

Alaska FASD Partnership
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – FINAL MINUTES

I. Introductions

Lanny Mommsen (Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education, Anchorage), Alex Edwards (Center for Behavioral Health Research and Services/ISER/UAA, Anchorage), Jenn Wagaman (Alaska Center for Children and Adults, Fairbanks), Mike Jeffery (Retired Superior Court Judge, Utqiagvik), Teri Tibbett (Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Juneau)

II. Agenda. Approved.

III. Minutes from April 10, 2019 and May 8, 2019. Approved.

III. Legislative Update, Priorities

Teri offered an update of the current status of bills and budget items the Partnership is tracking this legislative session. Legislators are still in a Special Session to address the budget, which includes funding for addiction treatment and services that benefit individuals and families impacted by FASD. See attachment for details. Jenn noted the cuts to Medicaid will seriously impact her team because they depend on Medicaid reimbursement for many of their services.

II. Member Updates

Jenn: Was just awarded DHSS funding for the "State of Alaska FASD Training and Education Framework Project" to develop FASD training and education curriculum for Alaska. Deadline for the framework is August 1. She is organizing a 2-day meeting of stakeholders in Anchorage, either July 24-25 or July 30-31, to work on the framework. Some travel funds are available.

Lanny: Reminded folks about the statewide FASD 5-year planning workgroup's all-day meeting in Anchorage on October 2.

Mike: Being on the board for Alaska Center for FASD, and their liaison for NOFAS, Mike has attended meetings with them. NOFAS offered presentations from physicians Phil Matties and Trisha Wright. There's funding for diagnosis, but not funding for aftercare for clients. Dr. Matteis works to address the aftercare needs of families after diagnosis in both South Dakota and Kenai Alaska. Working on training for birth mothers. GiGi Davidson from Hawaii provides a long-term housing facility for youth, their former group FASD Action group has a speaker's panel that goes out; Wisconsin has a similar program that is going well. Discussed a wealthy donor who has a son with autism, but its difficult for people who have children with FASD as they are less likely to go public with their children (more so than families with a child with autism).

Discussion followed about developing a mobile FASD diagnostic team in Alaska, noting it's working in Australia and Jenn believes it would work here. Jenn and Mike discussed developing a team between Fairbanks and Utqiagvik.

Alex: Her team received two new CDC grants in September 2018 to implement alcohol screening and brief intervention for allied medical professionals that includes training and working on certification. They've made some progress. The American Midwifery Certification Board is updating one of their modules required for certification and is considering adding FASD information, Alex's team is working on that.

Teri: Reported that the Outreach & Engagement workgroup of the statewide FASD 5-year planning workgroup just finished Phase 1 of their objectives, to establish a set of vetted FASD materials and resources, which can be found on the state's FASD webpage: www.fasd.alaska.gov. Phase 2 is underway, identifying conferences, meetings, and other venues for offering FASD education and resources, including updating conference kits, forming a speaker's panel, developing Powerpoints and other materials for presentations and break-out

sessions, and more. Targets include education and healthcare professionals, businesses, legal and correctional professionals, and more.

IV. Announcements.

Disability Pride events around the state at the end of July.

An ad hoc workgroup is forming for FASD Awareness Day planning for September. Lanny volunteered to chair the workgroup. Lanny, Mike, and Teri volunteered to participate. Teri and Lanny will develop a doodle poll and send it out to Partnership members and members of the statewide FASD 5-year planning workgroup, for anyone interested in participating.

V. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019.