Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training: (Thanks to LT James Veltri, Palm Bay Police Department, for the following positive outcome report regarding CIT Training.) - Palm Bay Police Department received a call from a store on Malabar Road to report that a very disturbed adult black male with no clothes on was running around the shopping center. I happened to be in the area and CIT trained so I responded along with other officers who had recently received the training. Upon arrival, we located the B/M running naked from store to store. To say the least, the scene was very chaotic (happening in the afternoon with the shopping center crowded). We could see from the man's demeanor that he was likely mentally disturbed. The officers on scene were able to recognize the problem and utilize their training to calm the man down. The end result was that the man was there on some type of trip with a group of mentally ill folks and got separated from his group and panicked. This was a perfect example of an incident where, prior to CIT, most likely would have resulted in the officers having to use force to control this person who meant no harm to anyone.

Crisis Stabilization Units Update: As of 11 AM, 13 August 2007, Circles of Care, Inc., had 20 and Wuesthoff Behavioral Health had 11 people waiting for a Crisis Bed. Circles has 10 and Wuesthoff has 3 Clients who are court-ordered for long-term care (possible admission to Northeast Florida State Hospital). The Past Month "Worst Case Scenario" (greatest number of people waiting to be admitted to a Crisis Bed) was 25 for Circles and 16 for Wuesthoff. (Thanks to Dr. Barry Hensel of Circles of Care and Lisa Conway of Wuesthoff Behavioral Health for the Crisis Stats.)

Parrish Medical Center Report: Parrish Medical Center received 53 Baker Act Clients during the month of July 2007. Of those admitted to Parrish to wait for an open crisis bed, the “worst case” verifiable length of stay was 5 days. (Thanks to Deena Ellis, Security Supervisor, Parrish Medical Center, for this report.)

Health First, Inc., Reports (Thanks to Jim Kendig, Vice President, Health First, Inc.): Holmes Regional Medical Center (HRMC) received a total of 30 Baker Act Clients during the month of July 2007. Of those admitted to HRMC to wait for an open crisis bed, the “worst case” verifiable length of stay was 9 days.

Palm Bay Community Hospital (PBCH) received a total of 10 Baker Act Clients during the month of July 2007. Of those admitted to PBCH to wait for an open crisis bed, the “worst case” verifiable length of stay was 7 days.

Cape Canaveral Hospital (CCH) received a total of 23 Baker Act Clients during the month of July 2007. Of those admitted to CCH to wait for an open crisis bed, the "worst case" verifiable length of stay was 6 days.

Brevard County Deaths by Suicide Report: There were 4 deaths by Suicide and 4 Possible in Brevard County during the month of July 2007. All 4 deaths by Suicide were by Gunshot Wounds. All of the 4 Possible Deaths by Suicide were by Overdoses - no notes. Details are: 1 by Alprazolam - psychiatric history with previous attempts, 1 by OxyContin, 1 by Percocet and Xanax (not prescribed) with crack history, and 1 by Seroquel - psychiatric history with previous attempts. (Thanks to Nancy Slater, Brevard County Medical Examiner's Office, for this report.)

Brevard County Mental Health Court Update (The Honorable Judge Cathleen Clarke presiding): As of 31 July 2007, there are 7 people who were diverted from Jail and under the supervision of the Mental Health Court. Three (3) Clients were accepted into the court and 1 Client was dismissed from the court because of further involvement with law enforcement during the month of July. (Thanks to Thomas Caulfield, Mental Health Court Coordinator, Circles of Care, Inc., for providing the Mental Health Court statistics.)

Stats from Mental Health Services of Jail: During July 2007, there were a total of 2071 Mental Health Contacts by Mental Health Specialists. There were 444 Initial Assessments from Referrals at Booking. There were 457 Mental Health Follow-up Visits, 86 Rounds/Brief Mental Health Contacts, and 176 Consultations and Case Staffings. There were 353 Mental Health In-house Moves during July 2007. Five hundred fifty-five (555) Contacts for People on Special Watch Status and 0 Case Management Contacts.
were completed. There were a total of 135 Referrals to the Jail Psychiatrist including 122 Psychiatric Evaluation Referrals and 13 Emergency Medication Rechecks. Physician Contacts totaled 145. There were 30 Staffing Consults and 1 Baker Act Evaluation and Transfer. NOTE: The June 2007 report should be changed to reflect the completion of 26 additional Initial Assessments (436 total) and 86 additional Mental Health Follow-up Visits (365 total).

During the month of August 2005, Orville Clayton, the Director of Mental Health, Brevard County Jail Complex, began a Psycho-educational Group to help Inmates learn techniques for stress management and coping skills. During the month of September 2005, 66 Inmates participated in this program, 69 during October 2005, 88 during November 2005, and during the month of December 2005, 157 Inmates participated! There were no Psycho-educational Groups during the months of January through May 2006. During the month of June 2006, 65 Inmates participated in the program, 45 during July 2006, 10 during August 2006, 87 during September 2006, 39 during October 2006, 77 during November 2006, and 123 Inmates participated in Psycho-educational Group during the month of December 2006! Six (6) Inmates participated during January 2007, 43 during February 2007, 10 during April 2007, and 0 during May and June 2007. During July 2007, 26 Inmates participated in Group. Mental Health Court Report - as of 31 July 2007: 39 Misdemeanor Files Reviewed; 21 Referrals to the State Attorney. Mental health services were all completed by Mental Health Services Unit Staff. (Thanks to Brevard County Jail Complex Mental Health Unit Staff Member Tracy Higginbotham, Secretary, for computerization and dissemination of the Mental Health Services Stats.)

Stats from Jail: The official Inmate Population total for 31 July 2007 was 1831 (high 1854; low 1831). On 31 July 2007, 44 Inmates were received and 47 Inmates were released. The July 2007 MONTH AVERAGE number of Inmates in the Jail was 1855, the HIGH AVERAGE was 1870, and the LOW AVERAGE was 1841. These numbers compare to the December 2006 MO AVG of 1705, HIGH AVG of 1719, AVG LOW of 1691, the December 2005 MO AVG of 1471, HIGH AVG of 1486, AVG LOW of 1457 and the December 2004 MO AVG of 1249, HIGH AVG of 1262, and LOW AVG of 1236. (Thanks to Teresa Revel, Administrative Assistant to the Commander of the Brevard County Jail Complex (BCJC), for providing the BCJC Monthly Population Worksheet and End of Month Population Averages.)

Other interesting Jail stats from the Jail Population Worksheet are: Of the 1831 total Inmates in the Jail on 31 July 2007, 1551 (84.7%) were male and 280 (15.3%) were female. There were 1494 Inmates (81.6% of the Jail population) awaiting trial (1262 male, 232 female) of which 1200 were for felonies (1028 male; 172 female) and 294 were for misdemeanors (234 male; 60 female). Only 1.6% of the Jail population - 29 Inmates (28 male; 1 female) - were awaiting sentencing. Over two percent (2.6%) of the Jail Population on 31 July 2007 - 47 Inmates (43 male; 4 female) - were awaiting transfer to Department of Corrections, over three percent (3.3%) - 60 Inmates (50 male of which 11 were Juveniles; 10 female) - were being held for other jurisdictions, and 0.38% - 7 Inmates (6 male; 1 female) - were awaiting transfer to a state hospital. Almost eleven percent of the Jail Population (10.6%), 194 Inmates, are sentenced to BCJC (162 male; 32 female) as of 31 July 2007. Note: 115 Inmates were sentenced to BCJC as of 31Jan06, 151 as of 28Feb06, 171 as of 31Mar06, 202 as of 30Apr06, 200 as of 31May06, 178 as of 30Jun06, 174 as of 31Jul06, 186 as of 31Aug06, 181 as of 30Sep06, 173 as of 31Oct06, 182 as of 30Nov06, 160 as of 31Dec06, 180 as of 31Jan07, 173 as of 28Feb07, 193 Inmates as of 31Mar07, 177 as of 30Apr07, 196 as of 31May07, and 198 Inmates were sentenced to BCJC as of 30 June 2007. Of the 194 Inmates sentenced to BCJC on 31 July 2007, 140 were there for Felony convictions (115 male; 25 female) and 54 were there for Misdemeanor convictions (47 male; 7 female). Of the 1831 total Inmate population on 31 July 2007, 169 Inmates are in Jail for Violation of Probation Only and 337 Inmates are there for Violation of Probation w/Charges.

Comparison of 31Jul07 vs 30Jun07 vs 31May07 vs 30Apr07 vs 31Mar07 vs 28Feb07 vs 31Jan07 vs 31Dec06 vs 30Nov06 vs 31Oct06 vs 30Sep06 vs 31Aug06 vs 31Jul06 vs 30Jun06 vs 31May06 vs 30Apr06 vs 31Mar06 vs 28Feb06 vs 31Jan06 vs 31Dec05 vs 30Nov05 vs 31Oct05 vs 30Sep05 vs 31Aug05 vs 31July05 vs 30Jun05 vs 31May05 stats: Total Inmates: 1831 vs 1843 vs 1794 vs 1772 vs 1782 vs 1789 vs 1799 vs 1734 vs 1662 vs 1728 vs 1632 vs 1722 vs 1708 vs 1594 vs 1641 vs 1635 vs 1596 vs 1530 vs 1527 vs 1410 vs 1574 vs 1574 vs 1610 vs 1546 vs 1514 vs 1482 vs 1506; Inmates
awaiting trial: 1494 vs 1517 vs 1446 vs 1434 vs 1453 vs 1425 vs 1306 vs 1378 vs 1236 vs 1344 vs 1366 vs 1245 vs 1211 vs 1185 vs 1229 vs 1187 vs 1177 vs 1129 vs 1239; Inmates awaiting transfer to DOC: 47 vs 59 vs 68 vs 76 vs 75 vs 93 vs 79 vs 60 vs 84 vs 73 vs 116 vs 80 vs 65 vs 63 vs 73 vs 94 vs 102 vs 97 vs 89 vs 75 vs 125 vs 127 vs 91 vs 121 vs 121 vs 145 vs 91; Inmates held for other jurisdictions: 60 vs 50 vs 68 vs 54 vs 60 vs 65 vs 63 vs 67 vs 68 vs 79 vs 75 vs 85 vs 82 vs 81 vs 74 vs 88 vs 73 vs 72 vs 77 vs 71 vs 83 vs 85 vs 83 vs 86 vs 86 vs 81 vs 81. Percentage of the Inmate population awaiting transfer on 31Jul07 was 6.23% vs 6.02% on 30Jun07 vs 7.75% on 31May07 vs 7.62% on 30Apr07 vs 7.97% on 31Mar07 vs 9.11% on 28Feb07 vs 8.3% on 31Jan07 vs 7.7% on 31Dec06 vs 9.6% on 30Nov06 vs 9.2% on 31Oct06 vs 12.1% on 30Sep06 vs 9.9% on 31Aug06 vs 9.1% on 31Jul06 vs 9.6% on 30Jun06 vs 9.6% on 31May06 vs 11.9% on 30Apr06 vs 11.5% on 31Mar06 vs 11.5% on 28Feb06 vs 11% on 31Jan06 vs 11% on 31Dec05 vs 14% on 30Nov05 vs 13.8% on 31Oct05 vs. 11.2% on 30Sep05 vs 13.8% on 31Aug05 vs 13.9% on 31Jul05 vs 15.6% on 30Jun05 vs. 11.2% on 31May05.

FACT Team Update: On 1 July 2006, Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC), Inc., a not-for-profit organization based in Jacksonville, Florida, became the provider for Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team services in Brevard County. The Director of FACT Programs for MHRC is Cindy O’Brien, M.A. Melanie Goff, LCSW, is the Program Manager. Dr. R. Makkena joined the Team on 4 April 2007 to fill the full-time Program Psychiatrist position.

Brevard FACT Team has TWO vacant positions for Psychiatric Nurses. Ms. Goff is actively seeking applicants to fill these positions.

On 28 April 2005, the Brevard FACT Team reached capacity enrollment of 100 Clients. As of 8 August 2007, the FACT Team staff has served a total of 153 Clients since it became operational on 20 August 2001 and is currently serving 98 Clients. Two (2) additional Clients are being engaged from NEFSH. A FACT Team Staff Member is on call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and promotes independent living for FACT Team Clients.

The FACT Team continues to seek volunteers to serve on the FACT Team Advisory Board. The Advisory Board meets from 6:30PM - 8:00PM on the 2d Monday of every other month at the FACT Office, 1050 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922. Volunteers serve in an informational/advisory capacity, provide the FACT Team with resources, advocate for consumers, mitigate consumer concerns/complaints, etc. Volunteers should have an interest in and an understanding of persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses and their needs within the community. Anyone interested in serving on the FACT Team Advisory Board should call Melanie Goff at 504-3888. (Thanks to FACT Team Program Manager Melanie Goff for contributions to this report.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS / IMPORTANT MEETINGS

REMINDER: The 2006 Florida Statutes - Title XXIX, PUBLIC HEALTH, Chapter 394, Mental Health - 394.4615 Clinical records; confidentiality. - (9) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the parent or next of kin of a person who is held in or treated under a mental health facility or program from requesting and receiving information limited to a summary of that person's treatment plan and current physical and mental condition. Release of such information shall be in accordance with the code of ethics of the profession involved.