

**Alaska FASD Partnership
Diagnostic Work Group - MINTUES
May 5, 2011**

Present: Deborah Snyder, Ric Iannolino, Sandy Fiscus, Vickie Tinker, Teri Tibbett

1. Telehealth: Many sites available around the state. Must be someone on site (coordinator, village health aide, etc.). There are practitioners interested in participating. *Action: Ask Genevieve about teleconferencing with Ab Chudley about this.*
2. Diagnosis of Incarcerated Individuals: FASD Card would be useful after diagnosis to help protect these individuals. Some PD's apparently don't want their clients to have a diagnosis as it may result in longer sentencing. Some judges may look at the diagnosis as a negative factor. Bringing these individuals through mental health court may result in alternative sentencing. Teri reports that money to train criminal justice professionals on mental health issues and FASD has just been approved in the operating budget.
3. Case Management: Will discuss case management monies promised to Sitka, Juneau, Kenai, Bethel tomorrow at Diagnostic Team Coordinators meeting.
4. Diagnosis of Adults: Some teams are diagnosing, but no services are available to hook most adults to. It does help if they are eligible for SSI or MRDD waiver or assisted housing or having legal troubles. Helps them understand their challenges better, but other than that, no services are really available.
5. Screening Tools and Diagnostic Models: Deborah stated that, in Delta, some parents don't really want their kids to be diagnosed; how can Special Ed teachers encourage parents to have their kids diagnosed? Sandy stated that the diagnosis is critical to having an accurate and useful IEP. *Action: Have any screening tools been validated?*
6. Parent Navigation: Overlapping issue with case management.
7. Per Ric, there is a private, for-profit group doing FASD diagnosis in Alaska, doing five diagnoses per week. Has provider agreement with the state. *Action: Ric and Vickie will find out more about that.*