

**Alaska FASD Partnership
Steering Committee – MINUTES
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

I. Introductions – Lakota Holman (ANTHC); Wendy Barrett (Stone Soup Group-SSG); Alex Edwards (Arctic FASD Regional Training Center); Christie Reinhardt (Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education-GCDSE); Mike Jeffery (Courts); Sean O’Brien (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation-DVR); Trish Smith (Volunteers of America Alaska-VOAAK); Teri Tibbett (Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse-AMHB-ABADA).

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes – 4.9.14. Approved.

IV. Member Updates

Mike J. and Vickie - Reported on the Vancouver International FASD Conference which focused on adults and adolescents, entitled “Changing the Conversation.” Liz Peterson in Bethel is doing good things related to FASD. The conference felt different from others, the conversation is “really changing,” moving away from just focusing on mom’s drinking alcohol during pregnancy and moving toward how to help, what we can do. Also, brought home that this is a lifelong project, it doesn’t just stop at age 18. Lifelong supports are needed. Talked about legal advocates trained to work with people with FASD.

Christie Reinhardt – The GCDSE met in Anchorage in April. The FASD workgroup of the council reported at that meeting for the first time. The workgroup’s overall goal is to expand FASD-Informed Care through three priorities: 1) expansion of DD eligibility for people with FASD, 2) self-advocacy for people with FASD and establishing a SAFA affiliation in Alaska and support group; 3) Prevention of secondary disabilities. GCDSE goal is to see people with FASD more integrated and served in under the umbrella of GCDSE.

Trish Smith – The Student Life group at UAA and VOAAK ““Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol” (CMCA) group is sponsoring a town hall meeting on FASD. Has a flyer and forward it to the steering committee.

Alex Edwards – Arctic FASD RTC is working with the state’s FASD office doing some workshops, including *FASD Into Action* in early June, taught by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus; the RTC is coming up on the end of their second 3-year cycle and they’re re-applying. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has shifted its focus as of October 2014, and so the Arctic FASD RTC will no longer be offering free public workshops in FASD 101 and 201 and instead in the first year will be focusing on planning, followed by focus on training and education for nurses and social workers.

Wendy B – SSG will offer *FASD Into Action* June 17-18 at Stone Soup Group. They’re offering FASD 101 and 201 and *FASD Into Action* around the state when people request it. They have funding to keep the trainings free through FY15, after that they will start charging as the funds run out. Wendy attended the health summit in Barrow, provided brochures and panel discussion there.

V. Legislative Update

Teri T. Announced that Kyle Hopkins’ articles on FASD are available via the Anchorage Daily News (ADN) website (but are difficult to find) and so the Rasmusson Foundation has archived the articles on their website. The legislature passed several items related to FASD: two resolutions asking the Governor to

address FASD; \$500,000 for a statewide FASD public relations/awareness campaign; language in SB 64 requiring the Dept. of Corrections (DOC) to screen and serve people with FASD, and other brain-based disabilities; \$120,000 for a pilot project in DOC to screen and serve people with FASD in a culturally-appropriate manner; \$600,000 to First Alaskans Institute to develop Natural Helpers network; \$400,000 to UAA Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies for pilot project for testing and formative evaluation of methods to prevent FASD. Teri distributed a two-page overview on this on Partnership letterhead.

VI. AK FASD Partnership Powerpoint

Teri T. invited members to read through the Powerpoint that offers an overview of statewide efforts related to FASD over the last four years, including legislative accomplishments in 2014, and statewide efforts going on around the state by a variety of entities. She will post it on the Partnership's website (to find the website, google Alaska FASD Partnership).

VII. Other reports/announcements

Christie reported that Anchorage FASD Council is working on continuing to be a resource and networking entity, and planning for the 2014 FASD Awareness Day events, which will include FASD evening event with local providers and agencies. She noted the council has had a good turnout, due largely to Tommy O'Malley bringing pies to the meetings.

Teri reported that the Juneau FASD Workgroup is planning an Alaskan-Canadian conference in Juneau, March 3-5, 2015: "ALCAN FASD Conference: From Awareness to Action and Implementation." Please mark your calendars!

Vickie reported that Kenai School District staff are showing more awareness at IEP meetings and this is making it better for the students, parents, teacher and advocates. The district has been working with Deb Evensen on improving outcomes for youth with FASD.

Wendy reported that Stone Soup Group (SSG) is offering *FASD Into Action* train-the-trainers for Camp Fire, who represent 27 communities around the state, including rural areas; did some training in Bering Strait School District; is going to Dillingham to teach *FASD Into Action* at the Early Childhood Conference in July; SSG is working with youth in a Friendship & Dating class.

Teri reported that a young woman from AYFN is interested in chairing the Youth & FASD Workgroup. Announcements about that will follow in the coming weeks/month.

VIII. Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 Teri will send out a reoccurring Outlook invite