

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS' CONSORTIUM

March 24, 2005 Meeting Summary

PRESENT:

Claire Alexander	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Mary Armstrong	USF
David Beesley	First Step of Sarasota
Rose Chapman	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Elaine Charyn	Department of Children and Families-SunCoast Region
Catherine Clouse	SCOPE
Maureen Coble	Department of Children and Families-SunCoast Region
Mary Crowley	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Nancy DeLoach	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Scott Eller	Renaissance Manor
Cathy Emmett	Senior Friendship Centers
Sally Graham	SCOPE
Tobey Hockett	Public Defender's Office-Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Dale Lux	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Pam Meunier	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Susan Nunnally	Department of Children and Families-SunCoast Region
Don Ottinger	SCOPE
Lisa Phillips	SCOSA
Helen Petriccion	Pretrial Services
Bob Piper	First Step of Sarasota
Bryan Pope	Salvation Army—Sarasota Corps
James Schulz	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Kathryn Shea	The Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Dr. Carrie Springer	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Stewart Stearns	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Michael Theall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Davis Tornabene	Public Defender's Office-Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

New Substance Abuse and Mental Health Coordinator

Bill Little and Chip Taylor introduced Michael Theall, the new Substance Abuse and Mental Health Policy Coordinator. Michael can be reached at 861-2558 or through his e-mail address mtheall@scgov.net.

CIT Training Update

Dr. Carrie Springer gave an update on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training which is designed to give law enforcement officers the skills necessary to effectively deal with substance abuse and mental health issues presented in the field. It is intended to divert affected individuals from the criminal justice system to the mental health system where they may receive treatment. It is a 40-hour training based on the Memphis model. Training will be held from April 11-15. The next training will be held from July 25-29 and the last training session for this year will be held from October 17-21.

The Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies in the area have made a strong commitment to send personnel to this training and are working to develop some type of financial incentive for the officers who participate in the training. In the near future, the existing grant that supports this training will be exhausted. Additional funding to support future CIT trainings, which costs approximately \$2,000 per class, will be needed at that time.

Community Plan Update

Pam Meunier updated the Consortium on the current status of the Inventory of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. It is a dynamic document, constantly being updated as new information becomes available. A draft will be made available to the Consortium as soon as the providers have finished inputting their data.

SAMHSA System of Care Grant

Chip Taylor described the effort that took place about 15 months ago to put together a SAMHSA System of Care grant application. It would have provided almost \$2 million to the community in mental health funding for young children age 0 to 5. There were a lot of issues that needed to be resolved including a cash match of nearly \$3 million. The timing was difficult and we were unable to identify any sources for the match beyond the Board of County Commissioners. The grant was tabled at that time pending further exploration of match opportunities. SAMHSA released the latest System of Care grant application and procedures recently with a deadline of May 17, 2005.

Kathryn Shea discussed the current state of children's mental health care. The age range for this proposal has been expanded to age 0 to 8. It is a very competitive grant. Thanks to the work completed 15 months ago, approximately 80% of the grant is completed and the County Commissioners have already been briefed. There will be a community task force meeting to discuss the new application on April 7, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Health Department Auditorium. All community partners are invited. Issues to be discussed include cost sharing methods for the match, the amount of match required (cash and/or in-kind), sustainability of the project once the grant funding period has expired and the impact on Sarasota County.

Mary Armstrong discussed the participation of the Florida Mental Health Institute in the project and expressed her support for the project. While sustainability has been an emphasis of SAMHSA, there is a new emphasis on replication within the grant recipient's

state. There is also more emphasis on infrastructure development (management information systems, quality assurance systems, etc). The ability to use in-kind match is one of the positive changes made for the current application.

VIP Committee Report

Tobey Hockett discussed the establishment of a Marchman Act treatment facility at First Step as a diversionary program from jail. He introduced Bob Piper who discussed the different phases of the project. Bob emphasized that there were over 800 Marchman Act admissions to the jail in 2004. Of those, 600 were admitted by the City of Sarasota Police Department. Additionally, there are limited detoxification services and no Marchman Act facility in or near Sarasota County. The community has limited resources to treat substance abusers and limited transitional housing that is affordable.

Phase 1 of the project is to expand the current detoxification capacity to 30 beds and convert the facility to a secure adult addictions receiving facility. Beds would be interchangeable in that they could be used for either non-secure detoxification or Marchman Act depending on need. Phase 2 of the project would expand the residential capacity of the 15 bed VIP Program. Phase 3 would create additional affordable recovery housing. Tobey Hockett is chairing the committee investigating the available options.

In Phase 2, the VIP Program will be expanded to a 45 bed program (30 treatment beds and 15 pre-treatment detoxification beds). The program will offer four or more consecutive treatment hours per day emphasizing rehabilitation, treatment and education. The services provided by the VIP Program will include substance abuse treatment, room and board, psychiatric services, medication management, family therapy, career counseling and job preparation and placement.

The collaborative partners in the new VIP Program include First Step, Salvation Army, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Jewish Family and Children Services and the Suncoast Workforce Board. Representatives of all five partners will comprise the project management team. This team will provide administrative and clinical oversight of the program. First Step will serve as the fiscal agent. The total project cost is estimated at \$881,831 with \$205,585 currently committed by the partners and \$676,246 unfunded.

Chip Taylor suggested the possibility of adding an evaluation component to the project to enhance its replicability in the future. Bill Little proposed a motion to have the Consortium officially support this project so staff could go forward and seek funding.

Stewart Stearns moved, Sally Graham seconded, motion was passed unanimously that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium officially support the VIP expansion project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in three to four weeks. Meeting notices will be sent out when scheduled.