

Michigan FASD Task Force Meeting Minutes May 15, 2013

Present: Shelly Bania (CARE of Southeastern Michigan), Leslie Adams(DHS), Roy Yaple (MDCH), Lori Irish(MDCH), Sandy Kezenius(parent), Ray Kezenius (parent), Tony Kezenius (individual with FASD), Rob Wybrecht (Arc of Kent County), Barbara Wybrecht (consultant, parent), Carol Cole (parent), Mary Browning.

By Phone: Charisse Cossu-Kowalski (parent, MCFARES/NOFAS), Vern Soden(Parents Supporting Parents), Betsy Soden(Parents Supporting Parents), Mary Schalk (Partners in Prevention), Brenda Stoneburner (MDCH), Deb Kimball (MDCH).

Shelly Bania chaired the meeting and welcomed attendees to the Primary Care Association in Lansing as well as those participating by telephone.

Lori Irish reported on the May 2013 MDCH letter that makes FASD reportable to the Birth Defects Registry.

Planning for the FASD Conference on 12 September 2013 in Ann Arbor was discussed including the work of the conference planning committee (Carol, Charisse, Barb, Ann Carrellas). A rough draft for the conference including a preliminary budget was provided.

Carol advised of plans to coordinate the conference in a manner similar to that used by New Jersey who will be having their conference at about the same time. She addressed intentions to use Constant Contact, a web-based social media application/service. This would facilitate registration and collection of fees (see www.constantcontact.com).

As an action item, the contract with the Ann Arbor Holiday Inn needs to be firmed up. Shelly indicated that CARE has agreed to act as a fiduciary as necessary.

Barb indicated that Great Lakes Regional Training Center (GLRTC) has committed \$4000 to support conference speakers. This money must be direct paid and would include audiovisual support, lodging and air fare for speaker Ken Jones. Barb noted that currently Mr. Jones is receiving no honorarium and wants to fly on Delta. Funds from the MCFARES mini-grant might provide a source for an honorarium.

Barb also noted that the schedule may need to move up to start at 0830 (vice 0900) as the GLRTC funding carries with it a requirement to administer a pre-test.

Discussion shifted to the conference draft session 2 on Trauma and FASD. There was discussion that Connie Blackpond is scheduled to lead this session but may want to co-present with Dr. Sloan.

Shelly discussed concerns with ensuring balance in the numbers attending the workshop sessions and whether a large number of attendees would attend the Ken Jones session. This led to a discussion of what Ken Jones would speak about and what the target audience would be. This audience would include CMH service providers and administrators, vocational rehabilitation staff, school district personnel, Early On, MDCH and DHS staff, and staff from the State Court Administrators Office. There was agreement that Ken Jones could also speak about diagnosis as a function of age (for example as teens and adults), ARND, screening, and juvenile/criminal justice aspects.

There was discussion about the Youth Panel session with concerns raised and understood that a lot of the panel's success would depend on panel participants.

Roy suggested that while the workshop session titles were more than adequate, they could possibly be improved if titling was modified to engage target audiences and elicit attendance. Roy and Tony will look at this and report any suggestions.

There was consensus to move the afternoon Trauma and FASD workshop to the morning sessions and move the Updates from the morning to the afternoon.

As an action item, there needs to be a discussion if there will be vendors at the conference. It was agreed that there would be no fees to have a table at the conference.

The sponsor list was drafted as GLRTC, MCFARES, CARE of Southeastern Michigan, Wayne State DDI, Parents Supporting Parents, and West Michigan FASD Support Group. Deb Kimball will need to obtain approval for MDCH to be listed as a sponsor.

Deb Kimball recommended moving the afternoon plenary to the morning; this was passed to the conference planning committee. It was noted that time is running out to complete the conference agenda. It was agreed to move the Trauma and FASD workshop session to the morning from the afternoon.

There was discussions regarding Dan Dubovsky's participation in the 330PM session with Rob Wybrecht. Dan's participation has not yet been confirmed. His participation is valued as he is a CMH therapist and can help demonstrate the linkage between mental health and FASD.

As an action item, Dan's participation in the conference/workshop session needs to be confirmed.

The task force reviewed the budget for the conference; agreeing on the lower cost lunch option and including the breakfast and breaks food support.

Following a 10 minute break, the task force resumed the meeting reviewing the task items for the conference with volunteers as follows:

Brochure-Carol

Hotel-Ann and Barb

Marketing-All

Conference Goddess-TBD

Registration/Payments-CARE to sign Memorandum of Agreement with Task Force

Registration-Mary, Leslie, Lori

Signage (directions, breakout rooms)-Vern

Helper/runners-Tony

Registration Tracker-Care, Constant Contact application

Speaker introductions (Task Force members)-Mary, Leslie, Roy, Charisse, Rob, Barb (Ken Jones), Shelly (Georgianne Wilton), Sandy (Sally Burton-Hoyle).

Social Work CEU-Ann

Medical and Nursing CEU-Barb

Photography-Ken Jones (Rob)

Save the Date Flyer-Carol

Budget/Agenda Development-Ann,Barb

Fundraising from other grants-Charisse

MC-Ann/Barb

Confirm speakers-Ann/Barb

The Task Force discussed a question by a parent of four children with FASD; seeking an appropriate FASD-sensitive high school in or near metro Detroit. While such a high school does not readily come to mind, Barb recommended considering the Eaton Academy. It was also agreed that there is not really a school that answers the question. The key to addressing this issue is continued steady parental involvement in the school augmented where possible by an advocate either within or internal to the school. The appropriate local Arc organization could be a source of such advocacy and is recommended as an ally for the parent in efforts to ensure the needs of students with FASD are met in the school.

The Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service (MPAS)(Mark McWilliams) may also be able to provide support and resources in this effort.

Charisse provided an update on NOFAS/MCFARES. The NOFAS mini-grant is expected out and Charisse will submit an application. The Award Summit will be in Washington DC in June. Charisse also discussed the July FASD Camp in Fraser. The camp is a day camp for 5-17 year olds and runs from 15-25 July. The camp runs 0830AM to 230PM daily and is \$30 per person. Socialization skills occupy about half of a typical day with OT skills the remain part of the day. Charisse indicated that the MCFARES newsletter should be issued shortly.

The Task Force action plan for the strategic plan was reviewed.

As an action item, the survey status for information gathering from CMH needs to be determined; a survey was supposed to be distributed by Michael Bray, but it is not clear if this ever happened. Ann Carrellas may have more information on status. The Goal 2 survey status for empowering adults also needs to be determined.

For the Youth in Transition goal, Barb reported that SAMHSA is seeking inputs to online materials. Deb, Charisse, Carol, and Charisse requested that Barb send the material to them for information and possible responses.

There was discussion about getting Billie Edwards, who is experienced in criminal justice matters, to speak at the conference. There was agreement that the current conference agenda is fairly full and his materials and audience might warrant a separate future conference or even coordinating his presentation and integrating it with a court/judges conference to be determined.

Ray indicated that he had a juvenile justice contact in Arenac County and would be willing to see if he would be interested in participating.

Regarding Goal 3, Resource Development, Shelly discussed survey plans which are still in development.

Shelly requested that all attendees/goal champions review their goals and then seek to develop detailed and specific plans with small steps that would enable goal teams to begin to make measurable progress in goal achievement. As an action item, each goal champion should plan to present their detail plan and progress at the next Task Force meeting.

Members provided updates.

There was a brief review discussion of the shift in meeting time until 10 AM; the shift may not be permanent but was perceived as favorable.

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 2013 from 10AM to 1PM at the Primary Care Association in Lansing.