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FASD Workgroup

LOCATION

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
3601 C Street, Suite 740
Anchorage, Alaska

October 13, 2015
3-4:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

Jill Burkert called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

Aileen McInnis, Anna Attla, Clayton Holland, Deb Evensen, Barb Chambers, Jeanne Gerhart-Cyrus, Susan Mayer, Teri Tibbett, Jenn Wagaman, PJ Hatfield-Bauer, Jill Burkert, Art Delaune, Lakota Holman, Sherrell Holtshauser, Alison Parker, Britteny Howell.

PARTNER UPDATES

FASDx Services – Barb Chambers

100+ people waiting for diagnosis right now, 9 month wait. They are looking to hire a new coordinator and move offices in Anchorage on Nov 1, in flux right now. They are tightening criterion for inclusion, focusing on kids (3-12 yrs) and not adults right now.

Alaska FASD Partnership – Teri Tibbett

Update on Awareness Day table tent promotion: 1900 printed and almost all distributed. Estimate 1750 people reached. Said that Monica Charles-Lienberger and a CA attorney led at raining for judges and magistrates in Anchorage.

AK Center for Children & Adults - Jenn Wagaman

Fairbanks diagnostic clinic is slowing down as well, due to a lack of OTs right now. Doing 2 kids/month instead of 3-4. Partway through an FASD Into Action class right now at ACCA. Borrow to each FASD 101 next week.

Guest Speaker

AWARE Program – Dr. Alison Parker

Psychologist working on study of mindfulness based, online program for adolescents with FASD. NIH funded to create intervention to prevent substance abuse, regulate emotions, and make healthy choices. Conducted focus groups, created 4 modules, have shortened versions also. Received positive feedback so far. They measure pre and post self-reports, and skill tasks on executive functioning and intention. Parents also do self report. Once study is over, program will be readily available, but for a fee.

OLD BUSINESS

FASD Awareness Day Debriefs

Several members updated the group on the successes of their efforts last month.

State Board of Education - Britteny

Britteny and Christie attended the state board of education meetings in Sitka, where they discussed changing the DEED regulations so that MD, DO, PA, and advanced nurse practitioners can diagnose OHI/FASD. The new board of ed documents add FASD to the list of OHIs, but also specify that only advanced nurse practitioners who focus on psychiatry or family practice can diagnose for FASD. This does not address ADHD and ignores that FASD diagnosis is within the scope of practice for advanced nurse practitioners with other foci and training (i.g. pediatrics). Christie is organized stakeholder input and public testimony for September 17 @ 8:35am to call in to the board meeting. Lots of folks on this group called in to widen the board's scope of diagnosticians, so thank you! However, they are going to take the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer, Jay Butler, who has a different opinion than the Council on this issue. Christie is continuing to work on it with the education committee.

New Teacher Evaluation System – Clayton Holland

Updated the group on new teacher evaluation system that Kenai is piloting. It will likely be different in each school district. The concern has been that teachers may be avoiding special needs students, as they were perceived to drag down their teacher ratings. However, new teacher evaluation system takes individual student performance into account. This will be rolled out statewide next year. It will be based on individual student growth and meeting individual targets, on a student growth map.

Britteny mentions that if anyone has ideas for guest speakers, questions/presentations, or work items for the group to start looking at, please email her suggestions. Also, Sherrel Holthouser will send out information on getting on the Perinatal News listserv.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday November 10, 2015 @ 3-4:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm

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