

**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee  
MINUTES - September 8, 2010**

**Members present:**

Cheri Scott  
Vicki Tinker  
Deb Evensen  
Alex Edwards  
Stephanie Johnson  
Joe Dingman  
Vance Sanders

**Staff present:**

Teri Tibbett  
Teresa Holt

**Update on Follow-up**

- Letters went out to commissioners of Health & Social Services, Corrections, Courts, Public Safety, Education & Early Development and Labor & Workforce Development, inviting them to send a representative to serve on the Steering Committee.
- Emails went out on the following topics:
  - 8/24 - to Steering Committee members with list of legislators who support FASD issues with a program from the April FASD Legislative Appreciation Luncheon and draft minutes from 8/18/10 Steering Committee meeting.
  - 8/24 - to the full AK FASD Partnership with information on “The Hidden Problem of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in the Legal System” training on Saturday, Sept. 11 in Kenai; “Arctic FASD Regional Training Center” brochure; and “Volunteers Wanted for Online Focus Group” for primary caregivers of a child with an FASD; and guidelines for organizing an FASD Awareness Day restaurant promotion with table tent and poster templates; and links to websites related to International FASD Awareness Day.
  - 8/30 - to the full AK FASD Partnership with a link to an article on the Canadian Justice System’s discussions about decriminalization for FAS offenders.
  - 9/6 (in 4-emails) - to Steering Committee members with Anchorage FASD Council’s survey template and results.
  - 9/7 – to full Partnership with link to Governor’s proclamation recognizing FASD Awareness Day.
  - 9/8 – to full Partnership with link to Senator Murkowski’s bill in Congress related to FASD.

**I. Finalize steering committee membership**

Teri – Gave update of comments related to adding members, including inviting representatives from state departments, another parent, and a person experiencing an FASD. Also recommended deciding how big or small the Steering Committee wants to be.

Cheri – Important to have representation from each region too.

Deb – Suggested keeping the Steering Committee small so that work can easily get done.

Cheri – Suggested inviting Ardyce Turner (Bethel) and Mary Lou Canney (Fairbanks), both birth mothers of children with an FASD .

Cheri – Suggested inviting Tammy Eller (from???) to represent people with an FASD.

The group agreed to invite these new members. Teri will follow up.

## **II. Review draft survey from Anchorage Council on FASD**

Cheri – Gave an overview of the survey sent out by the Anchorage FASD Council, how it was conducted, who was targeted, etc. She suggested the Anchorage Council on FASD would allow the Partnership to send out the survey to its members, but requested the council be given access to the resulting information.

Comments included: Sending out the survey to the full Partnership with modified questions; sending out the survey with the same questions; sending the survey from the Partnership with results going to the Partnership; offering drawings for gift cards as an incentive for filling out survey (10 - \$20 gift cards).

It was decided to send out the Council's survey to the Alaska FASD Partnership on Sept. 15 and close it on Sept. 30. Also, an email will go out recruiting members of the Partnership to help with the follow-up telephone calls (involves 1-hour training).

## **III. Research best practices in Alaska and other states (including funding)**

Discussion followed on the idea of forming workgroup/committees that would gather research and best practices, identify and discuss gaps, develop recommendations for Steering Committee to discuss at summit in December; invite members of the full Partnership to join the working groups.

The following groups were formed with the following Steering Committee members:

- Diagnosis/Case Management/Parent Navigation – Vicki Tinker, Cheri Scott
- Family Support/Peer Support – Cheri Scott
- Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women -
- Education and Training for People with FASD – Joe Dingman
- Education and Training for Professionals – Alex Edwards, Stephanie Johnson, Joe Dingman
- Services for adults with FASD (transition services, housing, employment, education) – Teri Tibbett
- FASD and Education System (including Early Intervention, K-12, adult education) – Deb Evensen, Cindy Anderson, Teresa Holt
- FASD and the Legal System – Vance Sanders, Teri Tibbett, Stephanie Johnson

Teri will compile list of working groups and send out an invitation to Steering Committee to join of one or more working group – followed by an invitation to the entire Partnership membership to join the working groups. The working groups will meet at least once per month (by email or teleconference) before December summit to gather research and best practices, discuss and identify gaps, and develop recommendations to be addressed at the summit by the Steering Committee.

## **IV. Create ListServ for Partnership**

Teri is working with the state to set up a ListServ and a web page for the AK FASD Partnership.

## **V. Determine dates for 2-day summit (face-to-face) in Anchorage in December**

Send out follow-up request inviting Steering Committee members to go to Doodle site to finalize a date and place for summit.