

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – FINAL MINUTES

I. Introductions. Mike Baldwin, Jenn Wagaman, Mike Jeffery, Marilyn Pierce-Bulger, Teri Tibbett

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes (10.9.19) Approved.

IV. Discussion on FASD in Corrections

The Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is working with the Department of Corrections Behavioral Health to develop a pilot effort to screen, diagnose, and serve adults with FASD in corrections.

Jenn has had multiple inquiries about diagnosis for adults. We need an adult team to do any of this, cannot rely on existing teams because they focus on children.

Mike J reminded us about the screening/diagnosis being done in Whitehorse. Hope has a copy of it and we'll resend it out to the forensic workgroup. He will be in Anchorage on Jan 21-23 and could have a meeting. Natalie Novick-Brown proposed forensic workgroup.

Marilyn mentioned a screening tool in Australia for forensic screening tool, possibly focused on youth, but may be adults. Both Vineland and Adapted Behavior Assessment Screen (ABAS), challenge has to be filled out by someone other than the client themselves, which could be restrictive in DOC. Mentioned Don Dubowsky talked about Life History Screen (good validity and reliability) for adults. LHS has ability to focus on different age groups, and it's being used around the country. Contact him. Challenge with assessments is tracking their records. UW recommends a neuro-psych, Marilyn recommends looking at social language skills—because it's that misreading of the world that gets them into trouble.

Teri is looking for the study or paper outlining the Canadian screening tool for adult forensic populations. Will contact Kay Kelly, Paul Connors (neuropsychologist). If FASD is too hard to diagnosis, should we be looking for a tool that addresses adaptive behavior?

Mike J., Mike B., Jenn, and Marilyn volunteered to offer support if needed.

V. Member Updates

Marilyn has met with Dr. Fosse at the neuroscience clinic at Providence, who has some interest in incorporating FASD diagnosis in their clinic. Marilyn can help train. Closing the FASDx clinic, putting Anchorage back to 10 years, with no clinic to serve non-Natives. She's working with Hope on a new provider agreement

Jenn's team is transitioning in a new pediatrician to their team, young. Losing their pediatrician of 20 years, and one of the founding members. Working with Center for Resource Families to do trainings related to trauma. CRF has done online courses with resources (which are recorded and available for others to do online).

Mike B. working on the economic costs of drug and alcohol use, report will be ready in the next couple weeks. Added extra money and focus for information about FAS and FASD, so this will be included in the report. Hoping to get a contract out for deep look into a lot of

data with an eye for recommendations about prevention, system change, and diagnostics. Not a complete diagnostic team data analysis, but looking at the data from the teams for potential funding and focus. Working to get that out in the next couple weeks. Marilyn has data for over 500 diagnoses and is wondering if their analysis is similar to what her team has analyzed. She's already been looking at ACEs and brain impact.

Teri is working with the Trust and partner advisory boards to develop legislative priorities based on the governor's budget, bills, and areas of focus (Medicaid, SUD, Housing, Employment, Workforce Development, Justice System, Community Services, Suicide Prevention).

Mike J. Jenn will be going to Barrow to do FASD Into Action and film showing of Moment to Moment.

VI. Announcements. None.

Next meeting: February 12, 2020