

## **Michigan FASD Task Force Minutes August 21, 2014**

### State FASD Discussions

Charlyss reported on the state FASD workplan. She is working on the part that targets youth in transition ages 16-24. Three pilot projects are being proposed. One would work with youth in the juvenile justice system in Kalamazoo with a collaboration of the court and CMH. A second would identify transition age youth in school in the UP. A third would use a peer support model for adults who have FASD and need some support in Macomb County, a collaboration of CMH and the Arc of Macomb. Charlyss asked for ideas to support the 3 groups to be sent to her (websites, articles, etc). She is hoping that the pilots will be funded and begin in October of 2015.

### FASD Day September 9, 2014

Joan offered to check with Deb Kimball to see what the status of the Governor's Proclamation and the new FASD PSA.

Post Note: The MDCH FASD Proclamation and FASD PSA's was shared with partners. Joan forwarded the CDC's International FASD Awareness Day pack to Ann to share with the Task Force. Joan also emailed two new fact sheets from the MDCH Substance Abuse Epidemiology program. Surveillance briefs regarding alcohol use and related risks in Michigan can be found here:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-54783\\_54784\\_57850---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-54783_54784_57850---,00.html)

Rob is handing out Halloween Snickers with his FASD message cards.

Sandy has a one page FASD fact sheet she is going to distribute in public places such as libraries, school, and send it out on the internet.

Ann will talk to Mike about sending out press releases to DDI's sources. She will also contact WDET about doing an interview about FASD Awareness.

Ann will send out the CDC and SAMHSA FASD Awareness packets to the task force.

### NOFAS/MCFARES, Empowering Parents website update

Charisse sent her report as she could not attend the meeting.

- **MCFARES FASDay Activity:** Open Project S.A.F.E. (Supportive Activities for Everyone) meeting. Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Fellowship Chapel on 14 Mile Road in Sterling Heights. Flyer attached to email.
- **Newsletter:** The latest FASD News and Views Newsletter has been released. A copy has been sent out with this update to Ann. Please feel free to forward the newsletter to others who may be interested in the information.

- **MCFARES Website:** We're in the process of updating the website. We're looking to include information and links on the following subjects:
  - Identifying/Diagnosing (how to identify, where to go)
  - Intervention (what to do after a diagnosis is made)
  - Education (what education services are needed; how to obtain those services)
  - Transition (from one grade level to the next; from school to work, etc.)
  - Legal (how to prevent; how to intervene should problems occur)
  - Planning (how to plan for care after parents are no longer able to care for child)
  - Resources (links to other NOFAS affiliates, etc.)
- **Researcher:** a researcher from California came to Michigan this month to meet with families living with FASD and with professionals who work in the field. If anyone is interested in talking with him, let me know.

Charisse also sent the MCFARES flyer for their FASD Awareness Day event on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Justice Workgroup Activities

Barb and Ann presented to about 50 juvenile justice probation officers in June for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Ann will be presenting tomorrow to a group of DHS juvenile justice social workers.

Ann will follow up with Grand Valley State University about getting on their next training agenda in the spring.

#### Member Updates

Rob--The national Arc has a toolkit to do training on FASD to health professionals. Local Arcs can apply to the national Arc for funding to do the trainings.

Sandy—Sandy and her training partner will be doing another Triumph training. She will send the flyer to Ann and she will send it out to the task force.

Mike said that there is a House Bill 4891 that earmarks funding for substance abuse prevention. There is a public hearing for commentary on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am.

Betsy reported that she and Vern and Dr. Blackman did grand rounds presentation to the OBGYN at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Shelly—CARE will have messages on FASD put on their website all month. SAMHSA is putting on a webinar on September 9<sup>th</sup> about the new TIP 58

Joan—January is Birth Defects Prevention Month. The National Birth Defects Prevention Network template is now available online at: <http://www.nbdpn.org/bdpm2015.php>. As usual, the recommendation to avoid alcohol use when planning pregnancy or pregnant is one of the key messages. View the Michigan 2014 resource at: <http://www.nbdpn.org/bdpm2015.php>. Email Joan ([ehrhartj@michigan.gov](mailto:ehrhartj@michigan.gov)) with ideas/links/information for BDPM 2015.

