ACNM Liaison Meeting Report

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Title or Topic of Meeting: FASD Prevention Project: Annual Meeting

Date of Meeting: July 27, 2015

Location: 1825 K Street NW
Washington, DC

Sponsor: The Arc

Attendees: Representatives from: The Arc, George Mason University, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), Association of American Indian Affairs (AAIA), Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP), National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), and American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)

Speaker(s): Each project partner presented the scope of work that they have completed on FASD during 2014-2015.

Summary of Discussion: The Arc staff, project partners and HRSA presented at this meeting and discussed the work that was done in Year 2 and the upcoming plans for Year 3 of the grant.

- Partner Updates
- The Arc Updates
- Plans for Year 3
- Ideas for publicizing The Arc Course and toolkit.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding how each organization can help to promote educational material for providers and consumers regarding FASD. I gave a PowerPoint presentation of ACNM’s work on FASD prevention.

Key issues and decisions made impacting ACNM members:
During Year 3 of the grant, ACNM will continue working with The Arc. They are requesting that we enter into a $10,000 MOU to complete the following:

1. Develop a communications plan to connect with ACNM members to support their enrollment in the course and in obtaining copies of the toolkit
2. Gain a better understanding of the FASD prevention work we're doing and how The Arc might support that (and advise HRSA on the number of members that access those resources)
3. Work with The Arc and its other partners (AWHONN, AAP, ARHP) to design, co-sponsor and implement 1-2 signature events to educate physicians, nurses and midwives about FASDs prevention.
4. Open the door and introduce The Arc to these and other organizations and sign them up to work with The Arc in reaching their members:

Follow-up needed (please check one)
___x___ staff
___ Board
___ volunteers
___ none
• American Association of Nurse Practitioners
• American Nurses Association
• Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health
• National Association of Neonatal Nurses
• National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
• National Black Nurses Association
• National Association of Hispanic Nurses
• National Association of Catholic Nurses

Why it was important for ACNM to be present at this meeting: The only way to ensure prevention of the teratogenic effects of alcohol is complete avoidance during pregnancy and periods of potential conception. As a major stakeholder in the provision of care for women, we have a responsibility to educate midwives and consumers about FASD.

Follow up: We will be receiving a scope of work and grant money to help promote the FASD project.

Next Meeting: Not scheduled

In two or three lines, what do you feel is the most important take-away message from this meeting? All of the organizations at the meeting have great resources on FASD. This was a great opportunity for networking and sharing resources. All of the stakeholders want to work together to prevent FASD.

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