

**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – FINAL MINUTES**

**I. Introductions.** Jenn Wagaman, Mike Jeffery, Hope Finkelstein, Mike Baldwin, Lanny Mommsen, Clayton Holland, Vicki Tinker, Sandy Fiscus, Teri Tibbett. Guest: Anna Brawley.

**II. Approval of Agenda.** Approved, approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes from 9.13.17.** Approved.

**IV. Anna Brawley, Agnew::Beck** (presenting on SB 76, Title 4: Alaska alcohol statutes revision)

The Title 4 Review process began in 2012, led by the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board, with many stakeholders including health and social services, alcohol industry, tribal, municipal, public safety and law enforcement, and private organizations. Sen. Micciche introduced SB 76 in March 2017, it's a large bill (114 pages) that reflects the recommendations from the process. Anna works for Agnew::Beck who is on contract with Recover Alaska, and the project has also been funded by Rasmuson Foundation, the Trust, and Mat Su Health Foundation. She is the point person. The process has been finding common ground and consensus, and negotiating compromises where needed, but with challenges. Working with advocates to build support.

Some provisions could affect FASD: Shipping liquor to rural Alaska, better regulation of internet sales, and requirement that licensees shipping alcohol must provide customers with info on drinking alcohol during pregnancy. Currently, there is no regulation of internet alcohol sales in Alaska. SB 76 would create a new license, but only wineries can apply. The ABC board and Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) would be responsible for enforcement, as they do with all of Title 4 including liquor licenses. Other provisions, increasing licensing fees to help provide additional funds for AMCO (for enforcement, compliance checks, staff to carry out all required responsibilities for both alcohol and marijuana boards) to operate, also to make fees more equitable, and better protection of public health.

Mike J. asked about number of licenses per community. Answer: there is a formula for how many can be issued, communities cannot limit or prohibit unless they pass a local option law, there is a protest mechanism that communities can bring, but this bill doesn't affect that. [Statute notes, to follow up on that question: you can read about Population Limits in AS 04.11.400 which sets out the formula for the number of licenses in each community. And, there are existing sections about the license application process. Per AS 04.11.470, any individual can object to a license application, for example neighbors may have had problems with a bar next to them and would want the ABC Board to not renew the license, or put more conditions on it. And per AS 04.11.480, local governments can protest a license application. Most communities only use this mechanism for technical reasons: protest because they haven't paid local taxes, or pending a local fire inspection. However, communities can protest on any grounds, if they feel renewal or issuance of the license isn't in the interest of the community. Those processes stay the same in SB 76.]

Another big picture change is penalties, keeping higher penalties for serious offenses, but reducing many lower offenses from misdemeanors to violations with fines because law enforcement wasn't arresting and courts were throwing out the cases, and the belief is the new penalty structure will result in more action being taken.

Anna requested the Partnership submit a resolution or letter of support to be submitted in the packet, and encouraged people to consider submitting individual letters or statements of support from their organization. Teri recommended a letter of support and volunteered to write it and submit it to the group for input and approval within the next couple weeks. The group approved.

**V. Member Updates** (GCDSE 5-Year Plan, Alaska Center for FASD, others)

**Lanny** – The GCDSE 5-year plan workgroup was completed in October, next meeting is January 22 for updates. Hope was invited to co-chair with Jeanne Gerhart-Cyrus and is working on an agenda for the January 22 meeting. Hoping people come to the meeting having read the draft plan and come prepared to address the action items.

**Vickie** - Has been reviewing staff training materials from Open Future Learning, a web-based company based out of England. The trainings cover a wide variety of disability issues, and the ones on FASD are

excellent. Vickie is now half-time coordinating the FASD clinic, and the other half of her time (at the same agency) will be spent as the spiritual wellness coordinator. She will act as agency chaplain, will develop trainings on spiritual wellness, and develop strategies for shifting the culture at her agency to include the spiritual wellbeing of both the staff and the individuals they serve.

**Mike Jeffery** – Is back to being a Pro Tem judge, and so his participation in the steering committee meetings will likely be affected.

**Clayton** – Senator Dan Sullivan will be on the peninsula next week and Clayton will be meeting with him about impact of FASD and substance abuse. Still working with Deb Evensen on FASD awareness with staff, parent support groups, and more.

**Jenn** – Invited to be keynote Alaska Statewide Special Education conference in February. Will be presenting on FASD, also two pull-out sessions, one of them will be a parent-child panel.

**Mike Baldwin** – Trust is gearing up for legislative session, just coming out of a period of transition, new staff, new CEO, new trustee board, getting back to program work. Next month will be able to report on the Trust's FASD media stuff and FASD prevention through Senator Kelly's Empowering Hope efforts.

**Hope** – Reviewing FASD information and awareness, state printed material through Vital Statistics, websites—much is outdated, need to update and she is working on that. The FASD effort has moved from DBH to OSMAP. GCDSE is working on one-page information piece inserted into the council's packet for their meeting in Juneau in late January, early February. She's working to coordinate, consolidate, and update the state's materials. Currently has five active teams: Kenai, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Wasilla, Sitka, Nome and Juneau currently not active.

**Sandy Fiscus** – Juneau team hasn't found a coordinator for the team, the Juneau FASD Community has a non-profit status, looking for coordinator. REACH, Inc. offers the place and provider agreement, but not agency participation. The Juneau FASD Community needs an agency that will take it over and they have meetings around Juneau to address this. Hope is in the process of review to address barriers. JFC is working to provide another Whitecrow camp.

**Teri** – The legislative session has started up and we're going through the budget and bills to identify issues that pertain to Trust beneficiaries. One important piece is the Governor's request for \$18 million for substance abuse treatment that includes funds for medically-monitored detox in Anchorage and Mat-Su, ambulatory withdrawal management in rural Alaska, residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment and recovery maintenance services statewide, a sobering center, and statewide housing assistance and supports. Other bills and budget items will be outlined in a report to follow.

## VI. Announcements

- Full Lives Conference call for proposals through mid-February, conference is April 11-13. Call for proposals: <http://files.constantcontact.com/5c72cc5b001/cefeaed8-bffb-4c6a-bb5b-c5ecd07a832a.pdf>
- Annual School of Addictions, call for presentations deadline coming up, conference is first week of May. Link: <http://www.annualschool.com/>. The deadline for presentation proposals is February 9, 2018. Link: <http://www.annualschool.com/pdfs/2018/Call-for-papers2018-download.pdf>
- Alaska Health Summit, next Wednesday, two break-out sessions: "Using Costs of FASD to Promote Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention Practices" presented by Bridget Hanson, Mouhcine Guettabi, and Becky Porter.
- Jan 24-25 the Alaska Mental Health Trust will have quarterly board meeting in Juneau. Opportunities for public comment, speak up for FASD, voices from people with lived experience and who are doing the work is very important and received well from trustees. Three minute limit.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018