

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

12:00 P.M.

McEaddy Conference Room, 12th FL

ATTENDEES:

DAVID ARONBERG, STATE ATTORNEY

CAREY HAUGHWOUT, PUBLIC DEFENDER

JENNIFER LOYLESS, PDO

MEGHAN RAPPATTA, MEGELLAN HEALTH

DONNA HARRIS, JEROME GOLDEN

MARY QUINLAN, COURT ADMIN

MIKE GAUGER, PBSO

CYNTHIA HEDLOW, MEGELLAN HEALTH

BECKY WALKER, SEFBHN

NICOLE PLAYTON, DRUG ABUSE FOUNDATION

CLAY WALKER, DCF

CRISTY ALTARO, COURT ADMINISTRATION

LYNN POWELL, STATE ATTORNEY

JENISE LINK, PUBLIC SAFETY

TAMMY FIELDS, YOUTH SERVICES

MARSHA MARTINO, NAMI

STAFF: ROSALIND MURRAY, CJC, DAMIR KUKEC, CJC, KRISTINA HENSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I. The meeting was opened by the Chairs at 12:15 pm.

II. Introduction of guests was conducted

III. Committee Reports

Data Subcommittee:

A. Becky Walker of South East Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) began by discussing the collaborative process they utilize in working with community partner such as RESTORE. She provided a demonstration of the data collection system developed for them through Concordia. In an important exercise, staff was attempting to determine the high frequency utilizers of services. They are trying to determine in this example how clients of this program, mental health, are intersecting with the criminal justice system such as DJJ and others. There are two major areas that are being tracked, mental health and substance abuse. The system provides a great deal of information. It includes that 426,947 services were provided in adult mental health in five counties. SEFBHN covers providers in five counties.

It also established that 12, 586 units of services for crisis stabilization were provided in Palm Beach County. Providers have access to the portal that has been created. They can run reports and do patient searches. Sharing of data between providers requires a Release of Information, (ROI). The data is used for quality control purposes. Payment for providers is tied to data submission. It has taken two years to

get clean data. We are now looking at best practices among providers to improve quality assurance. SEFBHN is working closing with the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services, the Financially Assisted Agencies, (FAA.) \$13 million of county funds is disbursed to those agencies through community services. Mental health providers are included. This unique computerized, data sharing system is a game changer allowing a more comprehensive and unified approach to individuals who access services. SEFBHN is encouraging providers to provide value based services. The system will provide individual records and an overall system reporting capability. Criminal records access will also be utilized.

Cristy Altaro asked what is the plan for data sharing, for example with Department of Juvenile Justice, (DJJ)? A ROI is necessary. Chief Deputy Gauger stated that jail is a benefit for some individuals to help stabilize them and get them into treatment.

Dave Aronberg stated that Jail Diversion is being discussed at great length in this county.

B. Marketing/Advocacy Subcommittee:

The Farris Foundation has a grant that SEFBHN is applying for. The grant is for \$100,000 and it is for a needs assessment that will help formulate a strategic plan, and criminal justice is included. SEFBHN is looking for a letter of support from this committee. The grant proposal is due within the week. Ms. Henson stated a letter of support is a standard operational procedure. It's been done in the past to support other grants.

There was a motion by Clay Walker and seconded by Lynn Powell to endorse the letter of support. Chief Deputy Gauger abstained from the vote.

C. Protocol Committee:

Craig Spatara updated the task force on the MacArthur Grant and its support of the FUSE Model, (Frequent Users of the System) and how this might intersect with the Task Force. He discussed the Housing First Model in which the top 100 utilizers of services, those who have been arrested more than 4 times. In 2013, 7% of the individuals used 28% of the services at the jail. We will try to reduce arrests by 50% attempting to close the revolving door. Kristina Henson stated that the Annual Planning Meeting is on Monday and this committee should have some recommendations. At this time it was decided not to set a priority for this committee. We are not ready for priorities. Analysis of local and national strategies would be helpful for mental health and jail diversion and continued support of the project established in the MacArthur Grant.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.