

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - 3-4:30pm
MINUTES

- I. Introductions:** Deb Evensen (FAS Training Services, longtime educator); Hersh Wallace (works with people with substance abuse disorders and dual diagnosis for mental health disorders, gets referrals from Corrections and other entities for rehab, has experience in drug treatment, they're a work program with major focus on assisting individuals on re-enter the workforce and maintain a job, including ongoing guidance and counseling (average case is 2-10 years), has offices in Kodiak, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Wasilla, and are working toward developing hub offices); Stephanie Johnson (Mental Health clinician at Nome Youth Facility); Trish Smith (works with Volunteers of America-AK as advocate for FASD in the community); Art Delaune (works at Access Alaska in professional capacity with people with FASD and has two adopted sons, focus on services (especially housing) for so many individuals and families who are suffering and not being served); Amy Hansen (Office of Public Advocacy); Ardyce Turner (birth mother and Children's Services Specialist working with families who have an FASD); DeeDee Raymond (Mental Health Clinician with DOC release program with people who have mental illness and co-occurring disorders); Monica Charles-Leinberger (LKSD FASD & Behavior Specialist and Parent Navigator for 10 years, also worked on Bethel Diagnostic Team); Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus (parent of children with FASD, former diagnostic team member, Parent Navigator, FASD trainer); Vickie Tinker (coordinator of Kenai diagnostic clinic, does statewide education).
- II. Approval of Agenda.** Approved.
- III. Approval of Minutes 5/11/11.** Approved.
- IV. Legislative Update.** Overview of 2nd Chance Act grant to study FASD in Corrections; identifying people with FASD in corrections and steering them toward services.
- V. Letter to LKSD, re: FASD Specialist.** Draft letter to Gary Baldwin supporting the LKSD FASD Specialist was discussed. No suggested changes; be sure to cc Kathy Bohach, Director of Special Education, and members of the LKSD Board (for individual addresses, go to School Board online at www.lksd.org.)
- VI. Workgroups update**
- Diagnosis (Cheri, Vickie). No meeting.
 - Family/Peer Support (Jeanne) (see Minutes from 6.1.11 meeting) – Highlights: AK Peer Support Consortium overview; White Crow Village in Canada features model programs serving individuals and families with FASD, including the “FASD Interdependent Living Program for Adults” and “Live-in FASD Education Sessions (L.I.F.E.);” discussed parents and grandparents who are raising children and grandchildren with FASD and who are overwhelmed with stress, frustration, exhaustion, and REALLY need services, including transition services, employment, housing, family support, etc.; need to support FASD 101 and 201 training, followed by “FASD into Action,” training, which offers a more comprehensive interventions.
 - Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women (Diane). No meeting.
 - Education (Deb, Monica). No meeting.
 - Legal System (Stephanie). No meeting.
 - Professional Development (Alex). No meeting.
 - Adult Services (Tami). No meeting.

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VII. Individual Action Plans Update

- **Monica** – Give presentation to LKSD district board on FASD. Coordinate with Stephanie/Teri who knows mushers. Do promotion events in Nome during Iditarod.
- **Tami** – Research training sets available for Corrections/DJJ best or promising practices/models. Work with Alex on Collaborative Conversations, also send out announcements
- **Alex** – Create resource list of trainings for professionals currently available (by profession) and send it out.
- **Mike J.** – Canadian Bar Association resolution to adapt to FASD stop criminalization of people with FASD – get AK Bar and American Bar Association to do the same. Start with contacting Law & Community Health Sections – May 2011.
- **Jeanne** – Get mushers to champion the FASD cause. Attend AK Peer Support Consortium meeting to talk about peer support and parent navigation.
- **Cheri** – Contact FASD Center for Excellence to research current screening tools, including forensic assessment of FASD.
- **Diane** – Prepare letter for manufacturers of home pregnancy tests. Send letter to all members and encourage to send to their people as well. Deal with alcohol pregnancy signs, get examples from other states and give to ABC Boards. Call Anna Sappah about having a presence at Annual School.
- **Mike B.** – Research data on the camps – how much, how well, is anyone better off. Contact Trish at VOAA, contact families from camp (Note: was sent out last week, will forward). Work with Vickie to outline telemedicine components for pilot project.
- **Dee Dee** – Talk to DBH and DOC about incorporating screening into intake process. Work with Tami on best practices to present later. Coordinate with Tami on FASD 101 and 201 about using it with DOC Mental Health Clinics.
- **Stephanie** – Talk to DJJ about incorporating screening process into intake process. Rural technical assistance evaluation mental health services in villages (Lee Underwood). She will promote addressing FASD into that system. On DJJ statewide training committee will promote appropriate trainings.
- **Cindy** – Will talk with new DEED commissioner and address school board about FASD; also talk with Geri Benshoof.
- **Teresa/Jennifer** – Identify education conferences each year, how to apply, etc. Talk to Eric Gebhart about superintendents' conferences.
- **Deb** – Presenting at conferences two-day classes at ASSEC. Ask about replicating her presentation at other conferences.
- **Teri** – Will type up notes. Will investigate opportunities to interject FASD issue in meetings with Courts, Corrections, Education, Legislature, etc. Will develop list of legislative priorities that Partnership can advocate for.
- **Ardyce** – Will talk with John Simon (has step-son with FASD) to champion the FASD cause.

VIII. Where do we go from here?

- Education Workgroup will meet (TBA).
- Prevention/Treatment workgroup will meet on June 22 at 1:30pm.
- Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (see email 6/7) is seeking input on FASD issues; Art is asking for support focusing on transitional housing for individuals coming out of foster homes and correctional settings, that includes a safe place for people with FASD to live and learn independent living skills, including transportation; also support Alaska Complex Behaviors Collaborative hub which will offer triage and other services and will one day include teams of professionals to help build local services and provide housing for people with difficult behaviors.
- Support an annual all-Alaska summit for families, providers, clinic coordinators to come together to learn and share.
- Investigate TAPS – transitional services for youth 14-22 years. Art will find out about it.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 3-4:30pm.