

**AK FASD Partnership
Diagnosis, Parent Navigation Workgroup - MINUTES
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1. Telehealth: Reconnect with Dr. Chudley. Have list of questions; know what's available here. Earlier this year, Vickie contacted Dr. Chudley in Manitoba to talk with our group about doing diagnosis (Dx) via telemed. He was very enthusiastic and said he would gather his colleagues in order to provide us with an in-depth discussion, but has not gotten back to her with dates. She will wait until late August/September to re-connect with him and discuss schedule. She suggested we do a pre-discussion conference call of committee members to compile a list of questions related to telemedicine before we actually have the call with them. We still need to explore how to bill for this in AK – who could find out about Medicaid codes that could be used for billing for telemedicine conducted Dx? There's been lots of talk about codes, but no one has stepped up to do the leg work.

2. Diagnosis of Incarcerated Individuals: Any updates? Notes from previous conference calls of corrections committee discussed screening tools being used. Our committee would like to have joint call with that committee to discuss their findings, next steps for diagnosis to expand for incarcerated individuals and figure out how to make this happen in a timely manner. Could Teri facilitate joint call between Dx and corrections committees to discuss screening tools, process? In Kenai, public defender's office has paid for diagnosis for some individuals on the teams wait list. An issue – the length of time it takes to go through the Dx process for clients involved in corrections. Vickie believes that the PD's office is hoping for reasonable sentencing to be an outcome of the diagnostic process.

3. Case Management: Status of CM moneys promised to Sitka, Juneau, Kenai, Bethel. Any other routes for billing for CM? Vickie - On last FASD team coordinators meeting call, Genevieve Casey stated that \$ still hadn't been released yet, hoping for end of August. DBH will be watching how pilot communities use \$. According to Vickie there has been zero involvement from community members in Kenai area in how the case management will be set up (not sure how other communities have been involved), what services it will include and process of billing for services. It's important that the state get this right before implementing it to safeguard vulnerable individuals and their families that need the help desperately. Is case management something that Dx teams should be billing for – if so who knows what those codes? We need a Medicaid hero to find out these codes. Deborah - FASD and Autism are significant issues in Delta Junction, Deltana Community Services Partnership was not awarded funding in this grant cycle. Service programs are regrouping and looking at how they can support community needs in different more focused ways. One area they will focus on is senior housing.

4. Diagnosis of Adults: Any updates? Kenai, Juneau, Assets in Anchorage, currently doing on limited basis, not sure who else is doing this. Marilyn Piece-Bulger has brought up traveling team – has there been any progress on this idea?

5. Screening Tools and Diagnostic Models: Any updates? Cheri will forward conference materials from recent conferences that had workshops on screening and diagnosis. Marilyn Piece-Bulger has brought up traveling team – what has happened with this. Could state duplicate autism screening clinic model for FASD screening, traveling team coordinator gathers records back home, team follows up with telemedicine meeting for any needed assessments and diagnostic conference with family.

6. Parent Navigation: Has this been punted to a different subcommittee? Minutes from some of the Family Support committee meetings have addressed parent navigation. Can we set up joint call between family support and Dx committees to discuss PN process, where PN support starts and stops, when longer term family support kicks in and what both services look like, how to use new technology, continuing education possibilities for current team PNs. SSG will be hosting state PNs for an annual one day continuing education opportunity. There is some travel \$ to assist teams in sending 1-2 PNs to this. The plan is to tag the PN training day onto another conference that would be of interest to the PNs to get the most bang for our buck.