex community issues which abound at the intersections of the substance abuse/mental health and criminal justice systems. Michele Saunders, the Executive Director of FPIC, made the presentation at the December 11 BCC meeting along with the FPIC Board Vice Chair.

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

*The next meeting of the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium** is scheduled for Friday, January 18 at 9:00 at the Health Dept, Room 226.*

Please note this change: Videoconferencing will be available for 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.