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FASD Workgroup Minutes

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

Call to Order

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Chair at 3:02 pm

Attendees

Aileen McInnis, Barb Chambers, Michael Jeffrey, Jenn Wagaman, PJ Hatfield-Bauer, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Jill Burkert, Britteny Howell, Tori Shanklin, Tiffany McCormick, Chris Freyczek, Sherrell Holtshauser, Teri Tibbett, Betsy Chivers, Sue Mayer, Anna Attla.

Partner Updates

FASDx Services, Barb Chambers:

FASDx has done 300+ diagnoses so far in Anchorage. Referral criterion has changed to require the mother's admission of alcohol consumption, which has made the waitlist more manageable.

Alaska Center for Children and Adults, Jenn Wagaman:

Fairbanks team still doing lots of diagnoses, getting lots of referrals. Planning Into Action for 15 families in the next cohort.

Alaska FASD Partnership, Teri Tibbett:

Identified 3 action items. Focus so far has been on training for foster families, staff, and therapeutic foster families. Legislative advocacy includes House amendment to the budget to restore \$30 million to behavioral health, to be divided into \$10 million increments over FY 17, FY 18, FY 19. Soliciting support letters for SB 91 on criminal justice reform. Risk assessments for everyone in DOK who is nonviolent offenders to go to halfway houses, facilities for mental illness, TBI/FASD, etc instead of prison.

Medicaid reforms will include 1119 waiver to cover behavioral health (maybe also FASD). SDS indicates everyone who meets LOC will get services. Group discusses that that is currently the

procedure, but lots of people who need services do not meet strict LOC criterion from the ICAP assessment. Group believes a new tool should be used that measures executive functioning, but had no recommendations as to what tool that might be.

FASD Case Manager, Betsy Chivers:

Will be presenting at Full Lives conference for DSPs. Has also been nominated for DSP award.

Jeanne – Discussion of data collection on FASD beyond the birth defects registry. Data is needed to demonstrate the need in AK for services including funds, grants, advocacy.

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

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday April 12, 2016 @ 3-4:30pm

Adjournment by Jeanne at 4:37pm