

**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – FINAL MINUTES**

**I. Introductions.** Alex Edwards, Vickie Tinker, Christie Reinhart, Lakota Holman, PJ Hatfield-Bauer, Jenn Wagaman, Clayton Holland, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Mike Baldwin, Teri Tibbett

**II. Approval of Agenda.** Approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes from 11.9.16.** Lakota gave changes in an email. Also, suggested changing spelling of Aid to Aide. Approved as amended. Jeanne suggested changing “Youth Overcoming Adversity,” not “Abuse.”

**IV. Member Updates**

Christie reported the preliminary planning for the FASD 5-year plan, they are looking for a facilitator with Agnew-Beck. Duane Mayes has requested a meeting with the GCDSE FASD workgroup to discuss how to include FASD in the 1115 waiver. She will let us know how the Partnership can participate. GCDSE is developing position papers and will have Juneau meeting Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Wednesday beginning at 9am at Centennial will be updates from Trust, DEED, DHSS, with advocacy updates from Key, Infant Learning, and other disability groups.

Clayton reported about support groups that Deb is leading throughout the district being a highlight of their current FASD efforts. They’ve identified the need to target the extracurricular teachers, e.g. music, PE, health teachers for additional training. Deb also presented to the home school and alternative staff, students and parents about FASD, with good feedback.

Jenn reported about a online graduate level class about FASD she teaches at UAF which is historically full. She doesn’t anticipate any interruption to that related to the university reorganization. She will be teaching another FASD Into Action on Jan 21 and 28, 9am-3pm, at ACCA.

Vickie reported on a Homeless Vigil in Kenai where she performed a song she wrote. The song will be incorporated into a play at McPhetres Hall produced by Theater in the Rough, in Juneau Jan. 27-Feb. 4, and in Anchorage on Feb. 9-12 (no venue yet).

PJ reported that Deb was in Seward the previous day and worked with PJ at an IEP meeting with a very good outcome. Seward now has an FASD Parent Support group started by Deb, supported by the district, which is ongoing and happens even when Deb isn’t around. Seward is very appreciative of this.

Jeanne reported there will be a Northwest Brain conference with two strands—FASD and T/ABI. It’s in development for around September 9, 2017. Details will be forthcoming.

Mike reported the media campaign sponsored by the Trust is underway—social media, Alaska TV stations, here’s a link to Trust’s FASD webpage with video ads: <http://mhtrust.org/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorders/>. The pregnancy testing in bars research continues and will likely be presented at a health conference soon.

Teri reported on efforts to educate legislators about FASD and the criminal justice system in the upcoming legislative session. She had compiled research and other information related to FASD and criminal justice for a UAF class last month, which will be put into a packet for educating legislators about appropriate screening, diagnosis, intervention during incarceration, transition support, and aftercare in

the community for people with FASD. She will be in touch with steering committee members as the session progresses with opportunities for advocacy.

She also reported about Ketchikan's effort to address FASD, which includes a variety of agencies working together—including public health, Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, schools, and others. They are hoping to reopen their diagnostic clinic and do extensive training in the schools. Teri suggested inviting a member of this group to participate in steering committee meetings to help inform our efforts and to help theirs.

**V. Announcements.** Teri reported that she reached out to Betsy Chivers and Marilyn Price-Bulger, as per a previous steering committee meeting, to join the Partnership steering committee, and they accepted, but couldn't be at today's meeting. Betsy is an FASD case manager and Marilyn is the owner/manager of FASDx Services in Anchorage. Marilyn may send her parent navigator, Barb Chambers, to the meetings when she can't attend.

**VI. Next Regular Meeting:** February 8, 2017