

AK FASD Partnership Steering Committee
July 13, 2011 - MINUTES

- I. **Introductions.** Vicki Tinker, Hersh Wallace, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Deb Evensen, Mike Jeffery, Art Dulane, Sean O'Brien, DeeDee Raymond, Stephanie Johnson, Amy Hansen, Gayle Young. Teri Tibbett.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** Approved.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - 6/28/11** Approved.
- IV. **Letter to LKSD**
Suggested sending it to other districts. Referred to Education workgroup.
- V. **Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education call for input**
Deadline for input is July 15. See page 5 of AK FASD Partnership newsletter for how we can contribute. Art, who serves on the Council, said there is a perception that people with FASD are getting the services they need and so not much needs to be done. It would be helpful if members of the Partnership would send in letters stating what is still needed.
- VI. **Vocational Rehabilitation Services/DOLWD**
Sean O'Brian and Hersh Wallace from Vocational Rehabilitation Services with Alaska Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development: VRS helps individuals with disabilities (cognitive, neurobehavioral, developmental, physical) to gain employment; they look at an individual's disabilities and first do an assessment to determine disability and limitations, then develop an employment plan (IEP); they serve youth and adults; sometimes they can't assist and will refer to other agencies or ask clients to come back when circumstances are more inline (sobriety, medication management, stabilization, etc.); has their own academic department and do evaluations/assessments; work with people's individual situations and how to get them to employment; offer a variety of services once the plan is determined (e.g. on-the-job training, vocational school, college, etc.); the average time they work with a consumer is 3-7 years; Jeanne suggested offering the more intervention-oriented "FASD into Action" training through Stone Soup Group to counselors, Sean took that information; Jeanne & Mike stressed the importance of keeping the supports ongoing, not pulling out when the person gets better because people with FASD need ongoing support, Sean agreed and said they understood it, and talked about their Post-Employment services, which allows them to offer minimal supports after the case is closed; Teri asked if they provide training and Sean responded no, that they are counselors that serve more like brokers – getting individuals connected with the right training and employment and services.
- VII. **Legislative Update – Looking ahead to FY13**
Teri: Grants for treatment for pregnant women went out to two entities for women's outpatient treatment (Rainforest Recovery in Juneau, and Central Peninsula Hospital Serenity House, and a third is schedule to start up soon. Contact Merilee Fletcher at DHSS for more info; FASD case management funds still not ready, hold up is because it's a new program; New FY13 budget request is taking form, current incarnation is to ask for \$300,000 to set up a statewide "itinerant" adult diagnostic team headed by a team coordinator that could assemble a team pulling from local and itinerant resources, details will be finalized in August – Mike supports it, Vicki believes there is a pool of people the coordinator could utilize in each location depending on availability.

VIII. Recovery Month (September)

Teri sent out Recovery Month event ideas with guidelines and resources for carrying them out – included in the stack is an overview for how to put on an FASD Awareness Day promotion in Restaurants. This year, Alaska CHARR (Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailer’s Association) is co-sponsoring the promotion by pitching it to their affiliates statewide. Teri asked for local volunteers to coordinate with CHARR (CHARR will distribute posters and table tents). Stephanie, Vickie, and Deb volunteered.

IX. Workgroup Updates

1. Diagnosis/Parent Navigation – Doodle request is out. Meeting TBA.
2. Family/Peer Support – Next meeting will be August 23 at 1pm. Will be working on problems related to FASD Waivers, and more.
3. Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women – met 6/22. See workgroup minutes.
4. Education – Next meeting will be August 16 at Noon. Will be working on recruiting volunteers to present at conferences statewide; and to address sending out LKSD support letter to other school districts.
5. Legal System – Kate Burkhart is working on the mitigating factors issue, will have draft language in mid-August; DJJ has added FASD training to all DJJ staff to their top 5 core competencies. The recommendation is currently before senior management, not final yet; update on the Second Chance grant is that it didn’t work out because of complications with the required matching funds, but the Trust, AMHB and ABADA are still working on it through other possible channels.
6. Professional Development – no meeting.
7. Services for Adults – no meeting.
8. Public Relations (ad hoc). Jennifer Jones (GCDSE) compiled a statewide conference list; Teri is recruiting additions to the list and working on a “conference kit” with resources for presenters, exhibitors, etc. – to begin using this fall.

X. Individual Action Plan update

None reported.

XI. Where do we go from here?

No meeting in August. Next meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 3-4:30pm.