

**Alaska FASD Partnership
Steering Committee – FINAL MINUTES
Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

I. Introductions. Lakota Holman (ANTHC), Stephanie Johnson (DJJ, Nome Youth Facility), Mike Jeffery (Barrow Superior Court), Clayton Holland (Kenai Peninsula Borough School District), Barb Chambers (for Marilyn) (FASDx, Anchorage), Christie Reinhart (GCDSE, Anchorage), Noelle Miller (Kenai Peninsula Borough School District), Lanny Mommsen (GCDSE), Mike Baldwin (Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority), Teri Tibbett (Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse). **Guest:** Brenda Dowe is a university student working on interdisciplinary research on how FASD affects their quality life for individuals and families, what has been helpful and recommendations for solutions. She will be doing interviews this summer.

II. Approval of Agenda. Move the order around to start with Member.

III. Approval of Minutes from 4.12.17. Not available. Will send out before next meeting.

IV. Member Updates.

Mike J: Barrow has a new superintendent of schools and Mike will be speaking to him about getting on the agenda for the teacher in-services to speak about FASD.

Clayton: The Kenai school district is focusing on giving students base knowledge of FASD and what it means for the students. They've watched Deb Evensen's "Eight Magic Keys" and did an FASD training for the physical education teachers that included a collaborative piece at the end on how to apply these strategies, which stimulated a robust and helpful discussion. They are planning for next year to have two family support groups, a summertime picnic, and to educate people in the community about what KPBSD is doing.

Lakota: Nothing to report specific for FASD prevention, but she's been reaching out to Jeanne Gerhart-Cyrus about their Northwest conference and how ANTHC can get involved. They are looking for summer interns interested in substance use prevention (including FASD prevention), and looking for project ideas for the intern to do that could last one-week to several months (June-August).

Noelle: She is continuing to serve students with FASD, which is rewarding and hopeful to see children get better when the supports are in place, when the team is working together, and acknowledging that success is something that takes a while.

V. Juneau's Whitecrow Training and Camp.

Presentation postponed until next month.

VI. Professional Updates.

GCDSE FASD Workgroup 5-year Plan: They have a new staff member, Lanny Mommsen, who will be the liaison to the Partnership. The council is continuing to work with Agnew::Beck on the structure for a 5-year plan, to establish the purpose of the group, vision, values, and develop workgroups that will bring information to a bigger meeting in October. Hoping to bring as many people as possible to participate in the October face-to-face meeting for this.

They are requesting historical information about FASD in Alaska be sent to Lanny so she can incorporate it into the effort. Looking specifically for a report on the FASD waiver and 3M project that lasted a few years, a few years back. Also, need to get data from the state's AKAIMS system related to FASD diagnostic clinics to tease out the FASD data to analyze and help inform the effort moving forward. It was proposed that Christie, Lanny, Barb, Marilyn and Teri have an offline to discussion to discuss this data and data collection. Christie also reported on their presentation to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority on April 20. She will send out the Powerpoint for steering committee members to review. They indicated a need for funding and Trustees voiced support for FASD. Finally, the council needed to pick an underserved population for their federal funder and they chose neurodevelopmental disabilities (autism and FASD).

Alaska Center for FASD: Barb reported they recently had a second board meeting, which currently has eight board members broadly representing a broad spectrum of people with broad backgrounds and from different regions of the state. They are close to submitting the paperwork for non-profit status, and working on getting prevalence information. They realize the need for an organization, or center, where people can "pop in." Reaching out to adoptive parents to understand what their needs are, and they will be interviewing others too. She heard there will be a change in the state's FASD diagnostic clinic provider agreements, but doesn't know what that will be. They are hoping the center will be statewide and collaborative, moving away from silos, working together to deal with Alaska's FASD issues.

Therapeutic Foster Care Ad Hoc Workgroup: No meeting until after the legislative session.

VII. Legislation Related to FASD: Teri reported that there are budget items that could affect people with FASD in the final stages of negotiation in a conference committee. They include: Day Habilitation, Public Health Nursing, Behavioral Health Medicaid Services, API, McLaughlin Youth Center, Frontline Social Workers, Parents as Teachers, Pre-Kindergarten Grants, and Adult Public Assistance. Action alerts continue to go out during the legislative session announcing opportunities for action.

VIII. Announcements.

Barb announced that FASDx has been having meetings with invited guests. Last week and this week will have guests from DHSS Senior and Disability Services to offer information and answer questions. Focus has been on waiver eligibility and understanding how the evaluation process doesn't always capture people with FASD because their issues are often functional, not intellectual, that don't fit the waiver criteria. The guest have expressed appreciation for the interface and for a better understanding of FASD (sharing and receiving information).

Next Regular Meeting: June 14, 2017