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Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2011 – 3:00-4:30pm



I. **Introductions-** Mike Jeffery, Vickie Tinker, Dee Dee Raymond, Jeri Museth, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Ardyce Turner, Monica Charles-Leinberger, Teri Tibbett

II. **Approval of Agenda**

III. **Approval of Minutes 3/9/11**

IV. **Legislative Update**

- Budget Items related to FASD
- SCR 7 - FASD Awareness Day
- Regarding mitigating factors and other legal issues: Mike suggested contacting the Disability Law Center about addressing “an affirmative offense due to cognitive impairment” where the defendant lacks the mental state to “knowingly” commit a crime – because of his cognitive impairment; about the way victims are treated when they can’t give consent (passed out, or not able to because of cognitive impairment); a defendant whose mental state does not allow him/her to evaluate what it means to have sex or sexual contact. Burden of proof. The “mitigating factor” pitch is: needless state dollars are thrown away at long jail sentences for people who are disabled who don’t need long term beds; this would prevent or mitigate that. Dee Dee talked about dismal data on AK recidivism rate (stemming from Murkowski years when funds were pulled from rehabilitation programs). But the situation offers a good baseline for judging recidivism rate pre-treatment and post-treatment years. Mike talked about the use of negative language vs. positive language on the “Bail Order/Order and Conditions of Release” form , e.g. instead of “I will not drink,” say “I will stay sober.” Gave it to the Barrow law enforcement for their review. Will distribute template after vetting.

V. **Workgroups update**

- Diagnosis (Chairs: Cheri, Vickie) – (NO REPORT)
 - Upcoming workgroup teleconference on April 15 at 8am.
 - Telemedicine
 - Screening Tools
- Family/Peer Support (Chair: Jeanne)
 - Work with AK Peer Support Consortium
 - Expand FASD Camps
 - Case Management/Care Coordination – training, quality assurance, technical assistance, measurables/outcomes
 - Curriculum for primary care providers

Notes: Jeanne talked with Trish Smith (Volunteers of America who put on Anchorage FASD Camp) who recently submitted a grant application for three additional FASD camp sites. Contact Trish for details. Jeanne will likely be participating in the Bring the Kids Homes Education subcommittee and will spread the word about FASD with them. Jeanne suggested expanding the use of the FASD ID card to other clinics. Jeri gave the overview of what Central Council for Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) is doing with their FASD ID cards. They first went to the Juneau police to ask for their input on what they would need in order to honor it. The Juneau card includes: photo, basic ID info, paragraph on the back about having FASD and not

being able to answer questions, not consenting to questions or searches, gives an advocate's contact number to call. Mike shared that Morgan Fawcett showed his card at the conference and it was a good idea. Jeri encouraged working with local law enforcement agencies to accommodate their needs so everyone is working together. Ardyce asked if the card gives families additional tools. Jeri clarified that it's an ID card that explains the disability to the officer. Mike read the wording from the card issued in Washington state. Ardyce expressed an interest in seeing if they could do it in Bethel.

- Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women (Chair: Diane) – (No report)
 - Treatment for substance abuse treatment providers
 - Signs in bars
 - Letters to manufacturers of pregnancy tests
 - AFN campaign – public awareness
 - Mushers – John Simon (Ardyce), Tracy Schaffer (Jeanne), Libby Riddles (Teri)
 - Screening tools for women of childbearing age
 - Explore PCAP treatment model in AK
- Education (Chair: Deb) – (No report)
 - Update on March 29 meeting
 - Educating district superintendents, school boards about FASD issues
 - Educating opportunities at conferences, legislature
 - Expand LKSD/ASD models statewide

Notes: Ask Deb Evensen to write an article for "Healthy Alaska." Jeanne suggested add poster board. Asked for letters of support from Partnership regarding Monica's position LKSD. Ardyce will be present at board meeting to talk about it. Contact Superintendent Gary Baldwin, P.O. Box 305 Bethel, AK 99559

- Legal System (Chair: Stephanie) – (No report)
 - Change mitigating factors (Mike Jeffery) Resolution on FASD to the Alaska Bar Association did not happen this year. Canada did a lot of prep work and background put into coming up with their resolution.
 - Improve screening at intake, DOC/DJJ – letter to Carmen Gutierrez
 - Training for DOC/DJJ staff – meeting with Trust Training Cooperative, DHSS, UAA, Arctic FASD RTC, Corrections, AK Mental Health Trust, ABADA, AK FASD Partnership, etc.
 - Professional Development – (No report).
 - Funding, sponsors, distribution of FASD books and resources
 - Expand FASD 101 and 201 training opportunities
- Notes:* Arctic RTC is providing trainings, but will not likely sponsor a Collaborative Conversations this year. Ask Alex for update.
- Adult Services (Tami) – (No report)
 - Promote Collaborative Conversations
 - Promote and expand training opportunities
 - Home for FASD services system
 - Identify who is being served and not being served
 - Expand diagnosis capability to better identify who needs services
 - Educate providers/existing system to provide better

Notes: Dee Dee will contact Tami for a meeting of the workgroup.

VI. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 3-4:30pm (call in number 800-315-6338 code: 5125#)