

Volusia County Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Project

Stakeholder Meeting Strategic Plan Approval

March 25, 2009



Overview of the Meeting Plan

- Review and Approve Objectives and Strategies
- Review and Approve Goals
- Review and Approve Statement of the Problem, Vision, Mission, and Values
- Update on DOJ grant (Project CrISP)
- Other potential grant funds
- Other comments
- Adjourn

<p>Objective A: Expand the reach and impact of Crisis Intervention Training to effectively divert individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders from the criminal justice system, when appropriate.</p>	<p>Strategy A. 1. Explore potential partnership opportunities between the current CIT training efforts and Daytona State College’s School of Emergency Services.</p>
	<p>Strategy A. 2. Promote the Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare 24-hour Access Center as a resource for law enforcement during crisis situations. Develop a plan to ensure that the most up-to-date information about local behavioral healthcare services is available at the Access Center.</p>
	<p>Strategy A. 3. Maintain the current target number of individuals participating in the CIT training annually by sustaining the program funding and adding logistical support staff to assist the current CIT Coordinator.</p>

Workgroup Members: Lt. Ron Wright (South Daytona Police Department), Sini Summerlin (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare), Pat Dewsbury (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare)

<p>Objective B: Improve the current behavioral health care assessment process to create a more efficient system that better addresses the needs of the judicial system.</p>	<p>Strategy B. 1. Develop a shared consent for release of information form for use by all local behavioral health care providers to ensure that historical assessment and service information is available during the assessment process. Promote the use of the new release form with system stakeholders.</p>
	<p>Strategy B. 2. Develop a plan to include current program eligibility criteria and service capacity with behavioral health care recommendations provided to the judicial system.</p>

Workgroup Members: Steve VanGelder (Community Outreach Services), Chet Bell (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare), Pat Dewsbury (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare), Mark Weinberg (7th Judicial Circuit Court Administration), Judge Joe Will (7th Judicial Circuit Court), Jannine Kilgard (7th Judicial Circuit Court Administration), Dennis Moon (Judicial Corrections Services, Inc.), J. Chaunte Dyer (Probation and Parole), Jim Cain (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare)

<p>Objective C: Expand the existing capacity of temporary, transitional and permanent housing and residential treatment in Volusia County.</p>	<p>Strategy C. 1. Explore capacity expansion of access to transitional and permanent housing sites through new funding sources.</p>
	<p>Strategy C. 2. Explore partnership and funding options to utilize 16 existing (but not currently utilized) beds at Stewart-Marchman-Act's Pinegrove facility for a short-term transitional program.</p>
	<p>Strategy C. 3. Explore partnership and funding options to utilize SMA's Big Pine facility for housing/residential services.</p>

Workgroup Members: Steve VanGelder (Community Outreach Services), Chet Bell (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare), Dottie Lewis (advocate), Angela Fazio (Mental Health Association), Fred North (Probation and Parole), Jeff White (Serenity House), Tony Schefstad (Coalition for the Homeless)

<p>Objective D: Improve access to outpatient behavioral health services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>Strategy D. 1. Develop a process to ensure that individuals in need of mental health services who are being discharged from the jail are promptly enrolled in Medicaid and other entitlement programs (if eligible) and receive outpatient services after discharge. Explore using the SOAR model to support this strategy.</p>
	<p>Strategy D. 2. Explore the feasibility of providing current SMA clients discharged from the Volusia County jail with a 30-day prescription and outpatient appointment.</p>
	<p>Strategy D. 3. Explore the use of deferred prosecution for individuals charged with misdemeanors who are appropriate for mental health outpatient services.</p>

Workgroup Members: Steve VanGelder (Community Outreach Services), Mark Weinberg (7th Judicial Circuit Court Administration), Jim Cain (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare), Nancy Perkins (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare), Steve Sally (The House Next Door), Michael Jewell (Volusia County Drug Court), Shirley Olson (7th Judicial Circuit Court Administration)

Objective E: Develop a collaborative effort to support local agencies in obtaining grant funds for needed programs & services.

Strategy E. 1. Develop a funding network to monitor the availability of grant funds for diversion, behavioral health and housing programs and to facilitate collaborative proposal development.

Goals

- I. Build the capacity of the community-based system of care to address the needs of individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders.
- II. Strengthen interventions at multiple intercept points to divert appropriate individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders from the criminal justice system.
- III. Develop policies and protocols to more efficiently manage available resources among multiple system stakeholders.

Statement of the Problem

Proposed	Suggested Changes
<p>The criminal justice system does not effectively or efficiently serve individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. Our system of care lacks sufficient capacity to address the needs of individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders.</p>	<p>Persons with mental health and co-occurring disorders are landing in the criminal justice system which is based more on public safety and on “restitution” and less on adjustment into successful community living. Programs within the criminal justice system lack-sufficient capacity to address the needs of individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders.</p>

Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** Individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders will be effectively served through a comprehensive system of community-based services to minimize involvement in the criminal justice system.
- **Mission:**

Proposed	Suggested Changes
Support a comprehensive, continuous and integrated system of care for individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders through interagency collaboration.	Support a comprehensive, continuous and integrated system of care for individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders through interagency collaboration that provides for diversion in areas of pre-booking, pre-trial, adjudication, early release, and post-release.

Values

- **Public Safety:** Protect the public by providing appropriate interventions and community-based services to individuals with mental illness.
- **Best Practices:** Promote the use of evidence-based practices in service delivery.
- **Sharing of Information:** Develop methods to share information and data among multiple agencies and system stakeholders.
- **Integration of Services:** Promote the integration of mental health and substance abuse services for individuals with co-occurring disorders.
- **Access to Services:** Eliminate barriers preventing access to community-based services.
- **Resource Coordination:** Utilize a multi-disciplinary approach to serving individuals with mental illness and co-occurring disorders.
- **Diversion:** Respond to individuals who become involved in the criminal justice system quickly and effectively to link them to appropriate services and prevent recidivism.
- **Capacity Building:** Work in partnership to expand the capacity of the community-based service system.

- Update on DOJ grant (Project CrISP)
- Other potential grant funds
- Other comments
- Adjourn

Thank you!