

**MINUTES**  
**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 3-4:30pm**



**Present:** Stephanie Johnson, Mike Jeffery, Vance Sanders, Vickie tinker, Monica Leinberger (chair), Diane Casto, Teri Tibbett, Alex Edwards, Cheri Scott, Todd Brocius, Mike Baldwin, Tami Eller

- I. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** M/S Mike, Cheri. Approved.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 10/13/10.** M/S Mike, Vickie. Approved. Mike asked that we send out the follow-up paperwork on the FASCETS Screening tool introduced by Rebecca Busch at the 10/13 meeting. People interested in seeing the tool directly should contact Diane
- III. **UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES.** (Teri) No activities.
- IV. **OVERVIEW OF FASD SURVEY FROM STONE SOUP GROUP** (Cheri). There were 48 respondents from Partnership members. Results included respondents' Top 3 places where information is easily shared and where people were picking it up, are 1) Health Fairs, 2) Newspaper and 3) School Events. More in depth conversations followed about how those venues were/can be used. Stone Stoup Group has divided the responses into 8 different regions and is working on follow-up phone calls. They are currently fine-tuning the questions to ask in the phone interviews. Cheri asked if steering committee members would like to review questions. Mike suggestion sending out an email and letting those who want to respond, respond. Purpose of survey is to help identify where they should be going in their grant cycle. The top scorers were: school staff training, support groups, peer-to-peer support, prevention of FASD in health curriculum. Phone interviews will ask what is the best way to address these issues.
- V. **WORKGROUPS**
  - a. **Workgroup Schedules Update**
    - i. Education/Training for Professionals (Alex Edwards, chair). Had one meeting with 5 people on the call and came up with some preliminary ideas. The second meeting will reveal final recommendations on 11/29 from 9-10am.
    - ii. Services for Adults with FASD (Tami Eller, chair). Meeting planned for 11/18 12:30-2.
    - iii. Diagnosis/Case Management/Parent Navigation (Vickie Tinker, Cheri Scott, co-chairs). Have identified scope to include: Diagnosis in areas without a team, diagnosis of incarcerated adults & institutionalized juveniles; streamlined screening to identify "probable" FASD; diagnosis for adults what services are useful/available; options for case management; screening tools, diagnostic report models, role of parent navigators.
    - iv. Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women (Diane Casto, chair). Will schedule for week of 11/29.
    - v. FASD and the Legal System (Stephanie Johnson, chair). Meeting planned for 11/29, from 11-12noon.
    - vi. Family/Peer Support (Jeanne-Gerhart-Cyrus, chair). Meetings planned for 11/23 and 11/30 from 1-2:30pm.
    - vii. FASD and Education System (Deb Evensen, chair). Will schedule soon.

- b. **Workgroup Worksheets.** Workgroup chairs remember to use Worksheet so work across groups is consistent and organized for presenting at the summit. Deadline for submitting completed worksheets to Teri is Dec. 8 (so they can be printed and included in the packets for review by steering committee members before the summit. Worksheets to include:
  - i. Scope of workgroup. Each workgroup is asked to identify what areas the workgroup will discuss, gather research and best practices, identify gaps and solutions, and develop recommendations for short-term and long-term goals.
  - ii. Recommendations for December Steering Committee Summit. List priority issues the Partnership should undertake, including short-term goals (in this legislative session) and long-term goals (over the next few years).

#### **VI. STEERING COMMITTEE DECEMBER SUMMIT**

- a. Date and Place – December 15 & 16, 2010 at Alaska Mental Health Trust, Anchorage (details will follow).
- b. Scope of Summit – Review recommendations from Workgroups, review research and best practices, identify gaps and solutions, determine short-term and long-term goals, develop action plan.
- c. Direct Action Organizing. Teri suggested using the Midwest Academy Model of Direct Action Organizing to organize an action plan. She has used this model with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for their annual Joint Advocacy Summit for the past three years, and is trained in its implementation. Cheri supported the suggestion and there was no objection, so this will be the model used at the summit.
- d. Review documents. Summit participants are asked to review the Southeast Alaska FASD Regional Conference Report and Autism Initiative before the summit.

**VII. ALCOHOL AWARENESS STATEWIDE** (Monica). Asked Steering Committee to discuss about any alcohol issues and/or initiatives that are happening in each area. Diane suggested there is new money available RFP on DBH Grants Public Notice website: Rural Community DMSA Pilot Project, to deal with DMSA and alcohol. Working on systems change. Also available in January, SPFSIG Youth Alcohol and Adult Binge Drinking, etc. – funding coalitions, community change, systems change a huge priority – how to change alcohol. She will send info to Teri who will forward it to steering committee members. Stephanie reported there were 43 Title 47 holds, double from last year, recidivism rate was 67% at Nome Jail; 135 criminal charges, 56 were DV related currently at the jail. Mike Jeffery said most cases in Barrow are alcohol related. The North Slope has combinations of dry and damp villages with effective distribution sites, police have officers in each village, creating a fairly successful level of enforcement. Cheri informed about ASSETS team new diagnostics. Tami added more info about this. Tami will send info to Teri who will forward it to steering committee members.