

**Family/Peer Support Workgroup  
Alaska FASD Partnership  
September 5, 2012**

- I. **Introductions** – Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus (Kiana), Bill Martin (Juneau), Cynthia Puhalski (Juneau), Vickie Tinker (Kenai), Teri Tibbett (Juneau).
- II. **Approval of Minutes from 8/1/12.** Approved.
- III. **Whitecrow Village update** - The workgroup is continuing to develop the proposal, at the point where they are addressing the financial part of it. When that is complete, it'll be polished and begin to present it to potential funders.
- IV. **Alaska Peer Support Consortium update** - SAFA (Self Advocates with FASD In Action), a national organization, is looking to start a chapter in Alaska. Anna Atla, who is on the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, is currently an Alaska delegate with SAFA. **ACTION: Robyn Priest and Teri will meet with her to discuss developing the Alaska chapter.**
- V. **FASD Waiver update** (Shannon) – The federal government has offered two additional years of funding, however, in order to use those funds, it would require writing another kind of waiver (1959?). It appears the Parnell administration is not supportive of writing the new waiver. So, on September 30, the waiver goes away. The suggestion from the group was rally Partnership members to support continuing the waiver during the regulation comment period. **ACTION: Teri will send out an announcement describing how to participate in public comment.**
- VI. **Lifelong Case Management** – Regarding the state's FASD case management funds: Frontier Community Services has hired a case manager who has not used any of the funds because they have to be used when Medicaid cannot be billed and most clients qualify; also the funds cannot be used during the diagnostic process, which is when they really need it. Juneau has no more active clinic, so not sure where that money will go. **ACTION: Arrange for an update from Diane Casto on the FASD case management program.**
- VII. **FASD Awareness Day Plans**
  - a. Kenai – Vickie has created "FASD & THE CHURCH" for working with churches and offering guidance in how to include FASD in their sermons, prayer focus, on Sunday, Sept. 9. **ACTION: Vickie will send "FASD & THE CHURCH" documents and Teri will forward them.**
  - b. Kiana – the Wellness Committee and the Village Counselor have organized a series of events including a Pep Rally, with an activity where you put marshmallows in your mouth and try to say "Build Better Baby's Brains." Will have an Awareness Walk on Monday.
  - c. Juneau – is participating in a statewide restaurant campaign to put informational table tents on restaurants in Juneau, Anchorage, Homer, and Anchorage on Sept. 9.
- VIII. **Next Meeting: NOTE ONE-TIME DATE CHANGE: Tuesday, October 2 at 9am.** Add to agenda: FASD case management funds and how they're being used; report on FASD Awareness Day activities and how they went.