

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
EDUCATION WORKGROUP – Draft Minutes
Tuesday, August 16th, 2011 12noon-1:30pm

I. Introductions

Deb Evensen (FASD Education Consultant), Monica Charles-Leinberger (FASD Specialist, Bethel), Shannon Cross (DHSS FASD Waiver), Trish Smith (Volunteers of America, Anchorage), Jennifer Jones (Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education GCDSE), Teresa Sprague (Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults); Eric Gebhart (Superintendent, Nenana School District, chair of GCDSE); Teri Tibbett (Advocacy Coordinator for Alaska Mental Health Board-AMHB, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse-ABADA, Juneau).

II. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

III. Approval of 3.29.11 Minutes

IV. Catch up

Monica discussed her upcoming presentation to the LKSD school board about the Partnership and what we're doing; she has been in contact with attorney Val Davidson at Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) who is working on connecting the Partnership with ANTHC with possible representation on the steering committee; Monica will be sending out the Partnership's newsletter to school district employees and invite questions or concerns; does media outreach (radio and health corporation). Shannon Cross discussed the FASD Waiver, and that it's viable through Sept. 2012; they currently have 50 on the waiver spread out all over the state, including about 20 from Presbyterian Hospitality House in Fairbanks; there are a lot of questions from schools and Shannon has been participating in meetings related to school issues; she working to get more education and information in the schools. Trish announced a mistake in the response from the Division of Behavioral Health regarding the amount of the grant awarded to VOA for FASD camps, so instead of having four FASD camps next year, they'll have only two (in Wasilla and Homer); she is pursuing additional housing in Anchorage (inspired by an article sent out by the Partnership on housing in Whitehorse). Jennifer expressed GCDSE's interest in being part of the Partnership's efforts; discussed the list of conferences she compiled for the workgroups education/information efforts. Deb talked about participation in NOFAS's annual meeting for affiliates related to what she's doing with Anchorage School District – the district is working to increase capacity of the entire school district system to deal with the challenges of FASD in every grade and every program; discussed that system change is slow; important to share with all districts what other districts are doing. Teresa Sprague has recently returned from a summer break, next week will begin outreach in middle schools, also outreach for women at risk. Eric explained that Nenana School District received a grant to improve information and FASD is part of that. Teri said that based on the input from the AK FASD Partnership, AMHB and ABADA has recommended to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority that the FY13 mental budget include an increment for an alternative/itinerant FASD diagnostic team focused on serving adults.

V. Workgroups update

- O Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) campaign – Trish will find out what are the parameters for exhibit tables, break-out sessions, etc. at this year's conference. Monica will talk to her friend who can possibly address FASD at local meetings/AFN.
- O Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) update – Monica contacted attorney Val Davidson at ANTHC who is facilitating joining the Partnership and the steering committee
- O Educating district superintendents, school boards, special education personnel, etc. about FASD issues. Discussion included brainstorming about conferences and adding to Jennifer's list. Eric

suggested the Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA) – superintendents, principals and school business managers – and suggested that the Association of School Boards (AASB) has roundtables at their conferences that invite people to present on various subjects. Deb suggested putting together a hot sheet on what superintendents and school boards need to know. Teri suggested a Conference Kit that Partnership members can use at conferences statewide. Shannon suggested looking into in health conferences and mental health conferences – focusing on healthy pregnancies. She also discussed a screening tool that Colorado created for clinicians and practitioners. She will be discuss it more with Cheri Scott and the Anchorage FASD council.

O FASD Awareness Day Events statewide

- Trish (Anchorage) - Stick people put up through library; also putting up blank sticks to represent people who have not been diagnosed; Flash Mob to lay down on city square with pregnant bellies; Kevin Meyer will ready proclamation downtown (call Kevin's office to see what he's doing and where)
- Deb (Anchorage School District and Homer) - Working with ASD to do awareness event district-wide. Working with CHARR and restaurant promotion
- Monica (Lower Kuskokwim School District and Bethel) – various school board awareness opportunities; will be local volunteer in Bethel to work with CHARR and on restaurant promotion.
- Theresa (Mat-Su area) – will distribute FASD proclamations, bottled water, candy and napkins with FASD messages.
- Teri (Statewide/Juneau) – will coordinate (with CHARR) restaurant promotion statewide and in Juneau

Volunteers to work with CHARR in restaurant promotion (will forward this list to CHARR)

Monica = Bethel; Deb = Homer; Trish = Anchorage; Teresa = Palmer/Wasilla; Teri = Juneau

VI. Next Steps

SHORT TERM

O Workgroup members will contact various conferences (from the list compiled by Jennifer) and report back: 1) dates and location of conference; 2) requirements/costs/deadlines for setting up an exhibit table; 3) requirements/parameters/deadlines for hosting breakout sessions; 4) requirements/parameters/deadlines for arranging keynote speakers. Following are who is doing what (for contact information of conferences, refer to master list of "AK Conferences and Presentation Opportunities" document sent from Teri on 8.16.11):

- Jennifer – will contact Midnight Sun Assistive Technology Conference, DEED Provider's Conference, DEED Special Education Directors Training
- Theresa – will contact DHSS School Health and Wellness Institute
- Trish – will contact AFN, Alaska School Counselor Association
- Monica – will contact Full Lives Conference
- Deb – will contact Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference
- Teri – will contact Alaska Council on School Administrators (ACSA), Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals, Association of Alaska School Boards.

LONG TERM

O Assemble FASD Conference Kits with brochures, banners, manipulatives, etc. for Partnership volunteers to use at conferences

O Arrange for Partnership volunteers to attend/present/staff exhibit tables Alaska conferences using the FASD Conference Kit.

VII. Date for Next Meeting

August 30, 2011 - from 12:00-1:30pm