

**COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
(CDVSA)**

**Quarterly Meeting
Westmark Hotel
330 Seward Street
Sitka, Alaska
November 20 - 21, 2014**

Committee Members Present

Richard Irwin – Chair
Rachel Gernat
Susan Cushing
Donna Erickson
Commissioner Gary Folger
Patricia Owen - telephonic
Rick Svobodny – telephonic
Ronald Taylor – telephonic

Guests

Vicki D'Amico
Sheldon Schmidt
Peggy Brown – telephonic

Staff

Lauree Morton
Angela Wells
Stephen Bower - telephonic

Minutes Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Thursday, November 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Richard Irwin, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m., and roll call was taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no issues brought forward regarding the agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY

Richard Irwin called for any conflicts of interest of Council members present related to the agenda items. No conflicts of interest were reported.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Richard Irwin shared his thoughts regarding the word “ambassador” in relation to the Council. He asked the Council members to entertain the definition of ambassador as a liaison, a diplomat, a peacemaker; and in the context of the Council, the responsibility of being an ambassador falls to each member to represent not only their areas of expertise, but to be knowledgeable and aware of the policies and customs related to all of the issues in order to align themselves with other ambassadors to establish policy, working in unity towards a common vision and goal with the idea of leaving a legacy of positive change as their mark as a good steward.

Richard recommended that CDVSA staff develop a brochure that talks about the great things that have happened through the CDVSA efforts that each Council member, as ambassadors, could carry with them to be able to take deliberate advantage of opportunities to talk about the efforts that CDVSA is involved in. He expressed his gratitude to the Council members representing all the different disciplines and to the public members who make the sacrifice to assist with the cause.

MINUTES REVIEW

With regards to the meeting minutes, the Council made the following recommendations:

- Add a designation for Council members, staff, and guests who attend telephonically.
- Add a line item on future meeting agendas for miscellaneous and housekeeping items.

May 7-8, 2014

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to approve the amended minutes of the 4th quarter FY14 meeting held May 7 – 8, 2014. The motion was **SECONDED** by Donna Erickson. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

July 23 - 24, 2014

Tabled.

August 15, 2014

Susan Cushing **MOVED** to approve the amended minutes of the 1st quarter FY15 budget meeting held August 15, 2014. The motion was **SECONDED** by Rachel Gernat. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

October 9, 2014

Tabled.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lauree Morton reported that with regards to the Kids Club Moms Empowerment update, six programs were able to send representatives to the September training. Work is

being done with Dr. Graham-Bermann to establish core evaluation measures that meet the basic requirements to be able to include the pilot into her overall work, yet ensuring that the evaluation questions are pertinent and not invasive. There will be an evaluation of the pilot programs, and they will be developing a cost per 10-week session, which is expected to be completed in January. That information will be used to estimate how many sessions can be afforded and how many sites will be able to have the pilot program. Letters of inquiry will be distributed with the intention of starting the first 10-week session in February.

Lauree Morton shared the news that she and Richard Irwin have been invited to prepare a side and parallel event in conjunction with the United Nation's Conference on Beijing Plus 20. The event is scheduled for the second week of December in New York where Lauree Morton and Richard Irwin will join Reverend Smalley and others in planning the event. The Beijing Plus 20 is scheduled for some time in March. She noted that they are also coordinating with the Botswana Embassy, who had a similar event that engaged men in working on violence against woman, and they will be meeting with the ambassador from Botswana at the December planning event. Richard Irwin commented that he believes it's critical that the faith-based component is being added to and invited to the table at these types of events.

Lauree Morton reported that with regards to the Batters Intervention Program (BIP) regulations, they've been given the green light to move forward. A meeting is scheduled next week to finalize the draft to send to the attorney for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and attorney for the Department of Corrections (DOC). After it is reviewed by DPS and DOC, it will be sent to the Department of Law (DOL) for their regulations attorney review, and then they will begin the public comment process.

Lauree Morton reported that with regards to Girls on the Run (GOTR), she expressed kudos to AWARE for agreeing to apply to be the statewide Council for GOTR, and their application was accepted. AWARE is going to be the GOTR coordinator for all the communities outside of Anchorage.

Lauree Morton directed the members' attention to the 4th quarter report for FY14 and the 1st quarter reports for FY15, which could be found in the board packet. She noted that the corrected pages for Alaska Family Services (AFS) Community-Based BIPs are available. Lauree Morton stated that Stephen Bower met with the AFS program staff and other members of the community, and anticipates returning to do a complete on-site visit. Lauree noted that AFS is being funded on a reimbursement basis, and the site visits are the beginning of the Council's scrutiny of AFS. Rachel commented that she would like to see the lack of community involvement addressed, and Lauree Morton responded that part of the on-site process is holding meetings with community stakeholders and asking about their interactions with the program; asking what they perceive to be strengths, needs, or gaps; and asking what the Council can do to be supportive. Lauree anticipates that the opportunity to talk to community stakeholders will bring forward concerns that will shed light on the lack of community involvement. They will also be meeting with the AFS board to ask questions about the program. Rachel asked to be informed when those meetings will take place.

Lauree Morton highlighted the following information from the quarterly reports:

- AWARE and SAVE are creating a Boys Run program, similar to GOTR, engaging boys awareness of healthy relationships, positive interactions, and physical activities.
- AWIC's community involvement included meeting with the Barrow High school football team at their pregame banquet, and they spoke about healthy relationships.
- IAC in Fairbanks has two new permanent supportive housing programs that have a combined total of 16 new units, which is great considering Fairbanks' housing shortage.
- KWRCC noted that they hired an advocate to work directly in Old Harbor, one of the prevention communities in Kodiak.
- Lee Shore Center in Kenai was able to present information at two schools that they had not had access to previously.
- SAFE in Dillingham has made progress with their VAWGO Rural DV grant, and they have moved to a larger two-bedroom apartment to house the Baywest Shelter in King Salmon.

Lauree Morton commented that throughout all the reports there were a lot of positive, successful interactions with program participants. There were several different occasions where someone came to a program with specific needs, and through the efforts of everyone involved, they are living violence-free lives and moving forward.

FINANCIALS

Lauree Morton handed out an update on federal grants and spending. Overall, they are on pace with the spending within all of the state and federal funds. She noted that if Council members were interested in seeing how they track what goes out to the programs, she can send that information to them electronically.

With regards to the federal plans, Lauree Morton reported that they are in good shape for that spending. There will be further discussion under the STOP FFY14 agenda item on what the ability is to fund necessary services this year when they receive the FFY14 award this year.

With regards to funding for FY16, there is a statutory requirement that the draft Governor's budget be released by December 15th, so on that day they will know what got put into the Governor's budget as far as the requested increments. There have been indications from the administration coming in that they will submit the budget on December 15th.

Lauree Morton introduced the new CDVSA website. She highlighted that they will be able to track visitors to the site and where they navigated to on the site, which will be good data to have to see what links are most helpful to people visiting the site. She pointed out that quarterly meeting packets will be available on the website, along with meeting minutes and meeting schedules. Lauree Morton noted that the staff will be sending a short questionnaire to Council members regarding their representation on the

board and what their focus is, and that would be included on the website so people could get a sense for whom the board is comprised of. Richard Irwin recommended picking an area to celebrate victories with regards to DVSA, highlighting the great things that are happening in the different regions with program successes. Lauree Morton suggested that it may be of interest to the Council members to have some social media training to prepare them for interacting with reporters and the general public.

Lauree Morton also called the Council members' attention to the FY15 first quarter outcome measures reports, which could be found in the board packet. The reports show the survey outcome measures and the behavior health outcomes measures.

ANDVSA REPORT

Peggy Brown, the director for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault reported that on October 13th through the 15th, they had their annual fall network meeting of the full membership. Members of the National Domestic Violence and Mental Health Trauma Center held a one-day discussion on the importance of being a trauma-informed organization. An ad hoc committee was formed, and they will focus their discussion on the possibility of using a small percentage of CDVSA funds to do trauma-informed activities for staff. There was also discussion regarding the grant cycles, and overwhelmingly they preferred a two-year grant cycle and a program evaluation committee (PEC) process where there was time at the end for the programs to provide clarification or brief comments.

Peggy Brown reported that overall the struggles statewide include:

- AWARE reported shelter night increase, which impacted staff.
- MFCC saw a spike in DVSA around PFD time.
- AWIAC noted that their shelter is at full capacity, and their clients are staying longer.
- BSWG received the deferred maintenance report from the Foraker Group that stated that their shelter needs a lot of work. The recommendation was that they get rid of the building and build a new one.
- Two of the new program directors attended an executive director orientation in Juneau, and they also met with Network staff and Council staff, and toured the AWARE shelter.
- AWAKE reports that their shelter is seeing high numbers. They are a 52-bed facility, and their numbers have been in the high 60s. They have had incidences of threats to the shelter.
- SAFE reported seeing more individuals seeking prevention services and more individuals presenting with higher levels of trauma.
- SEAVIEW noted that they were disappointed that their hospital didn't want to participate in SART, even though they had a team ready to go except for a medical professional.
- The shelter in Homer reported they were full and over capacity, and their CAC numbers are approximately 20 percent more than last year.
- Valdez commented they had a 20 percent increase in services over last year, with more children, and a 30 percent increase of new clients in their first quarter.

- STAR reported safety issues with a staff person being assaulted.

Peggy Brown gave an update on the DVSA deferred maintenance project, which is a project funded with capital money from the legislature, the Governor, and Rasmuson. The Foraker Group will be finalizing the report of their assessments of the shelter programs, and the next step is a review by the executive committee, which will make recommendations for funding priority needs. The final reports are due in January 2015.

Peggy Brown gave an update on the Empowering Choices Housing Program. Earlier this fall Peggy was invited to attend the Vice President's 20th Anniversary Celebration in D.C., and the Empowering Choices Housing Program was highlighted as an innovative program. In other recent news, according to AHFC, more than 470 Alaskans have benefitted from the program, 72 percent of which were woman who were heads of household with children. She noted that that program is doing what they had hoped it would do.

Peggy Brown reported that they recently engaged in a MOU with the University of Alaska system that outlines collaborative strategies to address sexual assault and dating violence on college campuses. That work group is scheduled to meet in December to start looking at those strategies, and they will be looking to bring in a new researcher at UAA to help evaluate the strategies that they implement.

Peggy Brown reported that they have been working with the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) on crafting a template for programs to engage in MOUs with DJJ facilities around the Prison Rape Elimination Act requirements and standards, but they have encountered a barrier to doing that statewide due to the statutes around parental consent. They decided instead to continue to work with DJJ to provide guidelines for each individual program that works with their DJJ facilities.

Peggy Brown stated that they conducted a candidate survey for contested races only to educate the voting public about candidate's views regarding domestic violence and sexual assault. They were asked two questions:

- How would they address the disproportionately high rates of violence against Native women?
- How would they prioritize the following focus areas: sexual assault in the military, prevention in schools and communities, funding shelter programs, sex trafficking, violence against Native women, engaging men in ending violence?

Peggy noted the top three out of 47 responses:

- Funding of shelter programs
- Engaging men in ending violence
- Prevention in schools and communities.

Peggy Brown reported that the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence has a special OVW advocacy assessment tool. Essentially the tool works together with law enforcement in order to reach more victims of lethal situations. Kenai, Homer, Seward,

Cordova, and Valdez have assembled a team of advocates and local law enforcement together to form a team that an OVW/TA provider is going to train.

Peggy Brown reported that Katy Ruff Soden, the ANDVSA staff attorney in Anchorage, got her second win before the Alaska Supreme Court. Peggy stated that Lori Grassgreen, the prevention director, is leaving the Network and moving on to the Alaska Association of School Boards. Kami Moore will be taking over as the new prevention director.

Peggy Brown reported on training activities as follows:

- In September, the National Domestic Violence Hotline came to Alaska to do a training. There were approximately 14 programs that attend the training, and they gave it very positive reviews.
- Lead-On was held November 1st - 3rd, and Peggy commented that they received the highest number of applications ever, and had approximately 100 to 110 youths that attended.
- In December they are having an in-person legal advocacy training. The focus this year is on strengthening relationships with justice agencies and tribes, and a piece on wellness with Dr. Linda Chamberlain.
- The next online DVSA advocacy course is scheduled for January 13th through February 18th. Since October of 2013, they've had 121 people complete the online course.
- February 9th – 11th they are going to hold in-person advanced sexual assault advocacy training, which will include the national partner, the Resource Sharing Project, who will be coming in to do training.

Peggy Brown reported that they have also been working on the COMPASS project, which is a guide for men to be trained as mentors. They had their first two pilot trainings in Ketchikan and Anchorage where they had 16 men attend the training. They have had 30 applicants for the training from a variety of communities, and the Division of Juvenile Justice has also expressed interest in a conference training for all of their youth detention facilities, so the Network will look to piloting that training at one or two facilities next year.

Peggy Brown noted that Partnering with Parents completed a phone survey of approximately 600 parents from rural and urban areas to learn about their preference on communication, dating, and other topics. They also completed ten focus groups with parents and two focus groups with youths. Since then, they have distributed about 2,400 sets of the Talk Now Talk Often cards to parents, foster parents, health professionals, nurses, and Public Health.

Peggy Brown stated that HOPE in Craig has demonstrated interest in becoming a full voting member of the Network, so they are in the process of working that through the membership, and it is highly likely that they will become a member.

Peggy Brown reported that they've have had serious concerns with OVW around the STOP grant and their discussion and/or requirements on how they expect the Council to

work with tribes in consultation. Peggy reported that she met with OVW when she was in Washington, noting that perhaps the coalition could provide some insight between the State, the Council, and OVW around why their requirements for Alaska were so stringent on consultation. OVW specifically wanted Alaska to consult with every single tribe in a meaningful way, and it was apparent that Lauree Morton had done that perhaps better than it has ever been done as a state administration and as a coalition, but apparently, that wasn't sufficient enough for OVW. Peggy stated that she is exceedingly disappointed that OVW won't let Alaska do what they said they would be doing, because what Alaska is doing in their consultation with tribal groups is very meaningful and real, that Alaska actually goes beyond due diligence, and yet it doesn't seem to meet OVW's requirements. Peggy also asked them if they perhaps wanted to look at how they define consultation with tribes, and either put in an exception or a definition that accommodates real and meaningful consultation, and not insult tribes by sending something out and saying, "You have until this time to comment, or we'll just consider that you don't care about the issue." Peggy noted that Alaska, in fact, knows tribes in villages care deeply about the issues, and the Council has done a lot of work to try and get their input.

SITKANS AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Council members recessed from the board meeting to meet with Vicki D'Amico, director of the Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) program.

MEET A STAFF MEMBER: STEPHEN BOWER

Richard Irwin introduced Stephen Bower, the newest staff member at CDVSA. Stephen stated that he was looking forward to the opportunity to serve the Council. He gave the Council members a snapshot of his personal, educational, and professional life. He has been hired as a program coordinator, and will be working to coordinate service provisions in the Victim Service Providers and BIP programs. He will also be working with the Victims of Crime Act grants and looking at some of the federal competitive grants. He will be working with the batterer intervention programs as they get current regulations and implement them to help them look at what the next phase of work is going to be.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Richard Irwin opened the floor to Council members for comment.

Susan Cushing explained that her activities over the past few months were different from what she had been doing for the last 12 years, which was working with Social Services. Susan shared that she had been invited to participate in an art show at the Pratt Museum for woman who had been involved in the art culture in Homer 30 years ago. She used her little sister from the Big Brother Big Sister Program, who she's been with for eight years, as her subject of her submission, and she shared a poem she wrote to go along with the painting she did.

Rachel Gernat commented that she noticed while reading through the program reports that two of the service provider agencies reported the woman that they had success with all noted that they had been seeing them since they were children, so they had

come in as children living in a home with violence, ended up as victims as adults, and now have moved on to be survivors. Rachel noted that if they look at the outcome measures for both the quarters, the lowest percentages were in the child area. CDVSA would be remiss not to start including children in the prevention focus.

Patty Owen commented that they held their School Health and Wellness Institute and had approximately 180 participants from 20 school districts from around the state. Patty noted that the Department of Education received a grant that is intended for mental health services in schools, and three districts around the state, Anchorage, Kenai, and Mat-Su will primarily serve the children who are older, but they are higher risk possibly from their adverse childhood experiences. Patty reported that she and Ann Rausch conducted a domestic violence sexual assault training for education specialists around school health education and personal safety education in schools, and they also did a presentation on that at the School Health and Wellness Institute. She also noted that there is a press release on the 4th R evaluation, and Lauree Morton stated that it would not be publically released until January. Patty noted that she and Ann Rausch will be working on personal safety education guidelines for schools, looking towards Erin's Law being introduced again. Patty stated that the Fairbanks School District just adopted an Erin's Law type policy for their school districts.

Richard Irwin commented that he appreciated all that were able to come to the table to be able to help move initiatives forward and to see transformation take place in the state of Alaska. He expressed his appreciation to those who participated in op-eds for publications related to DVSA. He reported on the activities of the Shepard's Care Forum, which is to bring clergy together who would not normally be gathered together and instruct them, educate them, and train them about DVSA and about how to help people who come to them looking for help, whether they are part of their congregation or not. The last gathering was at the crime lab, and that was at capacity with a waiting list, and the outcome reports were very positive. Richard reported that recently they were gifted with a lady who was finishing her doctorate in occupations therapy and was doing her thesis related to DVSA, and so they've given her the task of putting together a toolkit comprised of all of the resources that are available from both the public and the faith-based sectors to be able to present to clergy so they will have the knowledge of the resources available. The toolkit is expected to be done by January, if not before. The next Shepard's Care Forum is scheduled for January 23rd in Anchorage, and it will be focused on sex trafficking. Richard expressed his appreciation to Ron Taylor for inviting him to the reentry program layout at DOC last week, and he thanked Ron for all the effort that he and the department have put into building an effective reentry program.

Donna Erickson commented that she liked the way Stephen Bower shared from his heart, which tied into Richard's words about ambassadors. Donna expressed her appreciation for Vicki D'Amico's passion and the statement she made, "We've been doing this for so many years, and we've just found the key that we need to change the victim's way of thinking so that they don't come back and come back. It's all about changing their way of thinking."

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW: CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention to the Strategic Plan, which could be found in the board packet. At the last meeting, the Council had asked Patty Owen and Rachel Gernat to draft a recommendation for rewording the definition of prevention, and they also amended the mission statement. The recommended revised mission statement was read by Lauree Morton.

Donna Erickson **MOVED** to accept the revised mission statement. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Folger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

After a brief discussion related to the recommended revised prevention definition, the definition was amended to read:

What is Prevention?

Prevention works to proactively modify or entirely eliminate events, conditions, or exposure to risk factors that can result in or cause violence to reoccur.

Prevention of interpersonal violence is a systematic process that promotes healthy environments and behaviors. Short-term needs are acute and literally affect life and safety; however, successful prevention is cost effective in the long term.

Ron Taylor **MOVED** to accept the definition as amended. The motion was **SECONDED** by Rachel Gernat. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

After a brief discussion related to the crisis management and invention definitions, the definitions were amended to read:

What is crisis management?

Crisis management is the immediate and short-term response to domestic violence and sexual assault. Crisis management addresses the immediate issues of safety and support services.

What is intervention?

Intervention is the long-term response after domestic violence and sexual assault has occurred, following the immediate crisis management response. Intervention addresses the long-term consequences of such violence.

Donna Erickson **MOVED** to accept the amended definitions of crisis management and intervention in the strategic plan. The motion was **SECONDED** by Susan Cushing. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

With respect to the review of the strategic plan, crisis management and intervention goals 3, 4, and 5 and the objectives for each, the following recommendations were made:

- **Title page:** Incorporate "Alaska" into the logo.

- **Page 4: Goal 3, Objective 3A**
Change: Determine the operational costs to provide comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault victim services, including shelter.
- **Page 4: Goal 3, Objective 3D**
Change: Initiate immediate law enforcement response.
- **Page 4: Goal 3, Objective 3E**
Change: Improve the ability of the justice system to enhance victim safety through appropriate sanctions, orders, and judgments.
- **Page 4: Goal 3, Objective 3G**
Change: Increase access to legal resources for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are involved in the civil and criminal justice systems.
- **Page 5: Goal 4**
Change: Enhance the understanding of the prevalence and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault in the state of Alaska.
- **Page 5: Goal 4, Objective 4A**
Change: Build public awareness and support for crisis management and intervention services.
- **Page 5: Goal 5 and Goal 5, Objective 5A**
Change: Delete.

The review was tabled, and Lauree Morton will provide the Council members with a draft of the changes.

SITKA'S COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION PLAN

Lauree Morton stated that the Council members are scheduled to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to meet with Sitka's Pathway to Prevention Committee, who will give a presentation of the prevention work they have been doing.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 4:07 p.m.

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Pat Sidmore
Shirley Pittz
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Katie TePas
Peggy Brown – telephonic
Carole Warshaw – telephonic
Patti Bland – telephonic

Staff

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Ann Rausch – telephonic
Dianne Lanuza – telephonic
Freda Westman – telephonic

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Friday, November 21, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Richard Irwin, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., and roll call was taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

Rachel Gernat requested that a miscellaneous items discussion be added to the agenda. Richard Irwin suggested either just before noon or at 3:45. Rachel Gernat asked for a short break before 11:00 a.m. to check out.

STOP FFY14

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention to the STOP brief and the draft federal FY2014 STOP consultation work plan and timeline, which could be found in the board packet. With regards to the work plan and timeline, Lauree Morton reported that it is an aggressive, yet reasonable timeline in which to complete the necessary requirements by May 30th.

After a discussion regarding the planned activities, Council members had the following questions/comments:

Q: Will there be an opportunity for tribal representatives who want to attend the meeting in person to do so?

A: That is doable, yes.

Q: Has the plan been approved by OVW?

A: The understanding is that they will accept it.

Q: Is there accountability for attendance?

A: There will be a list of tribes that have been invited and a list of tribes that participated, and there's a requirement that the representatives of the tribes sign off on attendance pages.

Q: Is there a minimum acceptable percentage of participation?

A: There is no known written policy of acceptable participation percentage.

Q: Is this part of the coordinating with tribal organizations?

A: Yes.

Q: What representatives of the tribes would be contacted?

A: OVW is expecting this to be addressed to the tribal leader.

Q: What does OVW require from California with regards to consultation with their tribes?

A: California has a different accepted proposal than Alaska.

Q: Would it be prudent to contact congressional leaders to get some assistance with relief on the expectations of OVW?

A: It may be, and the board would have to direct CDVSA staff to do so.

Q: Will further action by engaging the congressional delegation bring harm?

A: Not known.

Q: What percentage of Alaska Native tribes use the grants that are offered, and how much do they know about the STOP grant?

A: OVW historically had a separate set-aside for grants. The U.S. Department of Justice collapsed their independent tribal set-asides into one tribal grant with one comprehensive application for funding for services. Now there's a comprehensive

grant application process where tribes have to enumerate what the funds would be used for. Don't know the percentage.

Q: Who complained to OVW to set Alaska apart from everyone else?

A: In the National Women's Indigenous Women's Resource Center newsletter, it was stated that the executive director of the Yupik Women's Coalition did complain to OVW about the lack of tribal consultation particular to STOP. Further, there was an OVW consultation this fall during which there were also complaints made. When CDVSA was in a teleconference with OVW asking CDVSA for the timeline prior to this letter coming out, the leadership was asked how OVW was going to inform CVDSA about the complaints so that CDVSA would have an opportunity to respond. OVW did not provide a forum or explanation of how they would do that, which was unfortunate, because if CVDSA isn't aware of the concerns, it would make it difficult to address the concerns. CDVSA let OVW know that the Council office has not been contacted from anywhere about this concern. Lauree Morton has formally asked for a process for OVW to let CVDSA know so they have an opportunity to clarify, and no such process has been afforded.

Comments from the Council members included that stylistically the timeline was difficult to read. There were concerns about timeline and a suggestion for a shorter or compressed timeline to allow for leeway for unforeseen issues with OVW. It was suggested that the current draft timeline be submitted, but an effort be made to prioritizing a compressed timeline possibly by half.

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to accept the draft FFY2014 STOP consultation work plan with the amendment to invite many of the tribes to appear in person as well as telephonically if so requested, and to adopt the CDVSA draft timeline that would go with the consultation work plan as drafted by Lauree Morton with the caveat that the time management within the time frame will ultimately be left up to Lauree Morton, given her other duties that must be done within certain time limits as well. Rick Svobodny **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

Rick Svobodny recommended contacting Alaska's congressional delegation to address the equity of the OVW requirements. The Council members were in agreement with that recommendation and directed the staff to do so.

Donna Erickson stated that AFN meets each year in October, and that may be a good place to contact the tribal leaders. Donna stated that she would be willing to help Lauree Morton with that contact. Lauree Morton noted that representatives from AFN were invited to participate in planning and did not do so, but she would welcome Donna's assistance with communications with AFN.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mandy Cole, from AWARE's Juneau Choice and Accountability Program, which is a batterer's intervention program, shared the program data from FY12 through FY15. She noted that the number of men they are working with has quadrupled in the past few years. One reason this has become such an issue at this point is they now have three groups, one in the prison and two in the community, and they have started running a

waitlist last spring, which presents problems for the program. They plan to open a fourth group in December with no funds to do so. In order to run the program, they need at least two people. They are continuing to look for new funding strategies, but they wanted to bring this to the attention of the Council, because the predicament the program is in relates to responding to the community, which is an important piece of the program. She wanted the board to see how many people the program has been serving and how well the program has been received to give the board members a sense of why they are continuing to seek a permanent and predictable funding strategy.

Mandy Cole fielded questions from the Council members regarding the data, and summarized that they have had six people complete the program in the last six months. The groups are either 26 or 52 weeks, which makes it difficult for participants to comply, so it takes a long time for people to get through the program. In terms of success, the program is beginning to hit its stride, because they are working hard to keep participants in the program with extra support.

NATIONAL CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TRAUMA, AND MENTAL HEALTH

Carol Warshaw and Patti Bland, from the National Technical Resource Center, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families Violence Prevention Services Program, stated that their mission is to improve program and system capacities to serve domestic violence survivors and their children who are experiencing childhood mental and substance abuse-related needs and to develop culturally relevant approaches to domestic violence and other trauma across their life span. A lot of their work is done around training, technical assistance consultations, developing materials, producing webinars, and writing chapters and manuals to build the capacity of programs. A lot of their work is with state coalitions by supporting their capacity to be able to support local programs. They also work very closely with the culturally specific resource centers.

Carol Warshaw gave a brief history of the evolution and the scope of the mission, and outlined the challenges and barriers that they needed to overcome with regards to domestic violence, safety and advocacy needs, and mental health issues. She stated that they are currently working on developing culturally relevant trauma-informed outcome measures based on what survivors report are the most meaningful outcomes for them, and also supporting research to develop a trauma-informed practice measure so that survivors can evaluate whether a program is trauma informed. The other piece of research she highlighted was a survey of over 2,700 woman that was done by the National Domestic Violence Hotline called Mental Health and Substance Use Coercion Survey. Carol noted that what they found was 86 percent said that their partner had called them crazy or accused them of being crazy, 74 percent said that their partner deliberately did things to make them feel like they were going crazy or losing their minds, about 53 percent said they never sought help for feeling upset or depressed, and 50 percent said that their partner had tried to interfere with their treatment.

Patti Bland spoke with regards to the substance abuse coercion survey, and she highlighted the following data related to substance abuse:

- 3,224 survivors were surveyed.

- 27 percent reported to having been pressured or forced to use alcohol or other drugs or made to use more substance than they wanted in the context of a domestic violence relationship.
- 37.5 percent had been told that their abusive partner was going to report them or threatened to report alcohol or drug use to someone in authority to undermine them.
- 24.4 percent had been told that if the police were called, the offender would say any drug paraphernalia belonged to the victim.
- 26 percent were using substances to reduce pain and shame and sorrow from how the partner was abusing them.
- 15 percent had tried to get help for their substances, but the offender actively undermined them and/or prevented them from getting help and/or discouraged them from getting help.

Carole Warshaw stated the survey is an example of the kind of research that reflects what is important to survivors, advocates, and programs in ways that have implications for real practice. The heart of the work they are doing with Alaska is around the training and technical assistance for capacity building. Alaska has a more intensive focus with an overall project focus that involves an annual site visit, quarterly TA calls, provision of materials and resources, doing baseline needs assessments, and assisting with long-term evaluations of outcomes, developing new measures with the overall goal of supporting programs, infusing an accessible culture of a trauma-informed approach to the work, and supporting collaboration with the partners around mental health and substance abuse in particular.

MINUTES REVIEW, CONTINUED

July 23 - 24, 2014

Susan Cushing **MOVED** to approve the amended minutes of the 1st quarter FY15 meeting held July 23 – 24, 2014. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ronald Taylor. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

October 9, 2014

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 Special Meeting as presented. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Folger. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW CONTINUED

The Council members reviewed the draft changes to the strategic plan. Donna Erickson **MOVED** to adopt the revisions to the crisis management and intervention section of the strategic plan as amended. Susan Cushing **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

FY 16 – 17 GRANT CYCLE

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention to the draft FY16-17 grant cycle information, which could be found in the board packet. She stated that the action required was to direct staff to prepare the requests for proposals and to set up the method and mechanism for review and award of the grants. She reviewed the way the

grants have been currently structured and the decision making process has been carried out, and the reason for moving to a proposal evaluation committee (PEC) process, and also the staff recommendations.

Susan Cushing recommended accepting the draft FY16-17 grant cycle recommendations as written. The Council members unanimously agreed to direct the staff to prepare the requests for proposals as outlined in the proposed draft grant cycle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Folger **MOVED** to go into executive session to discuss matters that affect the financial integrity of the organization. The motion was seconded by Rachel Gernat. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

The Council resumed regular session, and Rachel Gernat called for a motion. Susan Cushing **MOVED** that regarding the Maniilaq Family Crisis Center, the Council continues to reimburse the program on a monthly basis with the grant being extended until June 30, 2015, and an onsite visit will take place before February 20 – 21, 2015 when the Council has its meeting in Juneau. Travel to Kotzebue will consist of a consultant, Commissioner Folger, public member Donna Erickson, Department of Law representative Rick Svobodny, public member Rachel Gernat, and executive director Lauree Morton. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Folger. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (5/0)**

Susan Cushing **MOVED** that the amount of money, \$150,000, be released to other programs based on a letter of interest on a one-time basis. The motion was **SECONDED** by Donna Erickson. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (5/0)**

PREVENTION UPDATE

The prevention update was tabled.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, (ACEs) – ALASKA DATA

Pat Sidmore, a planner with the Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council members demonstrating the data gathered from the 2013 survey regarding adverse childhood experiences in Alaska.

ALASKA EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATION COUNCIL

Shirley Pittz reported that the Alaska Early Childhood Coordination Council was created in 2010 by an administrative order from Governor Parnell. The Council's purpose is positive outcomes for young children and trying to coordinate the systems and integrate processes to improve services for young children. She reported that the scope of the purpose reaches across the areas of health, mental health, education, and family supports. The board is comprised of approximately 23 members, both public and private.

Shirley Pittz shared a presentation of a brief synopsis of children's brain development and why early childhood is such a critical period and the data related to the issues that children are dealing with.

Shirley Pittz highlighted the following risk data:

- 41 percent of the children under the age of 6 live in a family below the federal poverty level.
- Young children are more likely to be the victims of maltreatment. Half of the children with a substantiated report of harm are age birth to 5, and the same group is over represented in foster care, and they stay longer and have more placements.
- Maternal depression is a risk factor for children.
- Significant and frequent household changes are risk factors for young children.

The Alaska Early Childhood Coordination Council developed eight recommendations:

- Expand early childhood services.
- Increase wages for childcare givers.
- Implement a quality rating system.
- Early learning guidelines information.
- Strengthen families and supports.
- Strengthen local partnerships.
- Strengthen Well Child exams.
- Age-appropriate services, physical, emotional, and behavioral health.

The Council has ongoing projects that are focused on raising the skill level and expertise of people around early childhood mental health, observations for childcare centers and preschool programs to assist them to become developmentally appropriate. They are pulling together all of the Head Start mental health consultants and setting up infrastructure to pull those people together for a partnership. Shirley noted that the projects are designed to reach out to young children and their families.

Shirely Pittz noted that Strengthening Families received consistent funding this year. She thanked CDVSA, and noted that they will be broadening their efforts to rural areas.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

Rachel Gernat went through the items of housekeeping as follows:

In May Ron Taylor was asked to research the possibility of contracting a roving therapist for sex offenders in rural sites. Ron noted that he contacted Ed Webster, the sex offender program manager, who has been doing research on it. Ron stated that in the past, they tried to establish a rural sex offender program that allowed a therapist to go to Bethel for a few days and then go to other sites, but nobody took the RFP when it was put out in Bethel.

In May there was a request made for the stakeholders of Erin's Law to make a presentation at a future Council meeting. Lauree Morton stated the timing couldn't be worked out, but they will continue to work on it as a possibility for the Juneau meeting.

Rachel Gernat requested an update on a plan to have a presentation related to the information John Skidmore presented regarding a program in Anchorage that captured conditions of release for offenders for a database. Lauree Morton reported that they have not provided a white paper or time to come and present to the Council.

With regards to the request on an update regarding sex trafficking on a future agenda, and educating legislators as a year-round activity to increase their awareness of CDVSA issues and activities, Lauree Morton reported that the legislative activity is planned for the agenda at the February meeting in Juneau.

In August Rick Svobodny had recommended a study of the efficacy of the BIP and a copy of the screening criteria. Lauree Morton stated that the screening criteria had been provided.

In Susan Cushing's addendum letter attached to the May meeting minutes, she asked if the Council should address the National Guard scandal. Richard Irwin reported that he is planning to have a conversation with new administration's leadership about some things that need to change as it relates to the Council, for example, that the Council is apprised of things upfront so that if they are brought into an issue related to CDVSA specifically, they would have knowledge of the issue. The Council members had a brief discussion regarding the Council, as a sitting body, being informed with regards to "hot topics" that have a bearing on the work they do, and how to improve the communication with the board members on those issues so they are prepared to answer possible inquiries from the public on the Council's involvement or awareness.

Rachel Gernat would like a tour of AWARE while in Juneau, and Lauree Morton will work on arranging a tour for Rachel.

Rachel Gernat pointed out that in the July meeting minutes on page 17, there is a list of comments on topics and things that individual Council members had brought up as agenda items that they want more information about. Lauree Morton noted that as board members become more comfortable with the work the Council does, it is becoming apparent that they are going need to either to restrict what their areas of interest are or add time to meetings. Ron Taylor noted that if they choose to increase the number of meetings, the Council needs to have some flexibility for attendance. Council members suggested more teleconference meetings, and Lauree Morton stated that they will look at the agenda items and sort out what could be done in a teleconference and what needs to be done at an in-person meeting.

Commission Folger commented that with the changes in administration, he isn't sure he will continue to be on the board, so he wanted to say that the cause of the Council is good, and he is thankful to have been part of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna Erickson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rachel Gernat. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**. The meeting concluded at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 2/18/15, P.D.

INDEX OF ACRONYMS

AAVP	Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention
AFS	Family Services – Palmer
AHFC	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
AJP	Alaska Justice Project
ANDVSA	Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
APD	Anchorage Police Department
AST	Alaska State Troopers
AVV	Advocates for Victims of Violence - Valdez
AWAIC	Abused Women's Aid in Crisis - Anchorage
AWARE	Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies - Juneau
AWIC	Arctic Women in Crisis - Barrow
BIP	Batterer Intervention Program
BSWG	Bering Sea Women's Group - Nome
CBIM	Coaching Boys Into Men
CDVSA	Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
CFRC	Cordova Family Resource Center - Cordova
CUBS	Childhood Understanding Behaviors Study
DBH	Division of Behavioral Health
DHSS	Department of Health & Human Services
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOL	Department of Law
FVPSA	Family Violence Prevention Services Act
GOTR	Girls on the Run
GTEA	Grants to Encourage Arrest
HOPE	Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies
HUD	Housing & Urban Development
IAC	Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks
KWRCC	Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center - Kodiak
LSC	Lee Shore Center – Kenai
MFCC	Maniilaq Family Crisis Center - Kotzebue
MOA/MOU	Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding
OCS	Office of Children's Services
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OVW	Office of Violence Against Women
PRAMS	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
PREA	Prison Rape Elimination Act
PEC	Program Evaluation Committee
RFP	Request for proposals
SAFE	Safe and Fear Free Environment - Dillingham
SAFV	Sitkans Against Family Violence - Sitka
SAP	Sexual Assault Prevention

SART	Sexual Assault Response Training
SASP	Sexual Assault Services Program
SCS	Seaview Community Services - Seward
SPHH	South Peninsula Haven House - Homer
STAR	Standing Together Against Rape - Anchorage
STOP	Services Training Officers Prosecutors
SVSEP	Supervised Visitation Safe Exchange Program
TA	Technical assistance
TWC	Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel
USAFV	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - Unalaska
VCCB	Violent Crimes Compensation Board
VJF	Victims for Justice – Anchorage
VOCA	Victims of Crime Act
WAVE	Working Against Violence for Everyone
WISH	Women in Safe Homes - Ketchikan
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey