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Alaska Mental Health Board **Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

February 2010 BTKH Quarterly Meeting
FY 2011 Family Voice Funding

Planning Meetings

In September a planning meeting was held where Brita Bishop, Fran Purdy, Shirley Pittz, Steve Krall, Bradley Grigg, Amanda Metivier, Paul Cornils, Barb Chambers, Renee Leyland, and Bill Herman attended. It was held primarily to discuss how the funds will be spent this year and to identify who would be working to further the priorities set in the plan. Subsequent planning meetings have been held to plan for specific events or priorities.

FFTA Conference Atlanta, Georgia

In July \$4,676 was used to sponsor attendance to the Family Foster Based Treatment Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. AYFN parent navigator, Paul Cornils, and Facing Foster Care State-Wide Coordinator, Amanda Metivier both who are also foster parents were sponsored to attend the conference. Others who attended the conference (not on Family Voice funding) were Courtney King, DJJ, Brita Bishop, BTKH, Doug White and Staff from Alaska Children Services and Rebecca Busch with ABADA and AMHB.

BTKH Transition Age Youth Policy Summit, Anchorage

November 6-7 we held a BTKH Transition Age Youth Policy Summit where we invited youth from around the state through several agencies and venues. Amanda Metivier spearheaded the event and was the lead in planning and arranging the event. We had 13 youth attend, including two people from Craig. \$ 2,131 of Family Voice funds were assisted with travel for the youth and foster parent who were able to come from Craig for the event. This event was designed with the intention of gaining input for the BTKH Youth in Transition Charter Document.

BTKH Quarterly Meeting/ Legislative Advocacy, Juneau

This year we using around \$7,000 youth and family to come and participate in the February 15-17th quarterly meeting in Juneau, this amount is comparable to last year's expenditures for travel and lodging. This year a several people on the planning committee assisted with the plan for youth and family involvement in this quarterly meeting in Juneau. This year we have been incorporating much more training in working with youth and families who attend and participate in advocacy efforts. Please help us welcome our Family Voice Visitors.

FASD Southeast Conference, Juneau

A Juneau group is going to holding a Southeast Regional FASD conference February 18-20th. The conference will be held in Juneau in conjunction with the Legislature. Those attending the conference will also be advocating for FASD funding increments for services and support. About \$5000 \$of Family voice funds are being used to offer travel scholarships to bring youth and families in from rural and hub areas to participate in the conference and hill visit advocacy.

At current we have around \$6000.00 in Family Voice funds remaining for future opportunities during this funding year.

2/15/10 BTKH QTR MTG
Rebecca Busch, ABADA/AMHB