

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
October 14, 2015 – MINUTES

I. Introductions. Vickie Tinker, Phil Mattheis, Mike Jeffery, Meghan Clark, Noelle Miller, Mike Baldwin, Shannon Cross, Stephanie Johnson, Lakota Holman, Britteny Howell, Teri Tibbett.

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes. 8.12.15. Approved.

IV. FASD Awareness Day Events

Mike Jeffery reported that he and two enthusiastic NSB health educators in Barrow distributed table tents in five restaurants in Barrow.

Vickie reported a volunteer distributed in Kenai to enthusiastic restaurant owners. She also saw the Governor's proclamation printed in the local paper.

Stephanie and Angel distributed in seven restaurants in Nome. Also, they arranged for KNOM to announce the free non-alcoholic beverages to pregnant women.

Britteny reported an awareness day event at the Anchorage School District Atrium with 24 information tables, nearly 170 people, Mayor Berkowitz and First Lady Walker spoke, as well as other speakers.

Meghan reported she and Trish Smith distributed to restaurants city-wide, also participated in putting up stick figures.

V. Member Updates

Lakota reported an event ANTHC is sponsoring featuring Native art, (including Native tattooing), comedy, and music for health outlets for people.

Stephanie reported they are working on pulling together an FASD diagnostic team in Nome. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Mike Jeffery, Vickie Tinker, and Jenn Wagaman participated. They are advertising a case manager position through Norton Sound Health Corporation. Collaborating with Nome Public Schools and Bering Strait School District, who are offering their OPT and Speech Therapist. Other collaborators include Kawarek and Norton Sound patient data, which has given them information helpful in determining who might have eligible children. They are preparing a white paper for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority who will be in Nome in November. Mike Jeffery reported that the group working on this in Nome are passionate and professional and it is inspiring. Stephanie also reported on some of their exit strategies for youth returning to rural villages, how they have strengthened their transition practices so youth are not just dropped off back into the village after being adjudicated for the past year or longer.

Shannon reported that as of Oct. 1, DJJ now has a tracking system for tracking the number of youth with FASD in DJJ facilities. They want to use the information to better educate staff and qualify for additional funding.

Mike is working on FASD training for rural health aides outside of Barrow. The rural health aide program is in the process of approving the State of Alaska's FASD 101 curriculum as deserving of education credit for use among health aides around the state. Mike talked with Ella Gonzales at ANTHC in preparation for the health aide training he and Teri Telkamp accomplished. The health aide program will still need to approve the presenters each time, but at least the curriculum will be approved.

Monica (not present) co-presented early this month with California public defender Billy Edwards on FASD and the Legal System at a statewide training for all the magistrate judges.

VI. Partnership Project Discussion

At the last meeting, the idea of a Partnership-wide project was discussed. Some ideas included housing for youth in transition with FASD; a statewide clearing house for FASD resources; supporting OCS in being more effective with families impacted by FASD; culturally-appropriate interventions and resources; training for therapeutic foster homes. At this meeting, Teri agreed to send out these ideas with some suggestions for how the Partnership might be able to put effort into one or more of them—with the hope members will reply with feedback and additional suggestions.

VIII. Other Announcements.

IX. Next meeting November 11, 2015.