

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

May 19, 2009

## Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- The last meeting was March 17.
- Representatives from the Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) at First Step, the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) at Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH), and Bayside Center at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) were at the meeting to represent the acute care facilities.
- The Sarasota Sheriff's Office reported that 18 Marchman Act detainees were brought to the jail in January and 10 in February, primarily due to combativeness.
- See the detailed ARF report on page two of this report.
- The CSU reported that 66% of the adult admissions were initiated by a Baker Act (involuntary) and the children's unit Baker Act admissions were 60% of the total census in February. See the detailed March CSU report on page three of this report.
  - There were 42 total admissions to the Children's CSU which is higher than normal. The economy appears to be playing a role in the increased admissions according to the CSU and the school nurses who are seeing more children with stress related ailments.
- The CSU and ARF were asked by DCF at the last meeting to determine how many times transfers were required because a person entered the "wrong door." This is in response to legislation pending to allow CSUs to function as ARFs and to coincide with the "no door is the wrong door" philosophy the state has adopted.
  - Over a one month period there was one transfer from the ARF to the CSU and one transfer from the CSU to the ARF.
- Ken Alexander with the Bayside Center and a member of Florida Partners in Crisis discussed the following bills that may be considered by the legislature:
  - HB 349—relating to a workgroup on forensic mental health
  - SB 456—relating to law enforcement having a memorandum of understanding with receiving facilities
  - HB 767—relating to co-location of CSUs with ARFs
  - SB 2018—relating to the creation of the Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (unfunded)
  - HB 1493/SB 2194—relating to Baker Act language revisions
- DCF announced that the Short Term Residential (SRT) facility that serves both Sarasota and Manatee County at Manatee Glens Hospital will be closing June 30 because the provider is no longer able to continue operations.
  - DCF noted that this program has been very successful in diverting people from state hospital admissions.
  - Representatives from the acute care facilities in Sarasota and Manatee County, DCF, and county government will be meeting to discuss the impact on each community and how to address the continuation of this service.

The next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force is scheduled for July 21 at 9:00 at **\*\*\*The Salvation Army, 1400 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Media Room\*\*\***

- **Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative**
- Phase 1- The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
  - Admissions
    - As of April 30 there have been 2,389 total involuntary admissions—total admissions for April—79
    - 804 (34%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers—total admissions for April—33
      - 434 were initiated by the SPD
      - 244 were initiated by the SSO
      - 104 were initiated by the VPD
      - 20 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).
    - 1,199 (51%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and the CSU)—total admissions for April—33
    - 340 (14%) involuntary admissions resulted from *ex parte* orders (court orders) for involuntary assessment and stabilization—total admissions for April—12
    - 45 (2%) involuntary admissions resulted from a “pick up order”—total admissions for April—1
    - 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 4 minutes in April (a low of 1 minute to a high of 20 minutes)—allowing the officers to be back out in the community quickly.**
  - Discharges
    - The average length of stay for participants in April was 4 days.
    - 98% of involuntary participants admitted to the ARF to date have successfully completed medically-supervised detoxification.
    - 217 (9%) of involuntary participants discharged from the ARF were referred to the VIP-ER Program to date.
    - 1,463 (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 71 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
  - 36 classes have graduated to date with a 77% completion rate (421/544).
  - **Class 37 will graduate Friday, May 22 at The Salvation Army at 2:30 p.m.** The community is encouraged to attend and show support.
  - 76% of participants to date have restored their relationship with their families as a result of participation in the program.
  - 86% 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, 61%. These are remarkable results—the national average for sobriety at 12 months out is only 10%.
- Phase 3- Transitional Housing
  - The Transitional Housing Inventory for Sarasota and Manatee Counties will be going live on "Tapestry" soon.
    - 2-1-1 provided a cross reference of the housing providers that have indicated an interest in being included in the online inventory.
    - Jon McKenzie is working with the vendor on the custom request that was developed by the Transitional Housing Committee.
    - Jon will prepare a worksheet for the providers to complete prior to a training that will be scheduled soon.
      - 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 last CIT class was held April 20-24, 2009 at the Venice Police Department training facility with 27 officers completing the 40-hour course.
  - The total number of trained officers to date is 344.
  - The objective of this class was to increase the number of officers trained from the Venice Police Department (VPD) and the North Port Police Department (NPPD).
    - Of the 27 officers, 13 were officers with the VPD and 8 officers were with the NPPD.
- The next Florida CIT Coalition meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2009, in Orlando.
- The next CIT Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 1:00.
- **The next 40-hour CIT class is scheduled for August 24-28 at the Criminal Justice Academy at the Sarasota County Technical Institute.**

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

- Adult Crisis Unit—April, 2009
  - 110 total admissions
  - 78 Baker Act admissions—71% 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—April, 2009
  - 49 total admissions
  - 26 Baker Act admissions—53% of total admissions
  - Average length of stay—3 days
  - Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) shared beds on the children's unit
    - 21 admissions

### **Criminal Justice Update**

#### Justice Assistance Grants—(Stimulus Funding)

- The passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has resulted in additional funds becoming available to Sarasota County through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG Formula Grants come to Sarasota County directly from the U.S.

Department of Justice (DOJ) and a second funding stream is directed through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The award amounts have been identified as follows:

- JAG Direct (from DOJ) = \$314,806
- JAG County-Wide (from FDLE) = \$850,915
- JAG Direct funds will be allocated in the amount of \$314,806 for the creation of a Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit.
- JAG County-Wide funds will be allocated for the following programs:
  - \$224,000 for the creation of a Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit
  - \$40,000 to prevent the elimination of a case manager at the Children and Families Supervised Visitation Program
  - \$50,000 to prevent the elimination of two positions at Crossroads, a long-term women's residential program and to expand the number of available beds
  - \$25,000 for the creation of funds to be available for indigent felony probationers for drug evaluations
  - \$6,000 for the creation of funds to be available for indigent felony probationers for mental health evaluations
  - \$120,306 to allow the Juvenile Assessment Center to continue to operate a 24/5 operation
  - \$60,000 to expand Sexual Offense and Abuse Rehabilitation Services for juvenile offenders
  - \$50,000 to the Youth Shelter
  - \$50,000 to the Delinquency Court
  - \$63,125 to create a Domestic Violence Coordinator
  - \$65,000 to create a Family Reunification Program specifically designed for county jail inmates
  - \$70,000 to create a Mentor for Success Program specifically designed for county jail inmates

The Criminal Justice Commission's (CJC) recommendations above were reviewed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 13.

#### Community Corrections Center Planning Update

- 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.
- The former HealthSouth property appears to meet the evaluation criteria more than any of the other properties offered to date.
- County property remains under consideration for new construction should it be determined of no cost-benefit to the County to retrofit an existing structure.
  - County staff are evaluating the potential of operating a newly constructed Community Corrections Center on the 1301 Cattleman property.
- Results are expected to be shared with the CJC at the May 18 meeting.

#### 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.*
  - County Staff released a Request for Information (RFI) to 650 realtors in Sarasota County on April 6 to identify potential land which could be the home of the future secured detention facility.
  - The RFI resulted in 10 land parcels being offered by the public in north, central, and south Sarasota County.

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

#### April 2009 Highlights:

- Coordinated and hosted the National Evaluation Site Visit for Sarasota, April 6-8

- Conducted Cultural and Linguistic Competency Workshops held for parent mentors, care coordinators, mental health therapists and administrative teams
- Held a Community Partnership Strategic Planning Update on April 21 with 48 parents, community members, staff and providers, prioritizing strategies for the individual work groups
- Participated in community outreach activities including the Sarasota School District Parent Institute and Oak Park Agency Fair
- Enrolled 10 children and families for Partnership Care Coordination and National Evaluation
- Completed baseline classroom assessments for 20 early care and education centers and schools to evaluate the Positive Behavioral Support training and implementation program
- Hosted a community forum on Supporting Teen Parents and their Children
- Partnered with the Sarasota County School District, Sarasota County Libraries, Sarasota County Health Department Pediatric Clinics and Healthy Start, 20 Early Learning Centers, Head Start and Partnership agencies to post signs and marquis messages throughout Sarasota County as part of the national Children's Mental Health Awareness Day campaign
- Distributed 74 Awareness Day information packets to campaign partners.

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

At the May 15 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC) the following emerging issues were discussed:

- The Sarasota County Prevention Policy Board Three Year Plan that was recently approved by the Juvenile Justice Council was outlined. The three identified priority areas for Sarasota County are:
  - The reduction of teen substance abuse related injuries and deaths
  - The lack of opportunities for pro-social involvement in the community that will engage at risk teens
  - The implementation of a zero tolerance law
  - Bill Little suggested that the Health Department could assist with implementing this plan with the help of the Epidemiologist and his intern.
- At the April 17 SAMHSC meeting the Department of Children and Families (DCF) asked that a work group of the SAMHSC develop a community action plan specific to substance abuse prevention in order to consider Sarasota County for specific funding in the future—school-based funding was recently lost in Sarasota County, for the next three years, because a substance abuse prevention plan was not in place.
  - The work group convened May 4 with a large number of SAMHSC members in attendance and ready to complete a plan.
  - The group decided that they would tackle the bigger picture of substance abuse and mental health strategic planning as was identified as a need at the SAMHSC “retreat” held a few months ago.
  - Monthly meetings of the work group have been scheduled for the first Monday of every month until further notice. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 1:30.
  - If you are interested in being part of this work group email: [Pam.Meunier@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Pam.Meunier@doh.state.fl.us)
- Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (CBH) reported that plans are moving forward for the Short Term Residential (SRT) Program transition from Manatee Glens Hospital to Mental Health Care (MHC) in Tampa by July 1.
  - A job description is being developed for an SRT Specialist position that would be the liaison between MHC and the community, diverting people from this service when possible, actively participating on the treatment team when people are admitted, and ensuring a smooth transition back to the community upon discharge, with appropriate services in place. This position will be connected to the FACT Team at CBH.

- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) representative, Dale Lux, announced that May is Mental Health Month as a way of bringing attention to the issues surrounding mental illness.
  - There are many misconceptions about the prevalence of mental illness as well as the issue of stigma for those persons with mental illness.
  - Dale is attempting to energize the NAMI base in Sarasota County to assist him in presenting the issues of mental illness to the community.
  - He made a recommendation that was supported by the group to plan a one day event that would provide information to several segments of the community including legislators, hosted by NAMI, mental health providers, law enforcement, community leaders, etc.
  - The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCoSA) recommended combining it with a substance abuse focused event they are planning.
  - If you would like to help with this effort please email: [Pam.Meunier@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Pam.Meunier@doh.state.fl.us)

The next meeting of the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group** is scheduled for Monday, **June 1** at 1:30 at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 227.

The next meeting of the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium** is scheduled for Friday, **June 19** at 9:00 at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., second floor auditorium.

The next meeting of the Acute Care System Task Force is scheduled for Tuesday, **July 21** at 9:00 at **\*\*\*The Salvation Army, 1400 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Media Room\*\*\***

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.

This monthly report can be viewed at: [www.sarasotaalliance.net](http://www.sarasotaalliance.net) as well as the summaries of several other meetings/task forces of the Community Alliance of Sarasota County.

A Community Calendar of Events 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 website above.

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