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### FASD Workgroup Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 3-4:30pm

TO CONNECT TO TELECONFERENCE, DIAL: **1-866-356-1755**, then use code  
**253 141 0338#**

#### Call to Order

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Chair at 3:02 pm

#### Attendees

Sue Mayer, Alex Edwards, Barb Chambers, Betsy Chivers, Deb Evensen, Art Delaune, Jenn Wagaman, Lakota Holman, Sherrell Holtshauser, PJ Hatfield-Bauer, Chris Fraczek, Tori Shanklin, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Jill Burkert, Britteny Howell.

#### Partner Updates

FASDx Services, Barb Chambers:

Team is swamped. Working on sustainability and collaboration with ANMC in pediatric primary care (facial features photo screening). The interviews and media around FASD regulation changes created some confusion, people cancelling their appointments believing that their general practice nurses could diagnose instead. Had to do some re-education on that. Jenn hasn't heard any of that in Fairbanks.

Jeanne – will the reg changes result in more referrals?

Deb, Jill, Barb, and Jenn do think so.

Alaska Center for Children and Adults, Jenn Wagaman:

Seen increased referrals already, "early spring."

Jeanne – those diagnosed after age 6 are not tracked in the birth defects registry?

Jenn – no, don't send any reports anymore. All data in AK Aims instead. Barb – we do that too, but the system is not very comprehensive. Chris – data in school system is in several places, demographics, Sped lists. Won't track new data unless mandated by DEED or state board of Ed. Jeanne to bring to Education committee for an action item.

Jeanne – educate schools and others that static encephalopathy is an FASD. Jenn – caregivers and educators need to know that it is a type of FASD, not separate from it. ACCA and FASDx use both terms on their diagnoses that they provide. Jeanne wonders if educational materials should be created to this effect.

Sue – discussion on getting caregivers and educators to look at accountability for individuals with FASD differently. Developmental age, not biological age.

- If anyone has ideas for future meeting topics or speakers, please pass this information on to Britteny.

### **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday March 8, 2016 @ 3-4:30pm

**Adjournment by Jill at 3:42pm**