

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

Summary

March 12, 2008

CART Initiative

- Phase 1-The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
- As of February 29 there were 2,833 admissions.
- 1,320 involuntary - 46% and 1,513 voluntary - 54%
- The average wait time for law enforcement officers dropping off Marchman Act detainees at the ARF was 7 minutes in February—allowing the officers to be back out in the community quickly.
 - 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 13—mostly due to combativeness.
 - **www.fsos.org is now available to determine real time bed availability for law enforcement and referring entities.**
- Phase 2-10-week Residential Treatment (VIP-ER Program)
- 24 classes have graduated to date with a 77% success rate.
- 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%.
- Phase 3-Transitional Housing
 - Transitional Resources, Inc. is operating two sober houses with a total of 12 beds.
 - Tammi Recovery with Gateways for Positive Living, formerly known as Coastal Renaissance, Inc., has four houses for men and two for women in north Sarasota County (30 beds). In addition, they have four houses for men and two for women in North Port (34 beds) to total 64 beds.
- First Step (FSoS) has purchased a property to provide sober housing, with six, 3 bedroom units.

Criminal Justice Update

- An ordinance has been approved by the BCC to allow for a public hearing April 23 regarding the substance abuse trust fund. The ordinance will go into effect May 1.
 - The new revenue generated from the trust fund will allow for annual grants to be awarded for prevention and treatment services.
 - The Criminal Justice Commission will make annual recommendations to the BCC for grant awards.
- A tour for providers is being scheduled to observe programs and learn about the operations at the Hillsborough and Orange County facilities for detention facility planning.

CIT Training

- The next CIT class will be April 28-May 2 at the North Port Police Department.