

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

October 16, 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.
  - **The first MOU/TEP Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the North Port Police Department.**

**The next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force will be held November 17 at 9:00 a.m. 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 September 30 there have been 2,824 total involuntary admissions—total admissions for September —82
    - 963 (34%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers—total admissions for September—31
      - 502 were initiated by the SPD
      - 306 were initiated by the SSO

- 130 were initiated by the VPD
  - 23 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.
- 1,384 (49%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and the CSU)—total admissions for September—31
- 424 (15%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization—total admissions for September—16
- 60 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a “pick up order”—total admissions for September—1
- The highest numbers of admissions are during the 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. shift at 40%, the 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. shift admits 38%, and the 11:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. shift admits 22%.
- **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 5 minutes in September (a low of 1 minute to a high of 18 minutes)—allowing the officers to be back out in the community quickly.**
- Discharges
  - The average length of stay for participants in September was 5 days.
  - 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF to date have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
  - 262 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program to date.
  - 1,767 (63%) 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 79 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
  - 41 classes have graduated to date with a 76% completion rate (470/619).
  - 78% of participants to date have restored their relationship with their families as a result of participation in the program.
  - 84% of graduates are working within the first two weeks of program completion.
    - 3 months after completing the program 70% indicate they are still working
    - 6 months after completing the program 69% indicate they are still working
    - 12 months after completing the program 64% indicate they are still working
  - 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 and 70% were still working; at 6-month follow-up, 63% were sober and 69% were working; and at the 12-month follow-up, 62% were sober and 64% were working.
- Phase 3-Transitional Housing
  - Transitional Resources, Inc. continues to provide 18 beds for safe, supportive, and sober housing at three single family homes in Sarasota County.
    - There has been a high vacancy rate due to the economy—difficulty obtaining employment and maintaining employment.

- Renaissance Manor, Inc. provides 79 beds for safe and affordable housing throughout Sarasota County at 14 different locations.
  - The vacancy rate is under 20%—many residents are disability recipients.

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

- The last 40-hour CIT class was held August 24-28 at the Criminal Justice Academy at the Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI). Fourteen classes have been completed to date with a total of 377 persons trained. The majority of trainees are law enforcement officers yet 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—September, 2009
  - 116 total admissions
  - 60 Baker Act admissions—52% of total admissions
  - Average length of stay—4 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—September, 2009
  - 35 total admissions
  - 20 Baker Act admissions—57% of total admissions
  - Average length of stay—5 days
  - Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) shared beds on the children’s unit
    - 13 admissions
    - Average length of stay—5 days

### **Criminal Justice Update**

- The Justice Assistance Grants for all stimulus and non-stimulus funding are beginning to be awarded. As of October 12, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has awarded the following program grants:
  - Drug Evaluation and Treatment for Felony Offenders under the Supervision of the Department of Corrections in the amount of \$25,000
  - Counseling for Youth and Families in Crisis in Delinquency Court Proceedings in the amount of \$50,000
  - Mental Health Evaluation and Treatment for Felony Offenders under the Supervision of the Department of Corrections in the amount of \$6,000
  - Sexual Offense and Abuse Rehabilitation in the amount of \$60,000
  - The remaining grants continue to be in the pending status with the expectation of award within one to two weeks. 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 in the amount of \$314,806.
- The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) held a Convocation of Cities Meeting on September 29. A consensus of the elected officials present endorsed two programs as a priority for the Criminal Justice Commission to support in order to address over capacity issues.

- For the Pre-Trial population (55%)—the Early Case Resolution program expanded beyond Felony Violations of Probation
  - For the Post-Trial population (24%)—implementation of the Community Corrections Center
- Law enforcement agencies have been engaged with the Baker Act Receiving Facilities to work on a Memorandum of Understanding or a Transportation Exception Plan required by the new legislation. The next meeting of the group will be on October 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the North Port Police Department (see page one for more details).
- Following the recent success of The Salvation Army's Addiction Recovery POD in a men's housing unit, the Sheriff's Office recently opened an Addiction Recovery POD for the female population.
- Following a recommendation from the Probation Advisory Board and the Criminal Justice Commission, Sarasota County recently authorized an extension of the Misdemeanor Probation Contract with Pride Integrated Services.
- 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 to determine whether a single, centrally located jail intake area or two separate jail intake areas (one to cover north county arrests and another for the south county arrests) is built.
  - The result of the cost analysis will provide the BCC with the necessary information to set policy based on 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.

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

- Established a partnership with Chances for Children Teen Parent program of the New York City Department of Education to provide intensive, on-site training and coaching for ten Sarasota County mental health professionals working with teen parents and their young children. The training is funded through a grant from the World Childhood Foundation, and is coordinated by the Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health in partnership with the Sarasota County School District, Early Steps, the Healthy Start Coalition, The Florida Center for Child and Family Development, and Forty Carrots Parenting Center.
- Established agreement with Art Center Sarasota to coordinate and exhibit a creative project entitled, "The observer and the observed." The exhibit will invite artists to capture various artistic depictions of four families to demonstrate how our own cultural lens impacts the way we perceive the world around us. The artist exhibit will be part of a multi-dimensional project to increase awareness and acceptance of the needs of children and families of various cultures and abilities.
- Establishing a centralized data system within "Tapestry" to improve service coordination, evaluation, and quality improvement across agencies participating in service delivery for children and families enrolled in the Partnership care coordination services.
- Presented the Positive Behavior Support annual report to the Coordinating Council—a total of 90 teachers and directors from early learning centers, Head Start Programs, and the Sarasota County School District received intensive training and coaching to implement Positive Behavior Support in their classrooms—reaching an estimated 1,350 preschool children in Sarasota County.

In the contract year ending September 30, 2009, 96 children were enrolled in intensive care management—the target was 100.

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

The last meeting was held September 18

- Sarah Cloud, the Director of the Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health (SPCMH), provided a presentation to update the group on the system of care that supports early childhood mental health and well being.
  - To date there has been 415 children referred to the system of care and 196 enrolled in case management.
  - From January to June 2009 it has taken 8.7 days from the referral of a child to the intake appointment.
  - The average age has been 4.5 years old
  - A public health perspective is now being embraced.
  - A recent revision in eligibility criteria allows the Partnership to include children at risk of developing mental disorders as well as those children who already have a mental disorder.
- Nancy DeLoach, the Contracted Human Services (CHS) Supervisor, informed the group about changes that will take place with the Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative October 1.
  - Phase 1—the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) contract will be managed by CHS.
  - Phase 2—the VIP-ER Program will be instituting several changes:
    - There will be a shift from a fiscal agent model to the seven individual partnering agencies contracting directly with the County and managed by CHS.
    - The Project Management Team model for governance will shift to direct oversight and monitoring from CHS.
    - Wraparound case management services will be provided by Jewish Family and Children's Service as well as individual and group counseling.
    - GED classes will be an additional service offered by Sarasota County Technical Institute.
    - Psychiatric medications will be provided by the Health Department.
  - Phase 3—the Transitional Resources contract will be managed by CHS.
  - Chip Taylor, the Human Services Manager, informed the group that the CART Initiative has been held harmless for the four years it has been in operation but this year the ARF and the VIP-ER Program were asked to find a way to cut 10% from their budgets without seriously affecting services. After thoughtful deliberations and a realignment of some of the services the VIP-ER Program was able to cut \$100,000 from its operating costs.
  - The ARF has taken a \$40,000 funding cut as well.
  - Chip explained that the VIP-ER Program was a "homegrown" model that has been reassessed and adjusted periodically based on an independent evaluation provided by the Florida Mental Health Institute and from lessons learned through the years.
  - It is critical that the VIP-ER Program operates efficiently and that outcomes can be tracked with confidence in order to move forward with this model for the Community Corrections Center.
- P.J. Brooks. Co-Chair for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group (SAMHSPWG), presented the Call-To-Action grant application that the work group completed to move forward with a Community Action Plan utilizing the Substance Abuse Response Guide (SARG) process approved by DCF. The approval of this grant will result in a contract between DCF and the SAMHSC (DOH will be the fiscal agent) to hire a part-time coordinator to oversee the planning process.
  - The group unanimously approved moving forward with this Call-To-Action application.

- There were questions prior to the start of the meeting about the H1N1 Flu situation locally resulting in Bill Little arranging for an impromptu presentation to assist in answering some of the questions and concerns. Please visit [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org) for a resource guide.

### Upcoming Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
10-22-09	9:00 a.m.	Baker Act MOU/Transportation Exception Plan Meeting	North Port Police Department
10-22-09	9:30 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Care Review Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
10-22-09	3:00 p.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Sustainability Work Group	School Board (Landings) Brown Awning Building
10-26-09	12:00 p.m.	Criminal Justice Commission	Think Tank, 1660 Ringling Blvd., 3rd Floor
10-28-09 (Tentative)	1:00 p.m.	Community Corrections Center Assessment Tool Work Group -	Think Tank, 1660 Ringling Blvd., 3rd Floor
11-2-09	1:30 p.m.	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
11-3-09	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Family and Youth Involvement	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
11-4-09	9:30 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Coordinating Council	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
11-12-09	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Cultural and Linguistic Competency Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
11-17-09	9:00 a.m.	Acute Care System Task Force	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
11-17-09	10:00 a.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Social Marketing Work Group	Sarasota Partnership 1751 Mound St., Suite 205
11-17-09	6:00 p.m.	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Community Partnership	Children First, 1723 No. Orange Ave.
11-18-09	12:00 p.m.	Probation Advisory Board	Court Atrium, 2002 Ringling Blvd., 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor
11-20-09	9:00 a.m.	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium	Sarasota County Health and Human Services 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226
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

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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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