

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium and Acute
Care System Monthly Report
December 7, 2007**

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- Bill Little 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 (January 15) 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.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 15 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 2,380 admissions.
 - 1,102 involuntary - 46% and 1,278 voluntary - 54%
 - 394 (37%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers.
 - 230 were initiated by SPD
 - 115 were initiated by SSO
 - 38 were initiated by VPD
 - 10 were initiated by NPD
 - 1 New College Police Dept.
 - 545 (47%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hosp., Doctors Hosp.).
 - 137 (13%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization.
 - 26 (3%) involuntary admissions resulted from a "pick up order."
 - **The average wait time for law enforcement officers at the ARF was 7 minutes in November.**
 - Discharges
 - The average length of stay for participants was 5 days, in November.

- 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF October 1, 2006–September 30, 2007 have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
 - 99 (8%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program as of November 30.
 - 600 (54%) 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 29 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)
 - 21 classes have graduated to date with a 76% completion rate.
 - Class 22 will graduate December 14 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.
 - 29 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, 56% indicated that they were still sober; at 6-month follow-up, 53%; and at the 12-month follow-up, 44%. 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. 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.

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.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders’ Consortium Meeting

- The last meeting was October 19.
 - The Community Alliance Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Workgroup being led by Dave Beesley and Carolyn Eagen (Alliance members) reported that they are now ready to present their conclusions to the Community Alliance.

- The work group has agreed on two priority issues
 - Create Community Access Points and a delivery system model
 - Develop an information data sharing system
- A Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Planning Grant was submitted October 29.
 - The awards will be announced January 15.
 - If awarded, a full time Strategic Planner will be hired to work with the Joint Work Group of the Criminal Justice Commission and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium to develop a strategic plan, by the end of the one year grant period that will include the design of a data system to address sustainable data exchange and availability.
- Alberto Suarez, the Executive Director of 2-1-1 of Manasota, provided an overview of 2-1-1 services as well as data regarding types of calls and information and referral requests, as requested by this group.
- Bill Little requested a monthly report, similar to the ARF report, from Coastal Behavioral's CSU (the January 1, 2007-October 31, 2007 and November 2007 report was distributed).
- The next Consortium meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

*The next meeting of the **Acute Care System Task Force** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15 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.*

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. Please note that this is a change in room location.