

**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. Introductions.** Hope Finkelstein, Lanny Mommsen, Marilyn Pierce-Bulger, Barb Chambers, Alex Edwards, Jenn Wagaman, Clayton Holland, Sandy Fiscus, Lakota Holman, Vickie Tinker, Teri Tibbett

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

**III. Approval of Minutes from 1.10.17.** Approved.

**IV. Legislative Advocacy Update.**

Teri offered an overview of topical bills and budget items, including HB 151 that would insert FASD screening, training, and referrals component to OCS requirements. Need to develop template that OCS workers can use, which the 5-year planning diagnosis workgroup is working on. Need to look at several pieces. Maybe prioritize educating legislators about prevalence rates in Alaska/CDC info on binge drinking (Alaskans are at the higher rate, 1 in 10) during this legislative session and offer other more comprehensive recommendations during the interim.

**V. Professional Updates** (FASD 5-year plan, Alaska Center for FASD)

**AK Center for FASD:** Current activities: Free film showing of “Moment to Moment” on March 30 at the Bear Tooth in Anchorage, co-sponsored by the Alaska Center for FASD, Trust, GCDSE, Alaska Center for Resource Families; they’re looking at an interactive movie review device offering a snapshot of audience response; Travis Hedwig is showing the film on April 5 at UAA campus; promoting a community media event for FASD Awareness Month; looking at 5-year plan and how it integrates into the Center’s strategic plan.

**GCDSE 5-year plan:** Finalized the plan on January 29, and presented it to the House and Senate Health and Social Services committees; workgroups are each working on their top three priorities to develop action steps; next full meeting will be end of April.

**VI. Member Updates**

Vickie – Going to the Vancouver FASD conference April 18-21; down to one medical provider with one clinic per week, waitlist is growing, no shortage of referrals (both children and adults); they’re the only team seeing adults, but may have to stop seeing adults.

Alex – Has been developing online trainings related to FASD for medical providers that includes an overview about FASD, Prevention, Diagnosis, and Care.

Clayton – Deb is offering a for-credit class for charter schools; training at Seward Elementary (response was multiple emails that it’s needed for all high school students as well and they’re working on that); have trained all paraprofessionals on crisis intervention and how to respond to students in crisis in a positive way; as of last week, over 200 staff trained in MANDT; restorative Justice training for Homer staff; conducting training in high-functioning Autism; all combined works to decrease the suspension rate in the district.

Jenn – She was the keynote speaker at “Merging of the Parent and Professional Perspective” at the Special Education conference and provided special sessions on “Understanding FASD and the Brain” and panel with Jenn, her daughter and another family offering a family perspective; breakout session had over 60 in attendance, indicating people’s interest to become FASD informed; she will become a Public Health Prevention train-the-trainer for “TeenSpeak” for parents speaking to teens, and Jeanne will be there too; Jenn is looking to integrate that into the FASD Into Action training; the Fairbanks diagnostic clinic is losing a staff member.

Marilyn - Commented there's a movement in the state/US to become FASD informed, indicating a shift; people want to know how to be more responsive and help children with FASD learn.

Lanny – Full Live Conference proposals are due (see Announcements for details).

Sandy Fiscus – Juneau FASD Community is working on getting the diagnostic team up and running.

Lakota - ANTHC is distributing breathalyzer (BAC) sticks and using this to show how alcohol is metabolized, and can share with anyone who wants; they're planning for Mental Health Awareness Month in May, with more promotion about various mental health issues, that could include FASD; in March, recognizing and celebrating AFN Resolution 1615, to AK Legislature to reinstate March as Sobriety Month.

Hope – Following the JAMA report, Marilyn and Hope were interviewed by KTUU (see on their website) and referenced NOFAS for Alaska Resources; pointed to the need for Alaska to have updated information; she contacted NOFAS and let them know the info on their site about Alaska was out of date, and offered new information, and will send them new information when she has it; working with DHSS's IT person to update the state's website and is looking for updated information; is moving ahead with Vital Statistics to update their FASD information; diagnostic clinics are going along, Nome is still trying to get up and running, Sitka and Juneau are at a standstill.

Teri – The 5-year Systems Transformation and Outreach workgroups are underway if anyone is interested in joining; there are webinars on the JAMA study today and another one coming up on the topic of diagnosis.

## VII. 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>

**Next Meeting:** ~~Wednesday, March 14, 2018~~ Canceled