

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

February 15, 2008

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- The last meeting was January 15.
 - Representatives from the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF), Venice Regional Medical Center (VRMC), and Englewood Community Hospital (ECH) were at the meeting to represent the acute care facilities
 - Involuntary admissions—specifically protective custody orders (initiated by law enforcement) to the ARF were lower than usual in November and December.
 - There may be a correlation between lower protective custody orders and an increase in arrests for local ordinance violations according to Capt. Montemagno from the Sarasota Sheriff's Office. There was also a significant reduction in persons detained on a Marchman Act being brought to the jail (2 in November and 8 in December) The Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, Wayne Applebee, researched the data to determine if there was a possible connection (see page 4-the last bullet).
 - The ARF reported a reduction in the wait time for law enforcement when they drop off individuals, from 7 minutes in November to 4 minutes in December.
 - ECH reported a reduction in wait time for Baker Act patient transfers from their ER to the appropriate facility.
 - Kathy Fischer, the ER Director, attributes this improvement to the conversations that have been happening at these meetings and other community meetings, creating more of an ownership of the problem mentality.
 - VRMC reported that they now have a neuro clinical psychologist on staff who is evaluating Baker Act patients in the ER. This is allowing for rescissions when appropriate and appears to be reducing the number of transfers.
 - Mental Health Community Centers (MHCC) explained their Support, Education, and Treatment (SET) Program. This is a step down program for those consumers who are not ready for the drop-in center environment. MHCC also provides day treatment services to consumers formally served by Coastal Behavioral.
- 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 January 31 there were 2,680 admissions.
 - 1,244 involuntary - 46% and 1,436 voluntary - 54%
 - 435 (36%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers.
 - 251 were initiated by SPD
 - 127 were initiated by SSO

- 45 were initiated by VPD
 - 11 were initiated by NPD
 - 1 New College Police Dept.
 - 630 (50%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hospital, Doctors Hospital).
 - 152 (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 January.**
- Discharges
 - The average length of stay for participants was 5 days, in January.
 - 97% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF, October 1, 2007–December 31, 2007, have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
 - 109 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program to date.
 - 701 (565%) 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, homes/families.
 - A total of 37 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.
 - 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 12- mostly due to combativeness.
- Phase 2- 10-week Residential Treatment (VIP-ER Program)
 - 23 classes have graduated to date with a 76% completion rate.
 - Class 24 will graduate February 22 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.
 - 56% of participants received co-occurring psychiatric services October 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.
 - 83%% of participants referred for primary care services received a comprehensive physical exam October 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.
 - 95% of participants received family reunification services October 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.
 - 81% of participants were reunited with their families before graduation October 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.
 - 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.
 - 37 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, 44% indicated that they were still sober; at 6-month follow-up, 62%; 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
 - Transitional Resources, Inc. (TRI) opened their first six bed sober house in Sarasota November 10. TRI has plans to open a second house March 1.
 - 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.
 - First Step announced at the last Consortium that they are in the process of opening sober housing at a property with four, 3 bedroom units.

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 April 28-May 2 at the North Port Police Department.
- A work group of this committee is developing procedures to bring CIT to the next level—implementation.
- The next Florida CIT Coalition Meeting is scheduled for March 14 in Orlando.

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 January 18.
 - Jennifer Burke from Coastal Behavioral Healthcare provided a FACT Team presentation as requested by this group at the December 7 meeting.

- Representatives from USF Sarasota-Manatee provided information about the Master's Degree in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program.
- Wayne Applebee, the Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, gave an update on data that he and Capt. Montemagno, from the Sarasota Sheriff's Office reviewed to determine if there was a correlation between lower numbers of persons under Protective Custody Orders (law enforcement initiated) being brought to the ARF in November and December and the increased enforcement of City Ordinance violations.
 - The increased numbers of arrests in November and December do appear to indicate a correlation.

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, **March 21** 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.