

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium Report July 20, 2007

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF)

- The last meeting was July 17.
 - Each acute care facility in attendance (Sarasota Memorial/Bayside, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, the Addictions Receiving Facility, and Englewood Community Hospital) gave an update—there are no significant changes in the utilization of the system—there continues to be an excessive demand and long waiting periods for admissions to the proper facility.
 - Doctors Hospital and Venice Regional Medical Center were not in attendance
- Susan Nunnally, DCF, let these facilities know she is in the process of visiting all of them to discuss solutions and that Coastal Behavioral will be rolling out a new plan soon that will start to address some of these issues.
 - Susan will be re-convening the Baker Act Facilities Meeting soon to work on solutions to these ongoing issues.
- This group discussed the need for this task force to continue to meet monthly.
 - Discussed whether there is duplication/overlap with the DCF meetings
 - Will attendance improve with fewer meetings?
 - There was consensus that this task force cannot be effective unless ALL acute care providers get involved and stay involved in the conversation.
 - This group agreed to meet every other month and to continue to assess meeting frequency.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Community Alternative Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative

- Phase 1- The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF)
 - Admissions
 - As of June 30 there were 1,600 admissions.
 - 732 involuntary - 46% and 868 voluntary - 54%
 - 289 (39%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers
 - 171 were initiated by SPD
 - 84 were initiated by SSO
 - 26 were initiated by VPD
 - 7 were initiated by NPD
 - 1 New College Police Dept.
 - 337 (46%) involuntary admissions resulted from emergency admissions initiated by local ER physicians (SMH, Venice Hosp., Doctors Hosp.).