

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Criminal Justice Commission

JOINT WORK GROUP

January 7, 2005

Meeting Summary

PRESENT:

Ken Alexander, Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Chrissie Budd, Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless
Elaine Charyn, DCF—Suncoast Region
Catherine Clouse, SCOPE
Al Davis, CFDM, Inc.
Dorothy Davis, CFDM, Inc.
Bruce Dawson, CFDM, Inc.
Carolann Duncan, DCF—District 7
Kevin Gooding, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Phil Gorelick, Jewish Family and Children's Services
Sally Graham, SCOPE Mental Health Implementation Task Force
Ray Himebaugh, Mental Health Care, Inc.
Tobey Hockett, Public Defender's Office
Debbi Horst, Office of Housing and Community Development
Charlie Kenniff, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Bill Kershaw, Mental Health Care, Inc.
Bill Little, Sarasota County Health Department
Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Human Services
Paul Mercier, Sarasota Board of County Commissioners
Pam Meunier, Sarasota County Human Services
Wendy Moriarity, Mental Health Care, Inc.
Don Ottinger, SCOPE Mental Health Implementation Task Force
Lisa Phillips, Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse
Bob Piper, First Step of Sarasota
Bryan Pope, Salvation Army—Sarasota Corps
Colleen Reardon, Salvation Army—Sarasota Corps
Rev. Skip Ritter, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Daryl Roberts, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
James Schulz, Sarasota County Human Services
Debbie Spellman, DCF—Suncoast Region
Lt. Paul Sutton, Sarasota Police Department
Jerry Thompson, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Charles Thorpe, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County Human Services
Alex Young, United Way of Sarasota County

Sarasota County Marchman Act Data

Major Kevin Gooding introduced Daryl Roberts, Corrections Analyst at the Sheriff's Office, who presented the data gathered to date on Marchman Act admissions. As a preface, he noted that when a Marchman Act client enters the jail, First Step of Sarasota is contacted. If a bed is available in First Step's Detoxification Unit, the individual is not booked into the jail but diverted instead to First Step. If no bed is available (as is usually the case), the client is booked into the jail. He provided the following data:

- Average of 70 Marchman Act clients booked into the jail each month
- Average of 63 *unduplicated* Marchman Act clients booked into the jail each month
- Average of 5 to 8 Marchman Act clients come in more than one time each month (chronic)
- Total of 840 Marchman Act clients were booked into the jail in 2004; 602 unduplicated individuals were involved
- Total of 336 Baker Act clients were booked in 2004
- Marchman Act clients are booked into the jail for a minimum of 8 hours; 72 hours maximum
- 18 Marchman Act clients were transported from the hospital to jail in 2004
- More Marchman Act clients are booked into the jail during inclement weather

Major Gooding explained that Marchman Act clients with medical issues are transported to Sarasota Memorial Hospital for treatment and are not screened by their staff nurses at the jail.

Bob Piper requested a list of the names of the Marchman Act clients who were booked into the jail so that he could compare it with the names of those who visit First Step's Detoxification Unit. Bob agreed to share the number of "matches" with members, if common clients are identified.

Addictions Receiving Facility Subcommittee Report

Tobey Hockett reported that the committee is exploring the need for a secure facility versus a non-secure facility. First Step will provide information on the cost for 10 secure beds and 15 non-secure beds and the number of additional beds they could accommodate at their facility at the January 14 meeting. The committee is also exploring the need for transitional housing, with some funding for this already available. A field trip is planned for January 14 to the Addictions Receiving Facility in Tampa. .

Orange County Central Receiving Center

Chip Taylor introduced Carolann Duncan, Mental Health Program Supervisor for DCF—District 7 based in Orlando. Carolann showed a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the Orange County Central Receiving Center. The CRC is funded through Orange County Government and two private hospitals. The private hospitals share the rotation of indigent patients.

The CRC still struggles with bed capacity and its funding has not changed since it opened in April, 2003. A training video on the CRC's services was developed for local law enforcement.

Hillsborough County Central Receiving Center

Chip Taylor introduced Ray Himebaugh, Chief Operating Officer for Mental Health Care, Inc. in Tampa. Ray gave a brief history of Hillsborough County's Central Receiving Center, describing why and how it was developed. Currently this CRC admits 6,000 patients a year.

Ray stated that success depends on the commitment and involvement of all the stakeholders in the process. The Hillsborough CRC is located in the middle of Tampa and owned by MHC. Funding for operations is received from the Department of Children and Families and Hillsborough County Government, but not from the City of Tampa.

Bill Kershaw explained their process for receiving patients and noted that training has helped law enforcement to distinguish between Baker Act and Marchman Act clients.

Wendy Moriarity stated that along with the 6,000 adult admissions a year, there are 500 children admitted also.

Matrix Update

Chip reported that the Planning Committee of the Stakeholders' Consortium is developing a matrix of existing substance abuse and mental health services in Sarasota County. The next step is to obtain information on available services from provider agencies that are not funded by United Way, DCF, or Sarasota County, then from faith-based agencies.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint Work Group will be held on January 18, 2005 at the Sarasota County Health Department.