

**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
MINUTES - March 9, 2011**

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- V. 4th Annual International FASD Conference in Vancouver B.C.
- VI. Trust Training Cooperative

Present: Deb Evensen, Amy Hansen, Monica Leinberger, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Stephanie Johnson, Jeri Museth, Cheri Scott, Todd Brocius, Mike Baldwin, Mike Jeffery

Approval of Agenda - M/S Deb/Jeri. Approved.

Approval of Minutes (2/16/11) – M/S Stephanie/Deb. Approved.

Legislative Update

Teri mentioned three legislative priorities that the Partnership could advocate for. These priorities are moving through the budget process: Early Childhood Screening Package (\$450,000), Institutional Discharge Program (IDP+) (\$152,000) and Substance Abuse Treatment for At-Risk Parents in OCS (\$450,000). She will write a letter on Partnership letterhead supporting these items.

Teri talked about the Family Voice FASD and the Education System presentation to the Alaska Senate Education Committee on March 16. Participants will include steering committee members Cindy Anderson (Anchorage School District), Monica Leinberger (Lower Kuskokwim School District), and Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus (Maniilaq, Stone Soup Group), along with Jeanne's daughter Ivory (Kiana), Mary and Terrell Andrews (Bethel) and Mindy Cason (Anchorage). Education and Early Development Commissioner Mike Hanley and Prevention and Early Intervention Director Diane Casto will also be present, but not presenting with the panel. The group will also meet with individual legislators, supporting this year's effort of educating all 60 legislators during the 90-day session on the topic of FASD.

Workgroup Updates

FASD and the Legal System. Stephanie gave overview of FASD and Legal System Workgroup, which met on March 9 (see FASD and the Legal System Workgroup-MINUTES-3.9.11). Discussion included overview of the effort to see FASD as a mitigating factor in sentencing (see 2/16/11 minutes for more details); screening efforts in Department of Corrections (DOC) and Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); training efforts across the legal system, including the Trust Training Cooperative; and a legislative update. Jeanne mentioned she'd talked with a director at Maniilaq who is planning to train all behavioral health staff in FASD 101, 201, FASD into Action; they also discussed FASD camps.

4th Annual International FASD Conference in Vancouver B.C.

Jeri – Highlights: the research was fascinating, but not practical; Canada has pilot projects that look promising, but they're not getting the funding; indigenous groups are concerned they received an apology one year, but were not funded the next year. Lorney Hayes talked on historical trauma,

remarkable woman, worked to cut down the drinking in her community; panel of birth mothers who spoke and it was touching; speakers from Finland, Japan, Croatia, Sweden, France, etc. and noticed other countries are really far behind the U.S. and Canada; talked about Faye Calhoun from HIS.

Mike J. – Highlights included being on the program with other judges and the goal of matching the Canadian resolution to accommodate people impacted by FASD, and not to criminalize those with a disability; a dinner the night before the panel featured Rod Snow, from Whitehorse and president of Canadian Bar Association, who laid the groundwork for the resolution at 2008 conference, after which the Yukon bar proposed it, followed by support from other provincial bar associations, and eventual passing – this has given Rod the go ahead to promote it across the country; website FASD and Justice (from Ontario): <http://fasdjustice.on.ca>; noted the use of positively-phrased orders, for example instead of saying “Don’t drink” say “Stay Sober”; ICON project from Manitoba; need to figure a way to identify other disorders within the FASD spectrum, beside FAS, in order to serve all who are affected with proper back-up for policy-makers and funders; went to a workshop with Australian aboriginals who showed the importance of getting the men involved, the effects of colonization, and its effect on people with FASD.

Teri offered an overview of a break-out session at the Vancouver FASD conference on the use of telemedicine for diagnosis: “The Use of Telehealth for the Diagnosis and Follow-up of Individuals with FASD in Three Manitoba Communities: Norway House, The Pas/Flin Flon, and Brandon.” Her take-away message was the importance of having a trained local coordinator. She will send out the paper included in the conference syllabus. Also, mentioned a discussion with Dr. Kieran O’Malley about diagnosis through telemedicine and his relationship with Dr. Phil Matheis, who has worked in Alaska and may be interested in returning to work with telemedicine and diagnosis. Cheri commented on the importance of maintaining the standard of using the 4-digit code in any telemedicine effort, as it is the standard adopted in Alaska. Mike echoed Cheri’s concern. Teri added she met with Ke Warner about White Crow Village and how Ke is willing to consult on developing camps in Alaska, as well as invite interested people to White Crow Village to see how they do things. Cheri encouraged connecting with Trish Smith of Volunteers of America who coordinates an FASD Camp in Alaska.

University of British Columbia will have all the conference Powerpoints and papers available online in about a month.

Announcements

Calendar: “FASD & the Education System Workgroup” Next meeting on March 28, 3-4pm, teleconference number and code: 800-315-6339 3273#

Calendar: “Serving Offenders with Cognitive Impairments: Transitioning into the Community” on March 30-31, 2011 Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage. For details and registration go to: https://www.ttclms.org/class_detail.php?z_classid=101543

Calendar: “FASD and Sexuality Workshop” April 5, 2011, Centennial Hall, Juneau. For information and/or to register go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/juneaufasd/home>

Calendar: “Peer Powered Systems – Alaska Peer Partnership Conference 2011,” April 11-12, 2011, Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage. For information and to register, go to: <http://www.peerconference.org/>

The 5th Annual International FASD Conference in Vancouver will focus on “adolescence and adults with FASD,” April 18-21, 2012 in Vancouver B.C.