

AK FASD Partnership Steering Committee
MINUTES 1/12/11



Present: Deb, Monica, Amy, Vickie, Mike, Jeanne, Teresa, DeeDee, Cheri, Jeri, Cindy, Diane, Ardyce

Approval of Agenda Approved

Approval of Minutes Approved

Introductions - Introduced Amy Hansen, Investigator with OPA and board member on Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Update on Partnership Activities

The Partnership is poised to begin a statewide education campaign for professionals – including educators and superintendents of school districts, medical personnel, corrections staff, judges, attorneys and court staff, legislators and other public officials, and the general population. The Partnership plans to support funding items in the FY12 budget, policy changes that will make it easier to diagnosis and to refer people experiencing FASD to appropriate services, expand the use of existing screening tools, develop partnerships with the Alaska Peer Support Consortium, and work on solutions that will increase access to services for people with FASD and their families. Teri will send out comprehensive list of budget items related to FASD.

Mike will have Alaska version of resolution from Canadian Bar Association supporting efforts to deal with FASD. Alaska can't adopt their resolution; ours must be redrafted to match Alaska law. Will get in touch with Terry Carns with Alaska Judicial Council on the recommendations.

Some members have had discussions on the phone, but no workgroups have met.

Monica talked about alcohol problem growing in Bethel; about opening of Sobering Center.

Jeri talked about FASD & Sexuality workshop in Juneau in April.

Diane talked about money for services for individuals in four rural communities after they've had a diagnosis. Original amount was \$800,000, ended up with \$300,000. Decided to limit the service to case management because that is the most need. Writing a provider agreement for case managers.

Each workgroup will meet, review the recommendations and action plan for their group, complete items on action plan or present a plan on how and when those will be completed, before next meeting.

Teri will send out the list of recommendations to the entire partnership and invite them to join the workgroups. Teri will coordinate with workgroup chairs about teleconference schedules.

Next meeting: Wed. February 9 - 3:00-4:30pm.