

**AK FASD Partnership Steering Committee
MINUTES - October 13, 2010**



Members present:

Todd Brocious, Alex Edwards, Deb Evensen, Stephanie Johnson, Michael Jeffery, Monica Leinberger, Jeri Museth, Dee Dee Raymond, Vickie Tinker, Ardyce Turner.

Staff present:

Teri Tibbett

I. Approval of Agenda. Dee Dee moved. Alex second. Approved.

II. Approval of Minutes - 9/8/10. Stephanie moved. Ardyce second. Approved.

III. Update on Steering Committee activities

- a. **New members.** Teri welcomed new members and offered an overview of the new members joining the Steering Committee, including: Ardyce Turner (OCS/Birth Mother-Bethel), Jeri Museth (Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska-Juneau), Tami Eller (OCS/Experiences FASD-Anchorage), Todd Brocious (DEED-Juneau), Diane Casto (DHSS-Juneau), Dee Dee Raymond (DOC-Anchorage), Michael Jeffery (Courts-Barrow), Jennifer Lyon (DOLWD-Anchorage).

Ardyce suggested inviting someone to represent Tribal Courts. Monica suggested inviting pediatrician and FASD advocate Dr. Eric Nobel. Hearing no objection, it was decided to investigate these invitations.

- b. **Survey.** The FASD Community Needs Assessment Survey, drafted by Stone Soup Group, was sent from the AK FASD Partnership email address to over 70 Partnership members, and received 48 responses. The results will be reviewed and assessed by Stone Soup Group. Results were distributed via email to Steering Committee members.

Stone Soup Group has requested volunteers help make follow-up phone calls. Teri will send out an email inviting Partnership members to participate.

V. FASCETS Screening Tool

- a. Rebecca Busch, Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, offered an overview of a neurobehavioral screening tool developed by Diane Malbin of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consultation Education and Training Services, Inc. (FASCETS). Use of this tool will require training that will serve to educate screeners about FASD and how to work with someone who has an FASD, resulting in a deeper understanding of the disability and how behaviors are causal of brain (dis)function, versus the more value-based judgment of willful behavior. The tool also evaluates behaviors within various domains, such as social skills and adaptive behaviors, sensory systems/sensory motor integration, nutrition, language and communication, processing pace, learning and memory, abstract thinking, and executive functioning. The tool also looks at strengths, such as interests/talents/learning strengths, and secondary and tertiary behaviors and characteristics. Also, FASCETS has a pre-screen tool that looks at “flags” that would lead to the full screening. (A more detailed description of Rebecca’s presentation will follow in an email, titled: “FASCETS Screening Tool.”)

Follow-up questions included, what age groups the tool is geared for, the importance of including psychiatrists and psych evaluations in the discussion, and other general interest questions. Rebecca will gather additional information to share with the committee and will join the Diagnostic Workgroup.

VI. Workgroups

- a. Members present joined the following Workgroups, with some agreeing to be chair:
 - **Diagnosis/Case Management/Parent Navigation** – Vicki Tinker, Cheri Scott, Jeri Museth, Rebecca Busch (Co-chairs: Vickie and Cheri)
 - **Family Support/Peer Support** – Cheri Scott, Ardyce Turner, invite Mary Lou Canney, Betty Taaffe, Jean Gephart-Cyrus (chair??).
 - **Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women** – Monica Leinberger, Diane Casto (invite Barbara Day Max from PCAP) (still need a chair)
 - **Education and Training for Professionals** – Alex Edwards (chair), Stephanie Johnson, Joe Dingman
 - **Services for adults with FASD** – (including transition services, housing, employment, education/training, etc.) Joe Dingman, Dee Dee Raymond, Teri Tibbett (temporary chair)
 - **FASD and Education System** (including early intervention, K-12) – Deb Evensen, Cindy Anderson, Teresa Holt, Todd Brocius, Monica Leinberger (co-chairs: Deb and Cindy?)
 - **FASD and the Legal System** (including forensic diagnostics, therapeutic courts, court interpreters, case management, etc.) – Stephanie Johnson (chair), Vance Sanders, Mike Jeffery, Jeri Museth, Teri Tibbett
- b. Teri will send out list of Workgroups to all Steering Committee members and invite absent members to join one or more; will invite volunteers to be chair; will communicate with chairs and assist in determining Workgroup meeting dates and invite members of the public and Partnership to join Workgroups; will distribute Workgroup Worksheets to all members.
- c. Invite members from the Partnership & public to join workgroups.

VII. Steering Committee Summit

- a. **Date and Place.** Teri will resend a Doodle request for first 2 weeks in December to include all new members. Conference room at the Frontier Building is available December 6-7, but several members present said they had conflicts.
- b. **Funding.** Monica will check with Shane Welch (Bethel FASD Diagnostic Team) about training funds; Todd will ask DEED for discretionary funds; Mike, Stephanie, Ardyce, Vicki, Teri can be covered by their respective employers; Teri suggested one of the non-profit organizations could apply for a Special Projects grant from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.
- c. **Scope of Workgroups.** Workgroups will meet before December 1 (by email, teleconference, in-person and include Steering Committee members, members of the Partnership, and members of the public) to discuss gaps in the system, strategies for solutions, research and best practices, and suggested short-term and long-term goals. The results will be brought to the Steering Committee summit in December.
- d. **Scope of Summit.** At the summit, the Steering Committee will review recommendations developed from the Workgroups, review SE-AK FASD Regional Conference report and Autism Initiative template, and determine short-term and long-term goals for the Partnership.

VIII. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 3:00-4:30pm.