

Steering Committee - MINUTES
Alaska FASD Partnership
Wednesday, August 8, 2012

- I. **Attendance:** Monica Charles-Leinberger (chair), Jeri Museth, Stephanie Johnson, Teri Tibbett
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved
- III. **Approval of Minutes 7/11/12.** Approved
- IV. **Workgroup Reports:**
 - a. **Family/Peer Support Workgroup.** The workgroup continues to develop a proposal to bring Whitecrow Village to Alaska.
 - b. **Prevention of Pregnant Women Workgroup.** In Michigan, as a prevention measure, a group is making pregnancy tests available in bars.
 - c. **FASD and Legal System Workgroup.** 1) The American Bar Association passed a resolution on July 7, 2012 calling for recognition of issues related to FASD and the judicial system; 2) the state is repealing regulatory language related to the FASD Waiver because the federal funds have not been appropriated, the group discussed concern on how it will affect those with an FASD and their ability to secure services; 3) the workgroup is looking for a co-chair and to set-up regular meeting times. Action: Teri will forward the ABA resolution to Partnership members.
 - d. **Education Workgroup.** Deb and Monica met in Homer to put together a Powerpoint and hot sheet for administrators (including the Alaska State Board of Education, Alaska Council of School Superintendents, Association of Alaska School Boards, as well as local school boards and school districts, etc.). The Powerpoint aims to help school systems better recognize and serve children with FASD.
 - e. **Services for Adults Workgroup.** 1) The workgroup gathered resources for an Alaska FASD Resources Directory; 2) the next meeting on August 21 at 9am will host Don Levine from the Dept. of Education and Early Development, who will present on an online career organization tool.
 - f. **Professional Development Workgroup.** This workgroup needs a chair and someone to organize it!
 - g. **Youth and FASD Workgroup.** The workgroup is currently recruiting more youth to join and will discuss finalizing three priorities for action. Their next meeting is August 10 at 3 pm.
- V. **Next meeting.** Wednesday, September 12 at 3pm. Discussion topics: an FASD awareness campaign involving mushers. Pete Kaiser in Bethel may be a musher who would be willing to support the cause.