

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee – MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 - 3:00-4:30pm

I. Present: Monica Leinberger, Stephanie Johnson, Amy Hansen, Vickie Tinker, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Jeri Museth, Cindy Anderson, Sean O'Brien, Genevieve Casey (for Diane Casto), Mike Jeffery, Teri Tibbett.

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes (12/14/11). Approved.

IV. Spring Summit in Juneau.

Teri is working on funding and setting the date. Doodle request went out and we're waiting for everyone to respond to set a date.

V. Musher Kits.

Teri and Brittany (Intern) are working on developing musher kits to include bumper stickers (with an FASD message and space to autograph and distribute at the checkpoints), cloth patches for mushers to wear, and a banner to go on the sled. She is collaborating with Libby Riddles to come up with the most appropriate solutions.

V. Workgroup Updates

- **Diagnosis/Parent Navigation.**
- **Family/Peer Support** – Subcommittee was formed to address Whitecrow LIFE Sessions, how to develop the Whitecrow model in Alaska. Jill and Jan are co-chairing that subcommittee. Looking for funding to send folks to Whitecrow and to bring the Whitecrow training to Alaska. Goal is to develop resources to make it happen on its own in Alaska. LIFE sessions are led by people with an FASD and teaches competency to professionals and families based on what the people with FASD themselves feel are successful strategies. The VOA Family Camps are held over a long weekend and offer family support. This year they're offering FASD Into Action training for adults alongside activities for the youth and families – such as crafts, music, dog mushing, fishing, swimming, bouncing bears, etc. The goal is to continue developing and expanding family camps and start developing and expanding LIFE sessions.
- **Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women.**
- **FASD and the Education System** – Cindy reported that Anchorage School District is in their 3rd year of addressing FASD in the schools. Each school has one staff trained for FASD support. There is a district-wide FASD committee that support education, awareness and hands-on and online training. Deb Evensen, hired as a specialist for the district implementing the plan, is working on a write-up to give the overview of what she's been doing. The cost is about \$100,000 per year for 90 schools. Deb does private consultation, bringing parents and teams together, individual student support, demonstration teaching, etc. Cindy will send a document outlining what Deb is doing. Vickie reported that Deb met with Clayton Holland in Kenai, special services, to discuss developing something there.
- **FASD and the Legal System** - Nome Youth Facility will be hosting an 8-hour training from Arctic FASD Regional Training, inviting Norton Sound, Kawarek, and Nome Eskimo to participate. Jeri noted that the Arctic RTC is weak in the area of cultural competency. CCTHITA has communicated this to them and they have said they will work on it. Alaska Native Leaders

Conference are working with Center for Excellence on this. Working to bring in Native leaders to attend FASD training. Judge Jeffery and Teri discussed the FASD as a mitigating factor legislation being worked on by Senator Meyer's office. It's still a work in progress. Judge Jeffery also discussed the Canadian Bar Association's resolution (2010) and the efforts underway to encourage the American Bar Association to pass a similar resolution – perhaps at their August 2012 meeting. The ABA is having a mid-year meeting in New Orleans in February 2012 which will include a ½ day session on “Alcohol-Related Birth Disorders and the Law: How Should Attorneys and Judges Respond?” The hope is that this educational event and some advocacy efforts will result in the mid-year meeting of the American Bar Association forwarding a recommendation to the August meeting to pass an FASD resolution. Mike believes that the recent double issue on FASD, published by the Journal of Psychiatry and Law, has energized this effort. Many of the New Orleans presenters, including Mike, have articles in the publication. The journal had a press conference about FASD at the National Press Club after the issues were published. (Participants at the FASD session will have the whole double issue on flash drive).

- **Professional Development.** (No workgroup is formed or meeting)
- **Services for Adults.** **ACTION: Teri will send to Sean a list of contact information for people who have voiced an interest in participating, and he will send out an invitation to participate and begin having meetings.**

Additional Comments:

Genevieve reported that the provider agreements for providing case management services has been posted online for the following communities: Juneau, Kenai, Bethel and Sitka. They are actively recruiting case managers who are working for non-profits, or people in the community who have the skills to apply for a provider agreement to provide case management services – helping people who have been diagnosed and now need to take the next step to link to services.

Teri is working on assembling legislative advocacy kits with the bills and budget items relating to FASD and FASD-related issues.

VI. Individual Action Plan update (v = **completed!; *new information italicized and in blue*)**

From last meeting:

- Deb and Monica will have education meeting; Deb will get names of legal folks from Dillingham and other places.
- Monica will meet with Barbara Knapp about the waiver and how it benefits families with FASD.
- Jeanne has two children on the FASD waiver and will talk with Barbara Knapp and keep abreast of what Monica learns.
- Jeanne will contact Robyn at AKPSC and Art about the peer support meeting in Fairbanks. Will set date for next meeting of Family/Peer Support workgroup when Kee Warner and Deb Evensen are available.
- Art will look into professional development workgroup and how it ties in with peer support.
- Teri will research funding for travel for summit participants.
- Teri will send out doodle request for Spring Summit in Juneau.

From December 2010 Summit:

- **Monica** – ✓-Give presentation to LKSD district board on FASD. Coordinate with Stephanie/Teri on recruiting mushers. *Working on inviting Valerie Davidson from ANTHC to join the steering committee. Is working with Deb, Ric and Teri on “conference kits.”*
- **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. *Recommends reading “Living with FASD: A Guide For Parents,” by Sarah Graefe.*
- **Jeanne** – ✓-Get mushers to champion the FASD cause. *She is working with a local musher who has agreed to support it if we can get a sponsor packet to her.* 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 FASD 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. *Is working on improving screening for juvenile justice, what will they do after testing and have a huge list of people testing positive, they’re working on figuring that out. A couple villages are working on underage drinking grant to educate youth and young adults about FASD.*
- **Cindy** – Will talk with new DEED commissioner and address school board about FASD; also talk with Geri Benshoof.
- **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. ✓-Replicate presentation at other conferences. *Is working with Monica, Teri and Ric Innolino to develop the “conference kits.”*
- **Teri** – ✓-Will type up notes. ✓-Will investigate opportunities to interject FASD issue in meetings with Courts, Corrections, Education, Legislature, etc. *Has been discussing FASD with policy makers and department representatives about promoting FASD awareness within their departments – DEED and DOC responding favorably.* ✓-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. *She is waiting to give him the sponsor packet.*