

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – FINAL MINUTES

I. Introductions. Hope Finkelstein, Jenn Wagaman, Lanny Mommsen, Mike Baldwin, Lakota Holman, Shannon Cross-Azbill, Teri Tibbett.

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes (6.13.18). Approved.

IV. FASD Information with Marriage Licenses

Vital Statistics is investigating the practice, outlined in statute, of requiring written FASD information being handed out with every marriage license. They've received complaints from recipients to this effect and believe the material currently being used is outdated. The question is what other venues might be more appropriate for distributing FASD awareness materials. VS says people throw them away as soon as they get them.

Jenn, targeting public health is a narrow group to target. Prevention materials should be in the hands of OBGYN and primary care doctors. She noted the materials are outdated, so not surprised they're being thrown away. How can we create materials that are useful and updated and appropriate?

Mike recommended the practice with VS shouldn't be ended, that we should keep whatever laws are in place and should be adding to rather than taking away. 5,500 people get marriage licenses, which offers broad outreach. Look at it as an opportunity for updating materials, training, and evaluating the current effort.

Lanny agrees. Suggests a training for vital statistics so they're more comfortable answering the questions.

Lakota – Research how to do a comprehensive, broader reach.

Discussion about the importance of evaluating. Alternative outlets for distribution. Making sure the FASD outreach workgroup is addressing this.

V. Dr. Ira Chasnoff's Alaska Visit

DHSS is sponsoring Dr. Chasnoff's visit through the "Partnerships for Success" (federal grant) to provide education for medical providers about his 4-Points Screening Module in Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks. In addition to this training, community events are being organized in these locations which will include a film showing of "Moment to Moment: Teens Growing Up with FASDs" with a Meet & Greet, Q&A, and/or book signing with Dr. Chasnoff. The community events are being planned by Jenn in Fairbanks and Teri in Juneau for July 22 and 27.

VI. FASD Awareness Month Planning

"Moment to Moment: Teens Growing Up with FASDs" will be shown in Anchorage.

Teri has contacted CHARR about coordinating again on the statewide outreach in restaurants. Will need volunteers in communities to distribute table tents. Working on a redesign that removes the 100% preventable language. Will address all this at the next Outreach workgroup meeting.

No planning has begun for an Anchorage 9/9 event.

VII. 5-year Plan Update

Workgroups are working on objectives. Next meetings are: August 23, 1-3pm for an update, by teleconference. October 1, all day planning for the upcoming year.

VIII. Member Updates

Mike B. reported on Empowering Hope. Sen. Kelly believed the state wasn't making progress in addressing the issue, so he asked the Trust to develop a planning group to address if less from a government effort to a business effort. Funding was allocated through the Trust to do this. They developed a few campaigns. The Trust's communications officer recently left, so Mike has taken over being the point person temporarily. Working on media messaging, toolbox, etc. with Northwest Strategies. Hope will reach out to NW strategies since she is now the point person for FASD with OSMAP. Also at the Trust's board meeting Sept 5-6, welcomes public comment, and recommends comments from the public about FASD, as an opportunity to educate the trustees, offer suggestions.

Lanny reported about Disability Pride Day at South Anchorage Sports Park, with speakers, appearances by Para-Olympic winners, proclamation, activities, readings, 11-2pm on July 21.

Jenn reported Fairbanks is also having a Disability Pride Day.

Teri reported Juneau is also having a Disability Pride Day at Marine Park, with activities, live music, information table, film showing.

Shannon shared that the Nome facility is opening up more treatment beds, and will offer training on FASD, doing work with the Complex Behavioral Collaborative to help staff with some of the girls transitioning back into the community. Noted DJJ has become a mental health provider, with many youth having FASD. Doing work with staff to see them trained appropriately.

Hope continues to keep each of the 5-year planning groups on task in developing recommendations, looking forward to updating in August. Regarding diagnostic teams: Juneau team is still in hiatus; Sitka is looking to hire a new team coordinator; Nome lost their coordinator, looking for a new one; Ketchikan is working to form a team and find a fiscal agent. The state is looking to revise the provider agreements to explore improving the relationship, including looking at the neurodevelopmental clinics that are being developed (they serve children 12 and under, originally designed for autism, through Division of Public Health Women and Children's Family Health) can be referred by a physician to the neurodevelopmental clinic, which is a traveling team.

IX. Announcements

Next meeting: September 12, 2018 (no meeting in August)