

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium and Acute
Care System Monthly Report
August 17, 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—and according to the agencies, 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 all the facilities know that 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.
 - There was discussion about 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 and solutions.
 - 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 July 31- the one year mark- there were 1,756 admissions.
 - 802 involuntary - 46% and 954 voluntary - 54%
 - 312 (39%) involuntary admissions resulted from Protective Custody Orders initiated by local law enforcement officers.
 - 187 were initiated by SPD
 - 89 were initiated by SSO
 - 28 were initiated by VPD
 - 7 were initiated by NPD
 - 1 New College Police Dept.