

DRAFT MINUTES
Services for Adults with FASD
Alaska FASD Partnership
May 7, 2012

I. INTRODUCTIONS: Chair-Art Arnold, Cynthia Puhalski, Geno Daly, Trish Smith, Kristen Hull (Palmer Mental Health), Angel Gonzales, Vickie Tinker, Keita Senaga (Alaska Children’s Services), Laura and Larry Rorem, Elaine Loomis-Olsen, May Marsh (Kodiak Area Native Association), Bunti Reed (JYS), Tommy O’Malley, Dee Dee Raymond, Jan Guertin (Catholic Community Service), Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Julie Hill, Jacquie Erickson (AYFN), Sean O’Brien, Teri Tibbett.

Art offered an overview of the Secondary Transition “A Focused Look from a DVR Perspective” that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) addressed last year (document was attached with agenda in 5/4/12 email from Art). He would like the group to look at the document and circle, omit, add to, make comments, whatever, then email, deliver, or fax to 465-2856. Deadline for responses, Friday, May 11.

II. MONTHLY Meetings: A regular monthly meeting schedule will be established.

1. **Regular Meeting time:** 3rd Monday of each month at 9am. Next meeting Monday, June 18, 2012, 9-10am. Call-in 1-888-354-0094 code: 3911086#
2. **Workgroup details:** Art Arnold, Transition Specialist/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, will facilitate the meeting. The meeting will have an established agenda to be provided in advance. Focus will be on new materials being presented for discussion, review and adoption. Discussion will always include: What’s Working? What’s Not Working? And ultimately...Developing recommendations and suggestions and change for things that are not working, followed by action to accomplish the recommendations.
3. **Participation:** Each member of the Services for Adults with FASD workgroup will be expected to participate in this monthly meeting and in any follow-up actions. Please make every effort to review, engage and comment on agenda items during the meeting and follow-through on the actions you agree to work on between meetings. Your contribution is valued and necessary!

III. Recommendations of the FASD Partnership Steering Committee – for the Adult Services Workgroup.

Art requested our work support the recommendations and objectives of the AK FASD Partnership Steering Committee (established at a Partnership summit in December 2010):

1. Improve and expand services for adults with FASD transitions from foster care, secondary education, and correction systems—including assistance with housing, treatment, medication, employment, training, education, case management, aging grandparents and parents, etc.
2. Train, employers, educators, peer specialists, and substance abuse treatment providers.
3. Expand diagnosis for adults.

IV. Comments:

Art: Talked about primary research at DVR regarding secondary transition for DVR (from high school into adulthood, including education, training, housing, employment, etc). Had community forums in nine communities, and teleconferences in many more, did interviews with 700 people. What they came away with was more than 150 collected responses and a good idea of what was working and not

working and where they needed to go. They've created a handbook, secondary transition resource booklet, etc.

Larry Rorem: Need to address aging parents and grandparents and survival of the adults with FASD after their caregivers are no longer able to care for them.

Jeanne: We need to address guardianship.

Maria (Kasilof): Son is an adult who does not think he needs help and they are concerned what will happen to him.

Julie Hill: She works at an adult transitional living program and would like strategies for staff to be more effective working with the FASD population.

Bunti: Commented that the list of items in the TALKING POINTS document are broad enough and that they could be broken down into more detailed, manageable steps.

Tommy: Reported what happened at the State Systems conference in Virginia, that everyone is looking to Alaska because we are doing so much innovative stuff.

Teri: Offered an example of how other workgroups have operated – meeting regularly to determine the steps, delegating action, commitment, and follow-through. Sometimes forming sub-workgroups of the main workgroup to accomplish individual recommendations separately.