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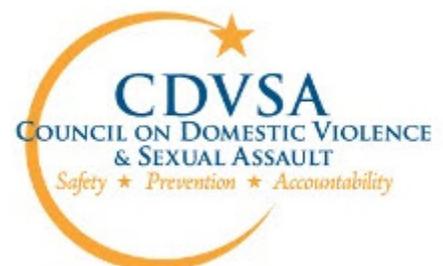
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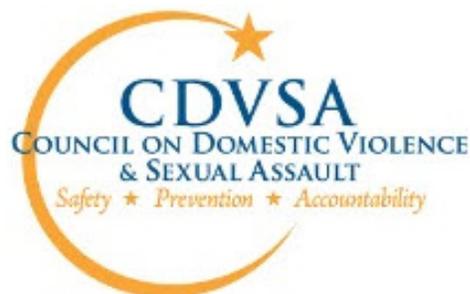
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Wednesday September 28 Agenda

9:00	Call to Order Roll Call Chair Comments Conflict Inquiry Minute Approval May 11-13, 2011 June 7, 2011 August 23, 2011	Chair Susan Cushing
9:30	Executive Director Report	Lauree Morton
10:00	Finance Report	Lauree Morton
10:30	Network Report	Peggy Brown
10:50	BREAK	
11:00	<i>Webinar: Promising Practices and Challenges in Making Economic Security for Survivors a Priority for the STOP Grant Program</i>	
12:30	LUNCH	
1:30	Admin/Executive Committee Report Draft By-law Revisions Draft Policy: Grantee Failure to Expend Grant Funds	Susan Cushing
2:15	BREAK	
3:00	Governor's DVSA Initiative Committee Report Possible FY13 Increment Adds	Susan Cushing
4:00	Regional Victimization Survey Results	Andre Rosay Ginger Baim
4:30	RECESS	

Thursday September 29 Agenda

9:00	Call to Order	Susan Cushing
9:15	Program Spotlight: Safe and Fear Free Environment	Ginger Baim
10:00	Council Comments	Council
10:30	Council Staff Member Highlight	Angela Wells
10:45	Public Comment	Susan Cushing
11:30	LUNCH	
1:00	FVPSA, VOCA and SASP—what are they and how are funds allocated	Lauree Morton
2:00	State funds/how funding streams are integrated to fund victim service programs	Lauree Morton
2:30	BREAK	
2:45	Grants Committee Report Recommendations: Quarterly/Annual Reporting Moving from Outputs to Outcomes	Melissa Stone
4:30	RECESS	

Friday September 30 Agenda

9:00 Grants Committee Report Melissa Stone

Recommendations:

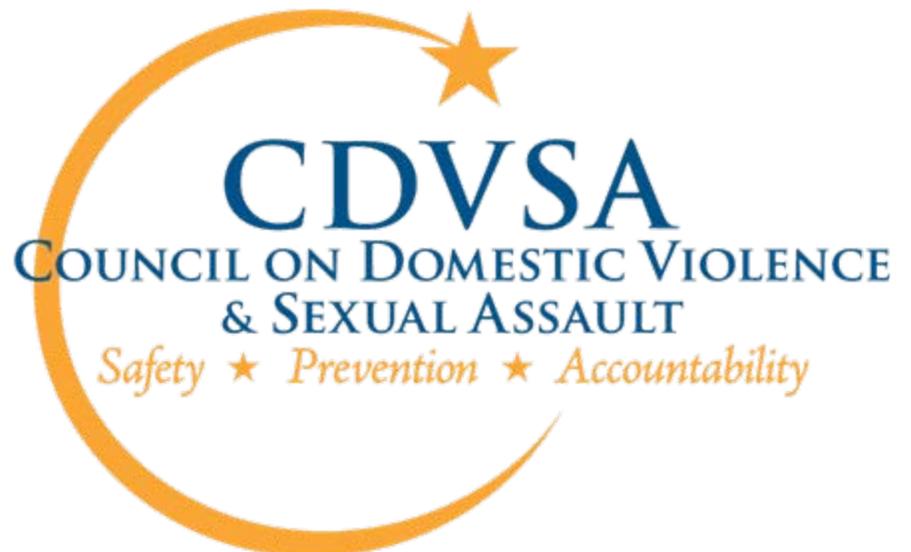
Proposal Evaluation Committee
Direct Staff to Develop RFP

10:30 BREAK

10:45 Grants Committee Continued Melissa Stone

11:30 ADJOURN

Draft Minutes Needing Approval



DRAFT MINUTES NEEDING APPROVAL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**STATE OF ALASKA
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF FOURTH QUARTER FY2011 MEETING
MAY 11-13, 2011**

**Brady Building - 5th Floor Conference Room
1031 West 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Susan Cushing called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Council members present: Ann House (public member); Commissioner Joseph Masters (Department of Public Safety); Richard Svobodny (Department of Law); Patricia Owen (Department of Education & Early Development); Susan Cushing (public member/chair); Kristine Tinker (public member/vice chair); Dr. De Anna Hellwich (Department of Corrections)

Council members absent: Stephanie McFadden-Evans and Melissa Stone

Council staff present: Lauree Morton (interim executive director); Angie Wells (office assistant); Linda Hoven (program coordinator via teleconference)

Others present (in person or by telephone): Dan Spencer (DPS Administrative Services); Peggy Brown (ANDVSA); Ginger Baim (SAFE - Dillingham); Keith Mallard (AST); Lisa Emerson (DPS); Saralyn Tabachnick (AWARE - Juneau); Cory Bryant (Alaska CARES and the Alaska Children's Alliance); Mandy Cole (AWARE - Juneau)

There were no potential conflict-of-interest disclosures.

Chair Cushing said she intended to follow *Robert's Rules of Orders* to the best of her ability as she embarked on her one-year tenure as chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CDVSA interim executive director Lauree Morton gave reports on the following committee meetings:

Governor's DV/SA Initiative Committee, May 11 — Susan Cushing, Kristine Tinker, and Commissioner Masters in attendance. They received reports on the Initiative subgroups. They heard that Department of Corrections returned the \$35,000 RSA from the CDVSA to do qualitative research in the communities (out of the \$100,000 BIPs funding to complete the batterers program evaluation that Dr. Andre Rosay is doing). The Alaska Judicial Council will do the qualitative information gathering instead, and CDVSA will provide a researcher. Ms. Morton will revise the RSA to hold a stakeholders meeting late in June to review the steps done to date. The Committee also decided that the question of whether the CDVSA should be facilitating the large DV/SA Governor's Initiative Work Group was a full Council discussion for later.

Administration Committee, May 11 — Ann House, Rick Svobodny, and Commissioner Joe Masters attended. They considered a broad travel policy that encourages in-state training and increases the Council's visibility. They reviewed the role and responsibilities of Council members and discussed proposed amendments to the bylaws.

Mr. Svobodny stated that he would be making a motion at the next meeting to: (1) amend Article III of the CDVSA bylaws to change the number of Public Council Members from three to four and to include the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his/her designee; (2) amend Article VI dealing with open Council meetings and executive sessions; and (3) amend Article VII to identify who may raise the question of conflicts of interest.

The Committee discussed what an open meeting is with regard to public notice for committee meetings so that more than three Council members could be in a room and participate.

APPROVE MINUTES - March 3-4, 2011

The March 3-4, 2011 Minutes were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Svobodny and seconded by Ms. House.

QUARTERLY REPORTS - VICTIM SERVICES AND BIPS

Lauree Morton stated that no narrative was available for this quarter but staff would provide a narrative highlighting what the programs accomplished in the fiscal year at the next meeting. The meeting packet contained some charts of information from programs that Council members had requested.

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Morton reviewed a two-page status summary of CDVSA federal grants as of April 22, 2011 (in the packet). She said future meetings would include a description of the administrative funds and the status of that spending.

FY12 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Ms. Morton said the Council indicated in December it wanted to extend the FY11 grants into FY12. BIPs were allocated \$200,000, the same amount as the previous year.

COMMISSIONER MASTERS MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012:

COMMUNITY BASED BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:

Alaska Family Services - Palmer	\$ 41,812
Interior Alaska Center For Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks	\$ 64,312
Ketchikan Indian Corporation - Ketchikan	\$ 48,313
The Leeshore Center - Kenai	\$ 20,000
South Peninsula Haven House - Homer	<u>\$ 25,563</u>
Total	\$200,000

PRISON-BASED BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:

Alaska Family Services - Palmer	\$ 46,589
Aiding Women In Abuse & Rape Emergencies - Juneau	\$ 20,000
Interior Alaska Center For Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks	<u>\$ 31,648</u>
Total	\$ 98,237

MS. HOUSE SECONDED. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0, with Cushing, Tinker, Masters, Owen, Hellwich, House and Svobodny present.

All Permanent Fund Dividend felon/misdemeanant dollars were removed from CDVSA this year, and the state funding source is strictly general fund dollars. The Legislature also approved replacing the legal advocacy earmark money that was running out with general fund dollars.

Ms. Morton explained the difficulty at the beginning of the state fiscal year of being able to allocate a complete quarter's worth of funding without the CDVSA having the federal grant awards in hand — which is the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) award that is four-year money, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) award that is three years. The FY12 budget is holding back one-fourth of the FVPSA grant award and one-fourth of the VOCA grant award so that starting in FY13 that money will be immediately available for July through September, after which things will be on the regular path. This is the best year to withhold those funds because the CDVSA is getting a general fund increase and it would not mean a decrement to the program funding.

Also, \$128,000 of FY11 funds for legal advocacy that was not assigned was added to the amount available to all programs for the FY12 increment.

Staff recommended retaining \$64,000 of FY12 funding until a recommendation can be made on meeting the legal advocacy needs of the smaller programs. The legal advocates and the programs will meet through the latter part of this year to figure that out.

MR. SVOBODNY MOVED, FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, IF THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE:

Alaska Family Services (AFS) - Palmer	\$ 583,405.10
Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV) - Valdez	323,220.06
Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) - Anchorage	1,377,332.79
Aiding Women in Abuse & Rape Emergencies (AWARE) – Juneau	764,609.40
Arctic Women In Crisis - Barrow (AWIC)	403,956.97
Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) - Nome	522,615.20
Cordova Family Resource Center (CFRC) - Cordova	123,712.10
Interior AK Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC) - Fairbanks	1,032,225.01
Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center (KWRCC) - Kodiak	379,307.66
LeeShore Center (LSC) - Kenai	742,742.38
Maniilaq Family Crisis Center (MFCC) - Kotzebue	337,004.36
Safe and Fear-Free Environment (SAFE) - Dillingham	621,851.30
Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) - Sitka	429,234.46
Seaview Community Services (SCS) - Seward	110,613.91
South Peninsula Haven House (SPHH) - Homer	386,277.57
Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) - Anchorage	775,840.09
Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) - Bethel	1,035,580.79
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault/Family Violence (USAFV) - Unalaska	180,092.44
Victims For Justice (VFJ) - Anchorage	62,686.50
Women in Safe Homes (WISH) - Ketchikan	764,071.91
Total grants	\$ 10,956,380.00

MS. OWEN SECONDED.

Ms. Morton, Ms. Brown and Mr. Spencer discussed the recent practice of advancing two months of funding to the programs in the fourth quarter and holding back the remaining month until CDVSA staff receives an expenditure report. Such a report should show the program's funds are close to 75% spent. If the program is not close to 75% spent and wants to request remaining funds be advanced, a letter is to be submitted to Council staff stating reasons for under spending and plans to expend full amount of grant award. The funds may be advance after Council staff reviews the program's request. Ms. Brown said she agreed that changes may need to be made for efficiencies and monitoring, but the discussion should take place in a public setting so the Council can be aware of any implications for the programs.

The item was tabled at the end of the day. Chair Cushing reminded Council members that they could not discuss the matter with each other outside of the public meeting. The meeting recessed at 5:18 p.m.

Chair Cushing called the meeting back to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12. Council members Tinker, Owen, Hellwich, Masters, House, Svobodny and Cushing were present.

The Council continued to take up the proposed FY12 funding allocations. They expressed support for holding back one-fourth of FVPSA and VOCA grant funds this year to bridge the time gap in federal funds being available at the beginning of the state's fiscal year 2013.

The motion carried unanimously, with Cushing, Tinker, Masters, Owen, Hellwich, House and Svobodny present.

ANDVSA REPORT

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's director Peggy Brown gave a verbal report of Network activities and answered several questions from Council members. Ms. Brown said she would compile a list of trainings in Alaska and nationally that Council members would most benefit from attending and give it to the Executive Director.

SART SUSTAINABILITY

[The meeting packet contained a one-page summary about the SART sustainability project, which is on file at the CDVSA office. Also included was information on SART exam costs statewide, AST-paid SART costs by year, SART regulations, and meeting notes from the April 4-5, 2011 SART Sustainability meeting.]

Ms. Morton reviewed the SART sustainability effort that started a few years ago, including trying to implement anonymous reporting in the state (Anchorage was the only community to implement it) and the revised examination kits. A group has been meeting to work on cost, guidelines and outcome issues, and may submit recommendations at the sexual assault mini summit tentatively scheduled for September 2011.

Ms. Morton reported that an Alaska Native Action Team was just formed through the federal Office of Victims of Crime to specifically address the issues of sexual assault response in native villages. It is important for the CDVSA to stay closely aligned with the person heading that team to better coordinate what will be going on in the villages.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

Cory Bryant, Manager of the Child Advocacy Center in Anchorage, gave a PowerPoint presentation on child advocacy centers *[a copy of the slides is on file at the CDVSA office]*. She reported that the Alaska Children's Alliance received a grant that provides new cameras and training to do forensic photography at all the child advocacy centers.

SART TRAINING

[A written report and SART training evaluation statistics were included in the meeting packet and are on file at the CDVSA office.]

Ms. Morton reported on the discussions between Katie TePas, Colonel Audie Holloway, and Sandy Samaniego that resulted in CDVSA staff assuming the responsibility for coordinating SART training. The reasoning was that CDVSA was a neutral entity that already coordinates the different disciplines that are involved with SARTs. Training will be held on a consistent schedule of the last week of March and the first week of November every year. Two additional "catch up" trainings will be held this year, one in August in Bethel and one in Fairbanks in January 2012. Currently, funding is coming through the Violence Against Women Act STOP plan and some local community grants, as well as the Network's support of their trainers.

The Council discussed that they should have been involved in the decision to accept the SART training responsibility, but they agreed that this type of work belonged in CDVSA. Public Safety can keep in mind funding requests for this work as part of FY13 budget discussions.

Council members were encouraged to attend SART trainings in their own communities or trainings held nearby.

Ms. Owen suggested including the Primary Care Association, a group of federally funded Community Health Center people, to the Sexual Assault Mini Summit. Chair Cushing mentioned the Community Health Center in Homer that is both tribal and non-tribal and sees a lot of low-income people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mandy Cole, Coordinator of the Juneau Batterers Accountability Program (JBAP) at Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) in Juneau, shared her thoughts on the expectations for, and success of, batterers intervention in Alaska.

GOVERNOR'S DV/SA INITIATIVE WORK GROUP

Ms. Morton described staff's current facilitating duties with the Initiative, and agreed with Mr. Svobodny that it made sense for the CDVSA to do the Initiative work when the office is fully staffed, but she did not think they could do it right now. She suggested that the Council consider whether the office might need a half-time person for administrative support.

Commissioner Masters said the Council needs the following information before it makes a firm decision: what the work would look like, the time commitment involved, the staffing requirement involved, the request that would have to go in the FY13 budget, if PCNs are involved, and whether there are contracts, etc.

RICK SVOBODNY MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CHAIR WRITE TO THE GOVERNOR SAYING THAT THE SUBJECT OF ASSUMING THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE COMMITTEE WAS DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNCIL FEELS THE CDVSA SHOULD DO AND IS PROBABLY OBLIGATED TO TAKE ON, BUT RIGHT NOW THE CDVSA OFFICE IS SHORT STAFFED. THE COUNCIL WISHES TO COME UP TO FULL STAFFING AND TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT COMMISSIONER MASTERS LISTED. MS. TINKER SECONDED.

Ms. House and Dr. Hellwich suggested adding that the Council supports the Governor's Initiative and is highly motivated and actively working on getting to full staffing in order to take on the initiative responsibilities.

Mr. Svobodny said he supported that, but it was important to have the discussion that Commissioner Masters outlined.

A couple of Council members thought it was premature for the Council to respond formally to an idea that Ms. TePas of the Governor's Office had floated informally. Others felt the CDVSA would take the leadership position over time, and to do so was living up to the statutory responsibilities.

Commissioner Masters said the Council should direct the acting Executive Director to meet with the Governor's Office to discuss what it would look like and return with a proposal for the Council to review and act upon.

Mr. Svobodny said the Legislature's view is that the CDVSA has not done what it should do. The letter to the Governor will show that the Council is stepping up to the plate and wants to be a leader.

The motion passed unanimously, with Cushing, Tinker, Masters, Owen, Hellwich, House, and Svobodny present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staffing Update: Mr. Spencer said the new Administrative Officer would start on May 27. Administrative Services also will be proposing some policies and procedures on issuing and/or amending grants.

Draft Prevention Coordinator Position Description: After reviewing the draft, the Council directed staff to carry on with the next step of developing the official PCN.

On-Sites: On-sites were conducted at Arctic Women In Crisis (AWIC) in Barrow and at Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) in Sitka. Both programs are doing well. Draft reports should go to the programs within the month.

Batterers Intervention Programs (BIPs): Discussed getting statistical information from the Department of Corrections-approved BIPs that are not state funded.

Dr. Hellwich requested a copy of Dr. Andre Rosay's proposal. Ms. Morton said the Governor's Office directed the content of what Dr. Rosay was to look at, and it should not be a problem getting a copy of the proposal.

Green Dot Program: Trainings have taken place in Dillingham and Kodiak in bystander intervention strategies so individuals can be involved in stopping domestic violence and sexual assault in their communities. There will be a one-day meeting with stakeholders in June in Anchorage, which the CDVSA is sponsoring through an RSA with the Governor's Office, to talk about adapting Green Dot for implementation in Alaska.

September Meeting Dates and Locations:

September 28, 29 & 30 (1/2 day) in Dillingham.

Possibly hold the November meeting in Fairbanks.

Alaska Family Services has offered to host a meeting, so possibly meet in Palmer in May 2012 because of its close proximity to Anchorage.

Kotzebue a possibility for a future meeting.

FY13 BUDGET

Ms. Morton reviewed a timeline for working on the fiscal year 2013 budget: ask for subgrantees comments by mid-June; Grants Committee to draft a proposed budget by mid-July; committee draft to the full Council to review and approve in early August; and Council recommendations to the Department of Public Safety commissioner by mid-August. The Council could begin working on the FY14 budget in the fall.

Ms. Morton reviewed topics for the Council to think about for the FY13 budget.

Chair Cushing proposed that the Administrative Committee and the Grants Committee take on the budget discussion and bring their recommendations to the full Council at a special meeting in August.

CDVSA SURVEY MONKEY ACTION PLAN

Council members and staff reviewed the CDVSA action plan (*included in the meeting packet and on file at the CDVSA office*) that developed out of specific comments received in the program satisfaction survey monkey [that the Council authorized at its September 2010 meeting].

MEET A CDVSA STAFF MEMBER

Program Coordinator Linda Hoven outlined the duties of a program coordinator and described her responsibilities, after which she answered questions.

ENGAGING BOYS AND MEN

Peggy Brown spoke about the Engaging Boys and Men grant that runs April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 and is being implemented in four pilot sites: Bethel, Dillingham, Juneau and Anchorage.

Dr. Hellwich, Ms. Brown, and Saralyn Tabachnick discussed the Coaching Boys Into Men campaign and curriculum. Dr. Hellwich offered to meet with some Anchorage high school principals to help promote the campaign. Ms. Morton said interested volunteers could start by meeting with the AWAIC and STAR program directors, the Network's Anchorage partners for the Coaching Boys Into Men grant.

Ms. Brown asked the executive director to distribute copies of the Network's summary of the programs and their status to Council members.

CROSSOVER TRANSITIONAL YOUTH

Dr. De Anna Hellwich spoke about a crossover transitional youth group — 18 to 21-year-olds — that is problematic for victimization and being perpetrators. She would like to see the Council support any emerging programs that come forward to address reaching out to the transitional crossover youth in order to prevent any domestic violence and sexual assault, or to intervene if there is domestic violence and sexual assault. She also wanted to explore pieces of the Miami-Dade model that could potentially be implemented in Alaska. She wanted to be able to possibly visit, as a Council member, a program with good outcomes that she finds through her research.

Ms. Brown mentioned a domestic trafficking grant that a group in Anchorage received to engage young adults that come into Anchorage and wind up in peonage.

Ms. Brown suggested that the Council invite someone from the Juvenile Justice System to talk about the models they are using to address the transitional crossover youth. Chair Cushing said that was a good idea. Dr. Hellwich said it would be interesting to find out what McLaughlin Youth Center and the JPOs are implementing related to domestic violence and sexual assault risk factors.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Emerging program ideas.

Amending the bylaws.

Ethics and confidentiality training (November in Fairbanks?)

Committee reports.

Discuss upgrading the classification of the research analyst.

Discuss if trafficking from the Bush is actually happening in Anchorage. Possibly invite a person from the Statewide Trafficking Work Group to address the Council.

Information about the PACE DV court.

SHAREPOINT TRAINING

The Department of Public Safety IT people are developing a draft SharePoint site for the Council, and training will be scheduled at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:47 a.m.

Note: An outside contractor prepared the summary minutes from staff's recording of the meeting. For further details, please refer to the recording of the meeting, as well as staff reports and handouts, which are all on file at the CDVSA offices.

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Susan Cushing called the meeting of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to order at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Five Council members were present at roll call to form a quorum, and two others joined the meeting within the half-hour.

Chair Cushing welcomed Patricia Owen as a new member of the Council who was representing the Department of Education and Early Development, and who was the new health and safety coordinator there.

Council members present: Ann House (public member); Commissioner Joseph Masters (Department of Public Safety); Richard Svobodny (Department of Law); Patricia Owen (Department of Education & Early Development); Susan Cushing (public member/chair); Kristine Tinker (public member/vice chair); Dr. De Anna Hellwich (Department of Corrections)

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COUNCIL CONFLICT INQUIRY

Chair Cushing asked if anyone wanted to state a potential conflict of interest with items on the agenda. No one made any disclosures.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CHANGES

Chair Cushing added Committee Reports under Chair Comments on May 11th.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Cushing said she intended to follow *Robert's Rules of Orders* to the best of her ability as she embarked on her one-year tenure as chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governor's DV/SA Initiative Committee:

CDVSA interim executive director Lauree Morton reported on the committee meeting held May 11 in the morning, with Susan Cushing, Christine Tinker, and Commissioner Masters in attendance. They went over a follow-up from the last report at the March meeting. There will be a Strengthening Families webinar May 19 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The next Governor's DV/SA Initiative big work group meeting has been moved to late June in Anchorage. The Council's representative on that work group is Susan Cushing. Some of the subgroups have been meeting since the big work group last met in February.

The Data Subgroup meets every two weeks and has been looking at developing a score card that has population information comparing whether the incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault are rising, decreasing or staying the same, and what that might mean for the initiative. The Data Subgroup reviewed a draft of a score card for performance measures for the individual pieces of the initiative, and may have something to present to the full work group in June.

The Offender Management Subgroup has been exploring two or three models for the possibility of piloting domestic violence courts in Alaska.

A Best Practices subgroup of the Core Victim Services Subgroup met to look at best practices or interventions that could be adapted or implemented in Alaska.

The Prevention Subgroup has been working through how they fit into the Pathways Prevention Group and the Rape Prevention Education and Sexual Assault Prevention Group and how they can participate.

The Law/Legal/Public Safety Subgroup has not met.

The DV/SA Initiative Committee looked at some of the Governor's Initiative projects that are being funded through the CDVSA. Sixty thousand dollars was available to the Legal Advocacy Project: \$30,000 went for a staff person to work on cases and assist attorneys, and \$30,000 went to the Continuing Legal Education Conference that was held in March. Regarding research, the regional victimization surveys are underway in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, and Bristol Bay. Prevention funds have paid for new commercials with a message that is more about help is available for victims and offenders.

The batterers intervention program (BIP) funding of \$100,000 was to complete the evaluation of the efficacy of batterers programs in the state. Dr. Andre Rosay is working on data evaluation for that. Thirty-five thousand dollars of that money was for the Department of Corrections to send out small teams to communities that have CDVSA-funded batterers intervention programs to do qualitative research. However, it was determined that the Alaska Judicial Council has the responsibility to do research or investigations for court-related projects, so the CDVSA agreed to provide a researcher to visit the communities and ask questions. That should be going on for several weeks through June 30. DOC returned the \$35,000 RSA (reimbursable service agreement) to CDVSA, and the Governor's Office has talked to the Department of Corrections. Ms. Morton will revise the RSA to hold a stakeholder meeting near the end of June that may be reviewing the different steps that have been done to date. The hope is to incorporate Dr. Rosay's data research, the qualitative research the Judicial Council is doing, and the recommendations from the stakeholder meeting to be able to say something about BIPs in the July-August timeframe.

Ms. Morton said the Committee also briefly considered whether the CDVSA should be facilitating the large DV/SA Governor's Initiative Work Group, whether Katie TePas, as the representative of the Governor's Initiative, should be attending the Council's Committee on the Governor's Initiative meetings, or whether the groups should be meeting independently and have liaisons and information back to Ms. TePas. The Committee felt the first point was a large Council discussion for a future meeting.

Regarding prevention, Ms. Morton said that Ms. Tinker suggested that it would be helpful if the Council did a commercial thanking the victims who have come forward, because other victims have been encouraged by the attention the State is giving to the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. She said she would forward that comment to the prevention group.

Several Council members held a short discussion on domestic violence specialty courts.

Administration Committee:

Ms. Morton reported on the committee meeting held May 11 in the morning, with Ann House, Rick Svobodny, and Commissioner Masters attending. They took up the idea of a broad travel policy and, in that context, talked about encouraging in-state training when possible and the goal of increasing the Council's visibility.

Mr. Svobodny offered additional points on the travel policy.

Ms. Morton said the Committee also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Council members as State representatives and will be presenting an update at the September meeting. They reviewed the Council bylaws and will be presenting amendments to reflect legislative changes and to update the section on executive sessions. The Committee will be looking at conflicts of interest and appeals procedures.

Ms. Morton said the process for amending the bylaws required bringing up the intended changes at one meeting and discussing and approving the changes at the next meeting.

Mr. Svobodny stated that at the next meeting he would be making a motion to: (1) amend article III of the CDVSA bylaws dealing with membership to change the number of public Council members from three to four and to include the commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his/her designee; (2) amend article VI dealing with open Council meetings and executive sessions; and (3) amend article VII to identify who may raise the question of conflicts of interest.

Ms. Morton said the Committee would be reviewing the CDVSA statutes, in response to a recommendation in the CDVSA Legislative Task Force report. One mandate that caught Ms. House's eye was to develop and implement a standardized data collection system on domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention — so there will be some special thought given to that. The Committee felt it was important that the review of the statutes be in the context of considering possible revisions that would be included in draft legislation around the time of the sunset date of CDVSA, which will be in 2014.

Mr. Svobodny said part of the Administration Committee's discussion was that they were unclear about their role.

Ms. Morton stated that a concern brought forward was that when the Council originally talked about having committee meetings the thought was so everybody could have some background information and be informed about the subject matters when it came to a Council discussion. The Committee discussed what was an open meeting, what needed public notice, etc., and the interest was to publicly notice the committee meetings so that more than three Council members could be in the room and participate.

At Mr. Svobodny's inquiry, Ms. Morton reviewed the \$20,000 grant to the BIP Task Force and the report it generated, as well as how the \$100,000 grant for this fiscal year was allocated \$65,000 for statistical information gathering — which Dr. Rosay is doing — and \$35,000 for qualitative information gathering to hear people's thoughts about barriers and strengths.

Mr. Svobodny asked if CDVSA staff was taking over facilitating the Governor's DV/SA Initiative big work group. He recalled the discussion at the last meeting about the initiative usurping CDVSA staff's time, and said the Council ought to have that discussion before the September meeting.

Ms. Morton replied that she understood there was no timetable or an expectation to take over immediately, but the question was more about how the CDVSA would make that switch over.

Chair Cushing agreed but said it was "soon," although soon is not defined. What is important is that the Governor's DV/SA Initiative wants the CDVSA to take over this work, but the CDVSA is currently at a 50% staff level and not ready to assume that responsibility. The dialogue is happening with Katie TePas, the initiative coordinator.

After a short dialogue among Council members, they decided to schedule some time later to discuss the issue of CDVSA assuming leadership of the initiative work group, and to contact Ms. TePas for more specifics on the workload and what she expects. Chair Cushing designated 1:15 p.m. on Thursday.

APPROVE MINUTES - March 3-4, 2011

MR. SVOBODNY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3 & 4, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. HOUSE SECONDED. The minutes were approved as submitted.

QUARTERLY REPORTS - VICTIM SERVICES AND BIPS

Lauree Morton stated that no narrative was available for this quarter but staff would provide a narrative of the highlights of what the programs accomplished in the fiscal year at the next meeting. The meeting packet contained some charts of information that Council members had expressed interest in knowing from the programs. The first chart was the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) outcome measures that the programs gathered from people seeking various services. Ninety-two percent of the people who filled out the surveys said they know more about the resources available, and 94% of them said they know more or different strategies for their safety. CDVSA compiles and sends the information to the FVPSA office annually.

The second chart was data from the CDVSA-funded victim services programs goals and objectives. In response to questions, Ms. Morton said the programs have reported that there may not be as many people accessing shelter services but they need to stay longer. One issue is whether housing is available for them to move out, or people may need a safe place to stay until legal issues get resolved. Peggy Brown of the Network said the average stay is longer than three weeks. Ms. Morton pointed out the statistics on training and educational presentations that are being collected because of the emphasis on prevention.

Dr. Hellwich and other Council members talked about a 24-hour statewide automated system to provide the location of shelters to people, the 211 service, and the national domestic violence hotline 1-800 number and direct-connect service.

The third chart was data collected by the CDVSA-funded programs on the three types of protective orders that can be applied for and granted in Alaska: domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. One question was about being able to track how many violations there are of protective orders. Ms. Morton said the Court System tracks protective orders in the three categories, but it would capture more information than the funded programs are collecting. She said she would forward the idea to the Data Committee.

After a short break at 3:50 p.m., Ms. Morton continued with the Quarterly Reports. A chart summarized statistics for the five community-based batterers intervention programs through the end of the third quarter of FY11, and a second chart covered the three prison-based batterers intervention programs. Council members had several questions and comments on the BIP statistics. One concern noted was that only two people were court-ordered into the community-based BIP in Ketchikan in a nine-month period.

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Morton reviewed a two-page status summary of CDVSA federal grants as of April 22, 2011 (in the packet). She said future meetings would include a description of the administrative funds and the status of that spending. However, it looks like the spending is on target with all the federal administrative funds; a couple of them have questions about whether they are overspent, and staff is researching that. Further, there is a couple of hundred thousand dollars in general funds administrative money still to expend, but staff expects to expend that money down by fiscal year end.

FY12 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Ms. Morton referred to a chart of the community and prison batterers intervention program funding for FY12. She said the Council in December said it wanted to extend the FY11 grants into FY12 if it was possible. Staff found out there was no prohibition about doing that, and in March the Council confirmed wanting to do that. There was no increase in funds for the BIPs; they were allocated the same amount as the previous year — \$200,000.

COMMISSIONER MASTERS MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012:

COMMUNITY BASED BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:

Alaska Family Services - Palmer	\$ 41,812
Interior Alaska Center For Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks	\$ 64,312
Ketchikan Indian Corporation - Ketchikan	\$ 48,313
The Leeshore Center - Kenai	\$ 20,000
South Peninsula Haven House - Homer	<u>\$ 25,563</u>
Total	\$200,000

PRISON-BASED BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:

Alaska Family Services – Palmer	\$ 46,589
Aiding Women In Abuse & Rape Emergencies - Juneau	\$ 20,000
Interior Alaska Center For Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks	<u>\$ 31,648</u>
Total	\$ 98,237

MS. HOUSE SECONDED.

Dr. Hellwich raised the question of whether there could be changes to individual programs once the study of the efficacy of the BIPS has been done. Ms. Morton said procedures are in place for a program to change its budget if it has to accommodate some required change.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0, with Cushing, Tinker, Masters, Owen, Hellwich, House and Svobodny present.

In light of the Governor not having signed the budget bill yet, Ms. Morton explained that the grant award conditions state that the amount of the award is contingent upon the availability of the funds.

Ms. Morton stated that in the past the CDVSA for its state funding has received both general funds and permanent fund dividend felon/misdemeanant dollars. This year, all the permanent fund dividend felon/misdemeanant dollars were removed and the state funding is strictly general fund dollars. The Legislature wanted to consolidate the PFD funds into some other program areas, so they removed the funding source away from CDVSA but not the total amount.

Ms. Morton explained that in prior meetings the Council decided to extend the FY11 awards into FY12. Also discussed was the legal advocacy earmark and that money going away, and the Council wanting to replace it with general fund dollars. The Legislature approved that. Another discussion was the difficulty at the beginning of the state fiscal year of being able to allocate a complete quarter's worth of funding without the CDVSA having in hand the federal grant awards — which in this case is the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) award and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) award. Those federal grants run longer than one fiscal year: FVPSA is three years, and VOCA is four years. The Council used to divide it year by year. A few years ago the Legislature had a discussion about wanting to have funds expended when received. The Council also wanted to be able to make as much funding available in each year as possible. So the decision was made to give it all in one year, instead of prorating out the funds between the years.

Ms. Morton said that has brought CDVSA to the problem of not being able to have the funding sources in the correct amounts to give to programs in the first quarter of the fiscal year. That is a hardship on programs because they do not carry a lot of funds into each fiscal year. The FY12 budget is holding back one-fourth of the FVPSA grant award and one-fourth of the VOCA grant award so that starting in FY13 that money will be immediately available for July through September, after which things will be on the regular path. The thought was that this was the best year to withhold those funds because the CDVSA was getting a general fund increase and it would not mean a decrement to the program funding.

Ms. Morton stated that another part of the FY12 increment was that there were FY11 funds in the legal advocacy line that had not been assigned to individual programs but had been consolidated. The thought had been that a legal advocate would be situated in the Network office and be responsible for the smaller programs' legal advocacy questions and needs. That idea did not work out because it was difficult to find someone to take that job for only one year. So \$128,000 of those dollars was added to the amount available to all programs for the FY12 increment.

Ms. Morton said this budget retains \$64,000 until a recommendation can be made regarding meeting the legal advocacy needs of the smaller programs. Part of the earmark dollars were to be used for a sustainability plan development. The legal advocates and the programs are meeting through the latter part of this year to figure out what that means. She was recommending holding that money until the CDVSA hears from the smaller programs how to best use the funds for their legal advocacy needs.

Ms. Morton said the FY12 increment was divided by a percentage rate of the programs' FY11 awards, which is historically how the Council has prorated additional funds.

Dan Spencer, director of DPS Administrative Services, spent some time explaining that most of the \$550,000 increment for FY12 is being offset by the federal funds being held back in order to be able to give the victim services programs their FVPSA and VOCA grant funds in the first quarter of FY13.

MR. SVOBODNY MOVED, FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, IF THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE:

Alaska Family Services (AFS) - Palmer	\$ 583,405.10
Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV) - Valdez	323,220.06
Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) - Anchorage	1,377,332.79
Aiding Women in Abuse & Rape Emergencies (AWARE) – Juneau	764,609.40
Arctic Women In Crisis - Barrow (AWIC)	403,956.97
Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) - Nome	522,615.20
Cordova Family Resource Center (CFRC) - Cordova	123,712.10
Interior AK Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC) - Fairbanks	1,032,225.01
Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center (KWRCC) - Kodiak	379,307.66
LeeShore Center (LSC) - Kenai	742,742.38
Maniilaq Family Crisis Center (MFCC) - Kotzebue	337,004.36
Safe and Fear-Free Environment (SAFE) - Dillingham	621,851.30
Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) - Sitka	429,234.46
Seaview Community Services (SCS) - Seward	110,613.91
South Peninsula Haven House (SPHH) - Homer	386,277.57
Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) - Anchorage	775,840.09
Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) - Bethel	1,035,580.79
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault/Family Violence (USAFV) - Unalaska	180,092.44
Victims For Justice (VFJ) - Anchorage	62,686.50
Women in Safe Homes (WISH) - Ketchikan	764,071.91
Total grants	\$ 10,956,380.00

MS. OWEN SECONDED.

Mr. Svobodny asked if CDVSA staff or the Network have any indication about federal grant budgeting, given that people are talking about reducing the federal budget, and there is the issue about raising the debt ceiling.

Ms. Morton replied that FVPSA had a 0.2% reduction this year. The FVPSA office has told states what their allocations are going to be, but the full amount has not been awarded.

Ms. Morton and Mr. Spencer answered questions on the state and federal money composition of the FY12 budget as presented on the chart in the meeting packet, how the FY12 increment was allocated among the programs, and how the legal advocacy funding was allocated and/or held back pending the outcome of the smaller programs deciding on how to use their portion.

Ms. Morton, Ms. Brown and Mr. Spencer discussed the recent practice of advancing two months of funding to the programs in the fourth quarter and holding back the remaining month until CDVSA staff receives an expenditure report that shows the program is close to 75% spent out; and if the program is not close to 75% spent, then having to write a letter explaining why they are not and what they are going to do to ensure that their funds are expended by June 30 (before CDVSA will release the last month of money). Ms. Brown said she agreed that changes may need to be made for efficiencies and monitoring, but the discussion should take place in a public setting so the Council can be aware of any implications for the programs.

The item was tabled to be taken up as the first order of business in the morning. Chair Cushing reminded Council members that they could not discuss the matter with each other outside of the public meeting.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:18 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Chair Cushing called the meeting back to order at 9:00 a.m. Council members Tinker, Owen, Hellwich, Masters, House, Svobodny and Cushing were present.

FY12 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS (Continued)

The Chair said the Council would take up the proposed FY12 core services grant funding for the victim services programs, for which there was a motion to approve on the table from the previous day.

Commissioner Masters said he thought about it overnight and was prepared to move forward. His main concern had been about how the state fiscal funds played into the carryover of funds to the first quarter of the next operating fiscal year. He said the increments totaling \$172,558 in FY12 would probably come close to covering the true cost increases the programs have experienced. Regarding the matter of funding any new grant requests, he recalled the Council having discussed that at a previous meeting and concluding that its intent was to continue the programs as they were through this year.

Mr. Svobodny said he supported using general fund money to deal with the shortfall of federal money [at the beginning of a fiscal year]. He wished there was a way to fix the situation entirely, but he doubted that was possible because the CDVSA is at the control of the federal government.

Ms. House stated her wish to go to basic funding quarterly and not have two months at one time and one month later. She also recommended putting the \$172,000 into a rainy day or reserve account so that if a program ran short they would have something to fall back on.

Others disagreed because it could result in unspent money that needs to be spent. Commissioner Masters said the programs have other sources of funding and their overall costs far exceed the CDVSA grants; it would be rare for a program not to spend down to the amount of their grant. A rainy day type account would make it more complex because the Council would have to go back and amend all the program contracts with what it intended to give them in extra dollars. It is far easier to deal with one program that may not have spent its funds in the last couple of months of the fiscal year.

At Ms. House's request, Ms. Morton again explained the reason for advancing two months of funding in the last quarter of this year, followed by release of the final month when certain conditions were met. She said the Grants Committee has it on its agenda to address as part of revamping the whole grant procedure.

Commissioner Masters commended CDVSA staff and Mr. Spencer's staff for working out how to best handle the federal grant funding in the first quarter of a fiscal year and thus avoid any problems that might have come about by using the former mechanism of substituting state funds for federal funds.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0) on a roll call vote, with Cushing, Tinker, Masters, Owen, Hellwich, House and Svobodny present.

Dr. Hellwich was excused at 9:45 a.m. to attend to other business and said she would be back.

ANDVSA REPORT

Peggy Brown, executive director for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, reported the following:

Provided copies of the ANDVSA newsletter.

It has been a busy three to four months with training and meetings.

The OCS (Office of Children's Services) and CDVSA Work Group has been meeting for about 1-1/2 years to do some planning. She reviewed the work of the three subcommittees: curriculum, research evaluation, and policy and practice.

The two-day Continuing Legal Education conference had over 90 people participate and resulted in 43 attorneys volunteering for the Pro Bono Program. Participants rated the training as good to excellent.

A professional development training was held for interpreters.

A full-lives conference took place in April to work with the disabilities community.

The Network also did some training with ANTHC (Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium) and the Alaska Native Justice Center in technical assistance for behavioral health aides from villages in Southeast and Bristol Bay. Those are ongoing.

Beth Adams's position with the court was re-funded part-time. The Network had been doing some trainings for court clerks with Ms. Adams, and the one training left to do with Bethel is in hiatus because of her departure.

There was VPSO (village public safety officer) training in Unalaska in conjunction with the Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV) program, and also with the Kodiak area Native association in conjunction with the shelter program there (KWRCC).

Victims For Justice is doing a statewide training academy next week.

Because of its specific expertise, Alaska has been asked to do a lot of national technical assistance work, including the Office of Women's Health in Washington, D.C., the University of Minnesota on substance abuse co-occurring with domestic violence, and providing two webinars for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Trauma-informed services have been in high demand, and it is a trend across the nation. The Network wrote a manual with a federal grant that looks at substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence and sexual assault in the trauma-informed care. Council members have received copies electronically, and every coalition in the U.S. will get a copy.

The CDVSA staff has been doing a lot of work, and in particular Ann Rausch, who used to work for OCS, has been incredibly helpful with the OCS project.

The Network is reviewing the Indian Health Services's sexual assault policies and guidelines and talking to the Governmental Accounting Office that will be doing the report to the federal government regarding sexual assault and forensic examinations.

The advertisements funded by CDVSA were shown at the Alaska ACES and played throughout the Sullivan Arena and the playoff games. The ads seem to have gained momentum and are generating good feedback.

Ms. Brown responded to several questions from Council members: on shelter advocates being able to participate in the behavioral health aides training; on the demand placed on the Network to provide services nationally and

technical assistance to other states, and the collateral benefits derived from having those outside connections; about the victims' academy, and service provider-type trainings available around the state; and about upcoming trainings that Council members would most benefit from attending. Ms. Brown said she would compile a list of Alaska and national trainings for the Council and give it to the executive director.

SART SUSTAINABILITY

[The meeting packet contained a one-page summary about the SART sustainability project, which is on file at the CDVSA office. Also included was information on SART exam costs statewide, AST-paid SART costs by year, SART regulations, and meeting notes from the April 4-5, 2011 SART Sustainability meeting.]

Ms. Morton said interest and concerns were expressed at prior meetings about CDVSA staff's involvement in SART (sexual assault response team) training and activity. And there have been general concerns in the state about payments for forensic examinations and trying to find ways to work through that.

Ms. Morton reviewed the SART sustainability effort that started a few years ago when Chris Ashenbrenner was the executive director. There was an attempt to implement anonymous reporting in the state, and at the same time the forensic exam kits in use were being revised. It was discovered that some of the evidence that was collected during forensic exams, particularly photographic evidence, was not being turned over with the evidence collection kit to law enforcement but was being kept in a medical record — which raised concern from law enforcement, and from the prosecutor's perspective about what was discoverable during trial, etc. Particularly with anonymous reporting, the Forensic Nurses Association had a concern that even though the photos were supposed to be stored as evidence that maybe they would be inappropriately used. There were individual and collective meetings, and meetings with hospital administrators and State representatives, to try to work out an agreement. The State's position is that evidence is evidence and needs to be kept with the examination kit, and the Nurses Association position is that that some things that happen in the forensic exam are medical and need to be kept with the medical records. Another concern was about the questioning during the forensic examination and whether it needed to be as all-encompassing as the nursing staff would prefer it to be. There were quite a few discussions seeking resolution to that, and none of them seemed to be very effective. However, the Municipality of Anchorage did reach agreement with the State about the evidence collection issue and the forms issues, and it is currently the only community that has anonymous reporting.

Ms. Morton stated that there was an interest in the CDVSA calling people together to find a way to resolve the issue. CDVSA staff felt it would not be helpful to have just one meeting or to go over the same ground from the same perspectives, so they proposed a series of meetings to work with the groups and to shift the dialogue into starting from the framework of the model SART protocols. The first meeting was in October 2010 with directors of the CDVSA-funded programs, hospital administrators, Alaska State Troopers, the Municipality of Anchorage, and subject-matter experts from the constituencies involved. Three work groups were formed — a cost committee, a guidelines committee, and an outcome committee — that met between October and April 2011, when another meeting of the whole took place. The committees reported on their progress to get feedback as they continue with their efforts, and they will probably meet one more time before September so that the groups can bring their recommendations to the full group, and so the full group can be comfortable with what they will recommend at the sexual assault mini summit, tentatively scheduled for September 2011.

Commissioner Masters said that SART/SANE is an expensive proposition, and it requires the collaboration and cooperation of all the different stakeholders in order to make the system work statewide. One of the purposes is to provide adequate and good evidence for prosecutors to hold sexual assault perpetrators accountable, without further victimizing the victims in the examination process. One important consideration is to be able to control the cost of the examinations so the State can budget effectively.

There was a brief discussion about what health professionals are eligible to conduct forensic exams in various communities. Ms. Morton reported that an Alaska Native Action Team was just formed through the federal Office of Victims of Crime to specifically address the issues of sexual assault response in native villages. She

said it was important for the CDVSA to stay very closely aligned with the person heading that team to better coordinate what will be going on in the villages.

Ms. House stated that the Council should have been informed that CDVSA staff had taken on SART responsibility. Also, she felt that Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) in Anchorage should be involved. Ms. Morton said that STAR was an active participant.

Mr. Svobodny observed that it looked like things were migrating away from the SART model of ten years ago, where there was a strong local team consisting of a medical provider and victim advocates, to today's model where the advocates have been left out of the process. He supported getting back to a model where the advocates are more a part of the whole process; they are the only ones out of the whole group who have privilege to not have to say what went on. Ms. Morton added that the advocate will be with the victim potentially years after the initial incident.

Chair Cushing called a break at 10:38 a.m., in order to take up the next agenda item at the time scheduled. She said the SART discussion could continue later. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

Cory Bryant, manager of Alaska C.A.R.E.S., the child advocacy center in Anchorage, and current chair of the Alaska Children's Alliance, gave a PowerPoint presentation on child advocacy centers *[a copy of the slides is on file at the CDVSA office]*. The mission of the Alaska Children's Alliance is to promote a culturally appropriate, multi-disciplinary response to child maltreatment throughout Alaska. They want every child to have access to a child advocacy center.

Ms. Bryant said Alaska Children's Alliance got a grant that provides new cameras to do forensic photography at all the child advocacy centers. Many of the child advocacy centers use SART nurses, so the nurses will also have access to that camera. The alliance is also providing training for the camera system.

Ms. Bryant talked about the various training that is ongoing and available, about satellite child advocacy centers, and about the ten communities in the state that have child advocacy centers. She described what the centers provide, the goals, and the national children's alliance standards required for accreditation. Three centers in Alaska are accredited. She described the forensic interview process, the non-traumatic medical examination for children, the mental health services, identification of risks, and the ongoing support and follow-up for the families.

Ms. Bryant mentioned the data collection system used by the child advocacy centers and being able to monitor case progress and outcomes. The child advocacy centers provide education in the communities and sometimes in the schools, and they often team up with STAR for this activity.

Ms. Bryant presented some research on the child advocacy center model and forensic interviewing. Following the presentation, she answered questions from Council members. Regarding where she thought child advocacy centers would go in the next five years, Ms. Bryant said there is some expansion to do physical abuse cases. She added that in Anchorage about 15% of their cases are physical abuse. Over the next five years they would love to see child advocacy centers in Barrow, in Kotzebue, and in the Sitka or Ketchikan area. They would also like to see mental health services available in every child advocacy center.

SART TRAINING

[A written report and SART training evaluation statistics were included in the meeting packet and are on file at the CDVSA office.]

Ms. Morton reported that as Katie TePas was getting ready to transition from the Department of Public Safety to a position in the Governor's Office last year, and as part of thinking through having just one of the partners be the

responsible entity for facilitating the SART training, discussions took place between Ms. TePas, Colonel Audie Holloway, and Sandy Samaniego to move the responsibility for coordinating SART training to the CDVSA. The reasoning was that CDVSA was a neutral entity that already coordinates the different disciplines that are involved with SARTs. As a result of the discussions, CDVSA staff assumed the responsibility.

Ms. Morton indicated that she provided Council members with the SART training curriculae yesterday on a jump drive so they could review it at their leisure. The focus is on a team approach for the training. Another change is from individual tracks of training to an integrated approach where the majority of the training is everybody learning everything together at the same time. The trainers also work as a team doing this training.

Ms. Morton explained that training will be held on a consistent schedule of the last week of March and the first week of November every year. However, two additional "catch up" trainings will be held this year, one in August in Bethel and one in Fairbanks in January 2012. Currently, funding is coming through the Violence Against Women Act STOP plan and some local community grants, as well as the Network through support of their trainer and some victim service advocates as trainers.

Ms. Morton stated that it made sense for CDVSA to be responsible for SART, as the coordinating agency in state government for services. She drew attention to a summary of SART training evaluation responses that was compiled by the Network staff.

Mentioning that four SART trainings this year were estimated to take up as many as five days each, Chair Cushing asked what impact that would have on CDVSA staff. Ms. Morton said it definitely would take time, but when everyone does just one job it will not be as onerous. For example, the local community does the registration and meeting logistics. For the training in Kodiak, CDVSA staff did the coordination with the trainers, including getting all their materials together to go to the jump drive, and working on the evaluations, etc. Kelly Howell of AST did the travel arrangements because the STOP money goes directly to law enforcement. Once things get up and running, it should not be as time intensive as it has been up to this point. Further, she did not think a CDVSA person would have to attend the training for the entire five days because they are not doing any of the training.

Commissioner Masters said he agreed with Ms. House that the Council should have been involved in the decision to move forward with SART training responsibility. He thought it was a communications issue with the existing executive director and existing Council at the time the decision was made. He said a lot of organizations have taken ownership in the time that it takes to put on SART trainings. The CDVSA staff's involvement in helping to coordinate the training curriculum itself is one of the most important aspects. It is very important that CDVSA lead off the trainings and be visible in its role, even if staff does not have to be there for the entire time. A criticism in the past has been that the CDVSA has to expand and be a leader on the whole issue of sexual assault and domestic violence in the state and not be just a funding and coordinating entity. Involvement in the SART training is a very strong way to do that. The work group discussions is another area where the CDVSA can be a leader in bringing entities together, although that has to be looked at carefully with the staffing ability to do it. Earlier comment about ensuring that funded programs have the Council's *[inaudible]* is another way to put the word out that there is involvement and activity going on within the CDVSA that is pertinent to combating sexual assault and domestic violence. He said it is very important that that kind of work is being done by the CDVSA. As Public Safety works on fiscal year 2013 budget discussions, they can keep in consideration future funding requests.

Ms. Tinker asked what support CDVSA staff needed from the Council, and if they wanted a Council member at each of the SART trainings. Ms. Morton said it was a good idea, if a Council member lives in a community where a training is being held or is connected by road and can travel to the community. The Council member could attend and welcome everybody and talk a bit. Ms. Tinker said she would love to help and be present to speak on behalf of the Council in her area.

Ms. Owen asked if the Primary Care Association had been invited as part of the stakeholder group on SART Sustainability. Ms. Morton said she was not familiar with the group. Ms. Owen said it is a group of federally funded community health center people who are mid-level practitioners; she thought it would be a group to include in the sexual assault mini summit tentatively scheduled for September.

Ms. Morton said the SART Sustainability stakeholders at the beginning were primarily decision-makers who could speak on behalf of their organizations and give the okay to move forward on things. So not everybody who was interested in sexual assault response was included in that stakeholder group. It was thought that the mini summit would be a place to get as many representatives of groups together as possible.

Chair Cushing said she hoped that community health centers were being included in a lot of this work. She noted that the federally funded community health center in Homer was not mentioned much, but it is tribal and non-tribal and sees a lot of low-income people.

Prior to recessing the meeting for lunch at 12:03 p.m., Chair Cushing reminded people who were listening that Public Comment would start at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Cushing opened the floor to anyone who wished to address the Council.

Mandy Cole, coordinator of the Juneau Batterers Accountability Program (JBAP) at Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) in Juneau, spoke by telephone. She was also part of the BIPs task force that met last year. She said it was good to have the spotlight on BIPs as the whole country is looking to make the programs better and more effective and to make the victims safer.

Ms. Cole said she attended a Batterers Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan conference last month and heard researcher Dr. Etienne Eldorado of Miami speak about how off-track BIPs have become and how confusing the information is about BIPs right now. She wanted to share some things that Dr. Eldorado mentioned that made her feel more hopeful in looking at Alaska's own struggles with batterers intervention. He described BIP programs that grew out of a social justice focus and that were guided by the battered women's movement, and how these programs really multiplied out of control in the late 1990s after mandatory arrest laws were enacted around the country. The expectations that these programs would successfully change batterer behavior also sort of grew out of control. And there was a concurrent expectation that behavioral change (non-battering or non-violence) would be measurable in some quantitative way. Dr. Eldorado said this did not really happen. Many of the studies find modest results, at best, and some find no effect. BIPs have since become widely criticized because they are not "effective." In the end, women are still suffering, and that is the bottom line.

Ms. Cole said she was not speaking to advocate for the preservation or end of BIPs, but because she runs a program. Her experience has taught her that men who batter have really complicated lives and that there are those men within this large group of men that come through her door who want to look at the cost of their behaviors, both for themselves and for their partners. She believes that these men will benefit from the program, and she hopes that their partners will benefit too.

Ms. Cole said she cares about the physical, social and emotional well-being of women, and believes that JBAP can be an invitation to think in a different way — for some men for some of the time. As a practitioner, she never guarantees change in any man or imagines that she has some way of proving that he is now safer after completing the program. None of the interventions thus far have eliminated violence. She believes that is because violence is a choice made by the batterer. She does not think that mandatory arrest laws have been universally effective in stopping domestic violence, nor have protective orders. But most people would agree that both of those things have a lot of value when looking at the overall deterrents of domestic violence. While no one thing has eliminated violence, we are building an array of interventions and consequences and opportunities for men to make changes.

Ms. Cole stated that Alaska is in a really unique position to be innovators, not only in how it crafts programs, but in how it thinks about programs. If Alaska gets trapped into thinking BIPs can be regulated into programs that crank out changed men, and that the change can be measured effectively if the right kind of combination of facilitators and curriculum can be found, then it will lose the bigger picture. The bigger picture is that BIPs are only a small piece, although a very visible and controversial piece, of the response to violence against women. BIPs cannot guarantee changed men, but they can serve as information centers that, if they are guided by victim service agencies, can bring together more of the community to facilitate change.

Ms. Cole said that despite BIPs being a complicated issue and all the numbers are difficult and there is a sense that it would be easier to not look at it, she wanted to continue looking at it. There are benefits to a community, particularly in the coordination piece, and it is important to keep focusing on it.

Council members had several questions for Ms. Cole about the Juneau community and prison batterers programs.

Ms. Cole stated that CDVSA sent out a notice to BIP providers that Department of Corrections (DOC) was taking public comment on a proposed rule change with regard to information gathering. She said she would feel more comfortable with the rule change if she understood upfront what data CDVSA is likely to collect from the programs.

Ms. Morton said she understood that DOC's intention was not to change what is being collected from the programs that are CDVSA funded. The concern DOC is trying to address is that CDVSA only receives data from the CDVSA-funded programs and not other DOC-approved programs.

Ms. Cole said the draft regulation was not clear about what data might be required, and she wanted to know that upfront so she did not get in a situation where the program is asked to provide information that she might not be collecting to begin with.

Ms. Morton stated that the public comment period was still open, so she encouraged Ms. Cole and anyone else interested to submit written comments to DOC.

Chair Cushing ascertained that there was no one else who wished to comment, and closed Public Comment.

GOVERNOR'S DV/SA INITIATIVE WORK GROUP

Mr. Svobodny said he asked to take this up now because the next Governor's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative Work Group was meeting at the end of June, and the Council did not meet again until September. He said that if the CDVSA has the staff, then providing support for running those meetings was the type of thing that CDVSA staff should be doing. But he did not want the Governor's Office directing CDVSA staff to do it if it does not leave enough staff time to deal with the shelter programs or to perform other responsibilities.

When queried, Ms. Morton said she thought the CDVSA office should maintain status quo and not add to the workload, since staffing is only at 50%. Staff's current work with the initiative is that Ms. Rausch facilitates the prevention group, and Ms. Morton facilitates the core victim service group. Ms. Morton would also facilitate the law, legal and public safety group but it has not met in between. The CDVSA research analyst is supposed to participate in the data group, but the position is vacant, and Ms. Morton is also on that group. At the last big DV/SA Initiative Work Group meeting, Ms. TePas and Ms. Morton split the facilitation. Ms. Morton agreed with Mr. Svobodny that it made sense for the CDVSA to do the initiative work when the office is fully staffed, but she did not think they could do it right now. The Council would also have to take into consideration at that point whether the office might need a half-time person for administrative support.

Chair Cushing asked if the addition of the prevention coordinator position would change the dynamics, because the initiative would be part of his or her work. Ms. Morton said not necessarily; the current suggested position

description does not include that as a primary duty. That said, Ms. Rausch is currently facilitating the prevention group, and that would definitely move to the prevention coordinator's job tasks.

Mr. Svobodny asked if the executive director had talked to the Governor's Office about an RSA (reimbursable service agreement) for a half-time person to do initiative coordination. Ms. Morton said the discussion with Ms. TePas had not gotten that in-depth.

At Mr. Svobodny's inquiry, Ms. Morton laid out the estimated timeline for reaching full staffing of the CDVSA office by early fall.

Commissioner Masters remarked that before it makes a firm decision the Council still needs to know more information: what would this look like, the time commitment that would be involved, the staffing requirement that would be involved, the request that would have to go in the FY13 budget, whether PCNs are involved, whether there are contracts, etc. However, he was supportive of going down that road because it puts the CDVSA in a driver's seat.

RICK SVOBODNY MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CHAIR WRITE TO THE GOVERNOR SAYING THAT THE SUBJECT OF ASSUMING THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE COMMITTEE WAS DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNCIL FEELS THE CDVSA SHOULD DO AND IS PROBABLY OBLIGATED TO TAKE ON, BUT RIGHT NOW THE CDVSA OFFICE IS SHORT STAFFED. THE COUNCIL WISHES TO COME UP TO FULL STAFFING AND TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT COMMISSIONER MASTERS LISTED. MS. TINKER SECONDED.

Ms. House and Dr. Hellwich had suggestions to add that the Council supports the Governor's Initiative and is highly motivated and actively working on getting to full staffing in order to take on the initiative responsibilities.

Mr. Svobodny said he supported that, but he stressed the importance of having the discussion that Commissioner Masters outlined.

Ms. House disagreed with the use of the word "obligated" in the motion, and Dr. Hellwich supported it but proposed phrasing it as the Council agreed to picking up a leadership role.

Ms. Owen thought it was premature for the Council to respond formally to an idea that Ms. TePas of the Governor's Office had floated informally. Chair Cushing agreed that it might be premature in a motion and a letter. Ms. Owen said the Governor's Initiative has elevated the whole issue [of domestic violence and sexual assault], and she felt that it was the Council's role to be in a leadership position. She felt that over time that merger would take place, and the Council should be prepared for it.

Commissioner Masters stated that he was ambivalent about the letter, but at the very least the Council should direct the acting executive director to meet with the Governor's Office to discuss what it would look like, and come back with a proposal for the Council to look at and act upon.

Mr. Svobodny spoke in support of the motion and why the letter should go to the Governor. He said the view in the Legislature over the last couple of years, and probably in the Governor's Office, is that the CDVSA has not done what it should do. The letter to the Governor will show that the Council is stepping up to the plate and wants to be a leader, as opposed to just filling one of its day-to-day roles of administering federal money to the shelters.

Chair Cushing said it was also living up to the statute of what the CDVSA is supposed to be doing.

Dr. Hellwich said her impression is that part of what is coming from the Governor's Office is to empower the Council to take a more active role in tackling the issues, and the Governor's Office is not saying that not enough is being done.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Cushing, Tinker, Masters, Owen, Hellwich, House, Svobodny

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staffing Update:

Ms. Morton said she had covered the staffing update under earlier topics. Mr. Spencer said the new administrative officer would be starting work on May 27. He added that he thought Administrative Services would be proposing some policies and procedures on how to go about issuing grants and/or amending them, because there is nothing in writing at this point.

Draft Prevention Coordinator Position Description:

Ms. Morton indicated that a draft position description, prepared by staff, was included in the meeting packet for Council members to review and comment upon. The next step will be to start the process of developing the official PCN, which has to be accomplished prior to being able to go out to hire the person. There is money in the budget for the salary plus for office supplies, equipment, and furniture, if that was necessary.

Chair Cushing suggested giving Council members a few days to review the position description and propose any changes. Ms. Morton thought that might require a follow-up meeting to finalize any proposed changes.

Ms. Tinker wondered if anything should be added or amended in the position description if the position was going to play a role in the Governor's Initiative. Ms. Morton and Commissioner Masters responded that the second and third bullet points in the description covered that.

Chair Cushing said there seemed to be consensus on the Council that staff should carry on with the next step.

On-Sites:

Ms. Morton reported that two on-sites were conducted since the March meeting, one at Arctic Women In Crisis (AWIC) in Barrow and one at Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) in Sitka. Both programs are doing well. Staff hopes to issue draft reports to the programs within the month. The programs then have an opportunity to respond to the recommendations, and CDVSA staff works with the programs to come up with timelines, if there are any recommendations that need to be implemented before the on-site evaluation is finalized.

Batterers Intervention Programs (BIPs):

Ms. Morton said BIPs had been discussed throughout the meeting, including Ms. Cole mentioning what she had intended to bring up about getting statistical information from the Department of Corrections-approved BIPs that are not state funded.

Council members had several questions for Ms. Morton about the CDVSA's role in the DOC approval process, BIPs funding, on-site evaluations of BIPs, and the DOC draft regulations.

Dr. Hellwich stated that she was very interested in looking at Dr. Andre Rosay's entire proposal, so she could see the instrumentation and type of analysis he is using and be more familiar with the outcomes coming from the BIPs Committee. Ms. Morton replied that the Governor's Office directed the content of what Dr. Rosay was going to be looking at, and it should not be a problem getting a copy of the proposal.

Green Dot:

Ms. Morton explained that the green dot program is a bystander intervention strategy so that the community can be involved in stopping domestic violence and sexual assault. There is a week-long training that communities can engage in to help think of ways in which to appropriately call somebody's attention to what they are doing.

Ms. Morton said the executive director of the shelter in Dillingham went to the week-long training in the Lower 48 and brought other community partners in to have the training. The green dot trainers have been out to Dillingham to provide training, and in June they are going to Kodiak for a week. Tacked onto that meeting will be a one-day meeting in Anchorage with stakeholders, which the CDVSA is sponsoring through an RSA with the Governor's Office, to talk about adapting green dot for implementation in Alaska.

Dr. Hellwich wondered if it would be a good idea for one or more Council members to attend the week-long green dot training so they are fully aware of what the training is in the communities. Ms. Brown noted that a much shorter version of the training is also available that the Council might be interested in.

September Meeting Dates and Locations:

Ms. Morton stated that the Council had expressed interest in holding the September meeting at a rural location and had solicited the CDVSA-funded programs to see who would be willing to host a meeting. Five programs responded to invite the Council to their communities.

Council members discussed dates and location options for the September 2011 meeting.

Ms. Morton noted that members had indicated a wish to hold the November meeting in Fairbanks. Also, thinking ahead, and since Alaska Family Services has offered to host a meeting, the Council could decide to meet in Palmer in May 2012 because of its close proximity to Anchorage.

Ms. House advocated for going to Kotzebue for a future meeting. Commissioner Masters agreed that the Northwest Arctic region has a lot of issues.

The Council tentatively settled on September 28 and 29 and a half day on the 30th in Dillingham.

The group took a scheduled break and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

FY13 BUDGET

Regarding a timeline, Ms. Morton suggested asking the subgrantees for comments by mid-June to find out what they anticipate their needs will be for the coming year. CDVSA would then draft a proposed budget by mid-July, and maybe the Grants Committee would be the group to work that through. There could be a committee draft budget for the full Council to look at and approve in early August, so that by mid-August the Council recommendations would go to the Department of Public Safety commissioner so he would be ready to transfer that information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by late August. She said it was a bit late for the Council to get started on the FY13 budget, but once it was done, the Council could begin working on the FY14 budget in the fall and have more time to be thoughtful about it.

Ms. Morton reviewed the different areas of the budget and what the Council might want to think about or consider:

Regular grants to programs - does the Council want to consider cost-of-living increases? Are there specific ways the Council wants to measure or gauge the needs for more funds? Last year the Council talked about whether to have a revenue stream for emerging programs, so not take money from the currently funded programs but ask for increased dollars to let an RFP for emerging programs. The figure discussed last year was \$200,000, but that did not make it into the budgeting process.

Applying for competitive grants - in the long term, as the Council develops a programmatic strategic plan, it would be helpful to look at a funding strategic plan. Sometimes what happens in the competitive arena is the Network wants to apply for a grant, the CDVSA wants to apply for a grant, and sometimes the local programs and/or the municipalities want to apply for a grant — and if everyone applies for the same thing at the same time there is less likelihood that two or three would get funded. Staff suggested looking at competitive grants for the focus areas of legal advocacy, prevention, and rural. Those seem to be concentration areas in the Governor's Initiative, things the Council has consistently expressed interest in, and areas that the programs would find beneficial.

Administrative funds - a lot of that is proscribed because of contracts, etc. But the Council might want to think about the new staff and whether or not the CDVSA will get to do that for FY13 in the regular budgeting process.

Travel - the Administrative Committee is talking about this. Regular meeting travel and training are the two categories that are in the travel budget for Council members. In-state and out-of-state travel has been discussed. Staff travel falls under the categories of on-site evaluations, statewide projects or committee work, fund or required conferences (VOCA, FVPSA, and STOP all require somebody to attend their national administrators conferences), and training.

Contractual - CDVSA must pay a portion of the rent of the building, prorated technology support, prorated telecommunications, utilities, etc.

Program supplies - technical assistance, skill development, or conferences or meetings.

For some federal competitive grants CDVSA is required to put in about \$30,000 for specific training for Council members, staff, or funded program staff.

Consultants and Other - such as working on the data system.

Reimbursable service agreements - some grant money goes out of CDVSA to various departments, and CDVSA is now getting RSAs from the Governor's Office on several different issues.

BIPs - the \$200,000 funding level has been the same for least ten years. The Council may consider requesting an increase based on all the information being gathered about BIPs.

Ms. Morton stated the administrative funds are made up of state general funds and a percentage of each federal grant award. Most of them are at 5%, and the STOP award is up to 10%. The current FY11 administrative budget is \$599,400 for personal services, \$116,000 for travel, \$22,300 for supplies, \$2,090,900 for contractual (including RSAs), and \$18,200 for equipment. She guessed that those numbers were probably consistent in the FY12 budget. It might be good for the Council to think about whether to ask for increases in FY14.

Chair Cushing proposed that the Administrative Committee and the Grants Committee take on the budget discussion and bring their recommendations to the full Council. Ms. Morton said the Council would have to hold an extra meeting in August to actually make decisions about the funding. Commissioner Masters added that his office has to have finalized requests from the CDVSA before the end of August.

Ms. Owen mentioned that the subgroups of the Governor's Initiative Committee have been asked for suggestions for the FY13 budget by June, so she was wondering how the Council's budget process would coordinate with that effort. She added that CDVSA staff taking over some responsibilities of the Governor's Initiative may require additional staffing, which the Council may want to consider including in the FY13 budget request.

Commissioner Masters stated that different departments will be making requests related to the Governor's Initiative in a more general sense, such as additional troopers in the DPS budget.

CDVSA SURVEY MONKEY ACTION PLAN

Council members and staff reviewed the CDVSA action plan (*included in the meeting packet and on file at the CDVSA office*) that developed out of specific comments received in the program satisfaction survey monkey [that the Council authorized at its September 2010 meeting]. The Chair had requested the action plan so the Council could systematically address the issues raised by the programs, with target dates for completion of each response action.

Chair Cushing suggested that the Council receive a short training on parliamentary procedures at its next meeting, and she had a source to do that training.

Commissioner Masters stated his belief that the Council did not necessarily have to take action on every comment from the program survey because some of them were misperceptions and the Council might not agree with every comment. Other Council members agreed. Chair Cushing said that having reviewed the survey results at the last meeting, and now reviewing the comments in the format of an action plan, is a sufficient response to a few of the concerns.

Noting that there were no proposed actions under the task to "provide equal support to all programs regardless of size," Dr. Hellwich suggested that an action could be to review smaller emerging programs that submit proposals or requests for funding, in light of the earlier discussion about requesting some money in the budget for new programs.

Ms. Brown said she thought it was more that most meetings and other events happening in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, and the smaller or more marginal programs that do not have as many resources feeling that they are functioning by themselves and not getting much attention. Those programs also tend to have newer directors who need a lot of assistance and proactive contact.

Dr. Hellwich responded that if that was the case then the Council needed to define "attention" and figure out how to target the smaller programs - and how many.

Commissioner Masters reported that he visited the directors at Tundra Women's Coalition in Bethel and Maniilaq Family Crisis Center in Kotzebue within the past week. Dr. Hellwich said those actions could be added to the action plan and marked as "completed."

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Owen, the health and safety coordinator at the Department of Education & Early Development, described her position that was created under the Governor's Initiative. Her primary focus under the initiative is domestic violence and sexual assault prevention. A priority program she is working on is training teachers and service providers in communities in an evidence-based school health education curriculum on healthy relationships for seventh and eighth graders.

Mr. Svobodny stated that he was busy with the Governor's Initiative. During the legislative session the Governor had a bill passed that dealt with increasing penalties for sexual assault and some types of sexual abuse of children, and that dealt with sexting and more police powers in crimes involving distribution of child pornography over the internet.

Commissioner Masters reported the opening of a new State Trooper post in Selawik with two troopers, and the addition of a trooper to Kotzebue to support VPSO (village public safety officer) training and as support for the Northwest Arctic Borough. They are adding another trooper in Bethel and another one in Fairbanks. They are putting an investigator and a criminal justice technician in the Internet Crimes Against Children unit for investigations of distribution of child pornography and online predation. DPS has increased the VPSO count to 87, and ten more are in the hopper right now. By July 1 they will have authorization to go to 101 VPSOs. DPS is increasing DARE training to VPSOs with hopes of getting them into the schools, and they are getting more

positions for highway safety. He said he has been participating in almost any meeting that is dv/sa related, meaning he is building relationships where the department did not have them before. They are starting to get a general shift in attitudes amongst troopers regarding what their job is — trying to get them from a reactionary based "throw people in jail" attitude into a responsibility mindset that it is a good thing if they can stop things from happening in the first place. He is seeing the best results in rural Alaska.

Ms. House said it had been a pleasure to work with Mr. Svobodny for six years, as well as others over the years. She said prevention has come a long way, which she was happy to see. Visiting shelters was not done at one time, and it was a real pleasure to hold a Council meeting in Kodiak last year. Setting goals has been good, and increased public relations has been excellent. Having the CDVSA logo on all stationery of shelters that are funded is another passage she would like to see happen. Growing the Council to nine members, with four public members, was another benefit. Lastly, the media campaign funded by CDVSA and made happen by the Network has been a great success.

Ms. Tinker stated that she and her family did the March in March in Dillingham, which had an awesome turnout, and where she was pleased to see Katie and the commissioner of education. Dillingham has a child advocacy center, and the director there was emotional about the kids that were served. She also attended the fundraiser for Safe and Fear-Free Environment (SAFE) in Dillingham, where she was asked to speak at the last minute. She said she was excited that the Council was planning on visiting Dillingham. Finally, her term was ending and she did not know if she would be reappointed.

Dr. Hellwich reported that since the last meeting she was in touch with Covenant House, the homeless shelter in Anchorage for youth, to talk about their ideas for addressing domestic violence in that shelter. She stressed the Council's interest in prevention and reaching out to more of the youth population. She attended the March in Palmer, and also helped the commissioner of the Department of Corrections do some preparation for his speech to those who attended. The commissioner stressed the commitment from DOC to help with [perpetrator] accountability and prevention strategies. She also met the city manager and a couple of other key people in Palmer and briefly made a few comments on behalf of the Council. She attended the legal pro bono conference in Anchorage in March to hear and observe attorneys' perspectives on what was going on with domestic violence and sexual assault and to network a little bit. She did some networking at the cognitive offenders conference with people in the community that serve different populations, from youth through adulthood, who are victims and perpetrators for domestic violence and sexual assault — she briefly promoted the CDVSA to make sure they knew there was some visibility. She also spoke with two prosecutors about the CDVSA generally. The DOC commissioner is very supportive of the Governor's Initiative and very realistic on both sides - promoting public safety and accountability and prevention.

Chair Cushing stated that in March she visited South Peninsula Haven House (SPHH) in Homer four different times. SPHH has a new program that is a coalition with youth court, SPHH, the troopers, the police, and the community health forum. It is called "One Love, One Day" and was kicked off by a big bonfire event. It is signing a pledge to remain sober for 24 hours on a certain day, so the signers can understand what people who are trying to remain sober and drug-free go through every day. The shelter is doing a lot of expanding with its programs via the coalition. During the March in March she gave some visibility for the Council by introducing the commissioner of Military & Veteran Affairs, who was sent to Homer's march by the Governor. The commissioner, who is also the adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, had a good grasp of the whole picture and gave an inspirational speech.

Chair Cushing recessed the meeting for the day.

Friday, May 13, 2011

Chair Cushing called the meeting back to order at 9:15 a.m. Council members Tinker, Owen, Hellwich, House, and Cushing were present. Mr. Svobodny had to attend a teleconference first and arrived at 9:30 a.m.

MEET A CDVSA STAFF MEMBER

Chair Cushing said the Council had asked to meet a staff member and get a presentation on what they do. CDVSA program coordinator Linda Hoven participated by teleconference from the Juneau office.

Ms. Hoven said she has been at CDVSA for about six years, starting as an associate coordinator. She outlined the duties of a program coordinator, taken from the position description written by the Division of Personnel, in conjunction with staff, when CDVSA staff went from exempt status to classified service. The duties are:

To participate in planning, coordinating, and implementing statewide policies and services for programs that support the CDVSA's mission.

To coordinate and maintain best practices in the operation of community based programs. These programs provide crisis intervention, prevention, and perpetrator accountability services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes, and to their families.

Coordinators are one of the responsible parties for insuring that the millions of dollars of grants that come through the agency and are awarded to the subgrantees each year are used in compliance with the myriad of federal and state laws, grant award conditions, and other guidelines, including best practices and procedures.

Ms. Hoven said the Council guides the Requests For Proposal (RFP), and staff publishes them and reviews the applications for compliance and completeness before they go to the Council. That will be happening again next year using a new RFP process that the Council is working on. Once the decision is made on how much will be awarded to each program, coordinators prepare the final grant award agreements and insure that all the documents are returned complete and correct. Coordinators develop the performance measurement tools and the requirements in compliance with state, federal, and grant regulations. They conduct trainings with the programs to insure that they understand all the grant conditions and the reporting requirements. Adding to the complexity is that each funding stream has different regulations.

The CDVSA office is audited by the federal grantors, so coordinators are very careful to make sure that everything is in order so there are no problems in an audit and the CDVSA can continue to receive the grant funds in a timely manner. A primary duty of a coordinator is to monitor the expenditure of the funds, and there are the quarterly, end-of-year, and the financial reports that have to meet the state and federal reporting requirements. Coordinators are always looking at ways to streamline the reporting and to make them more meaningful for the programs and for the Council. Reports are also used to identify the gaps in statewide service delivery.

Coordinators monitor the financial reports closely, and they preauthorize the advance payments to programs. They work with the programs if they have any grant revisions, and they approve or deny any proposed revisions to the program goals and objectives.

Each coordinator has certain programs for which they are the direct program contact, although they all work with all the programs in one way or another. It is important for coordinators to have a positive, open and honest relationship with the people running the programs in order to be able to work on things that come up. The coordinator is often the link between the program, the executive director, and Council members. Ms. Hoven said she has received feedback from some of the directors on how much they appreciate having a good relationship; it makes the whole process much smoother.

Coordinators provide technical assistance of all sorts. They review the state and national best practices and developments in the field to keep up to date on all the research and development happening.

Ms. Hoven stated that earlier Ms. Morton covered the batterers intervention program process when a program contacts CDVSA and is interested in becoming an approved program. Staff sends an application and, if it is returned, reviews it and works with the program, and makes a recommendation to the Department of Corrections.

Coordinators report to the Council on what the programs are doing each quarter. They assist the executive director in preparing for the quarterly Council meetings, and they assist in preparing the annual report for the Legislature.

CDVSA gets funding through the federal formula grants (VOCA, FVPSA and SASP), and they all have different reporting requirements. Staff has to send yearly applications and yearly reports on those grants. Ms. Morton, as the program coordinator II, is the state administrator for these grants. As Ms. Morton has been taking on other tasks, Ms. Hoven and Ms. Rausch have been assisting with the formula grant process.

Ms. Hoven explained that information from the program reports helps coordinators focus on certain issues when they conduct the on-site reviews, and the reports can also reveal any regional or statewide trends. The programs want to provide the information and want the CDVSA staff to know what is going on – both their successes and their challenges.

Coordinators also research the needs and apply for federal discretionary grants. They may put out an informal RFP to the programs to gauge the interest before preparing the proposal. Grant application rules are very strict, making it a stressful process. Ms. Hoven and Ms. Rausch recently wrote the Rural Grant solicitation, which took a lot of time to do, and they included nine of the domestic violence programs. They requested \$830,000, but the grant award notice was for \$900,000, something that has never happened before.

Ms. Hoven said she has been involved in the Supervised Visitation and Supervised Exchange Program in Fairbanks in the last two years. It is a cooperative agreement with the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC). It has involved traveling to see established visitation centers around the country, and it has been a long planning process with other partners in the community to develop the policies and procedures and to develop the actual building that meets the criteria for a center. It is now open for services and plays a big part in helping women and children be safe when there is contested visitation, etc. The OVW grants manager will be going to Juneau and Fairbanks this summer where she will do a site visit. Coordinators work to have a good relationship with the grants manager and may have to ask for a grant extension once in a while.

Coordinators do on-site reviews of all the programs every other year, unless there are some issues that warrant a review every year. They use checklists and worksheets, interview staff and various partners in the community, meet with the board of directors if possible, attend other community meetings, and generally try to see as much as possible what is going on in the community that the program is involved in. They look at all the program files, the policies and procedures, and the financial reports. Ms. Hoven said she thought it was important that the people in the community know, through the coordinators talking with them during the on-site reviews, that CDVSA has a presence there. They write up a report with recommendations where a program might be out of compliance or not using best practices.

Ms. Hoven said she recently did an on-site review of LEAP, the batterers intervention program (BIP) in Fairbanks, and an aspect of those reviews is to attend group meetings. She found that very interesting and educational. If a BIP is out of compliance with regulations, the program outlines how they intend to come back into compliance, and the coordinator gives the program a timeline for doing that. On the next visit the coordinator will make sure the recommendations have been followed.

Ms. Hoven said she enjoys the on-sites, that she gets to talk to people with varied backgrounds, diverse interests and skill levels, and varied opinions and outlooks. It keeps her grounded in why she does what she does, that she is not just a pencil-pusher but does make a difference.

Ms. Hoven listed other miscellaneous duties of a program coordinator: preparing correspondence for the executive director; investigating the occasional complaint; researching and preparing information for the Legislature or other agencies to help inform their decision-making; and preparing information for the Council.

Ms. Hoven stated that staff has been extremely busy in the last year and a half with the Governor's Initiative and working on the Legislative CDVSA Task Force recommendations. The time that coordinators have to devote to their primary function of coordinating, technical assistance, and monitoring the funded programs has been much less than optimal and has probably affected their relationship with some of the programs, and also the time that they can give to processing the reports and understanding what is going on in the programs. Of course, they are all happy about the strong focus on domestic violence and sexual assault in the state, that the issues are being talked about, and that there is more funding. If the workload remains the same or increases, she felt they definitely needed more staff in the office.

Council members had several questions for Ms. Hoven on physical inspection of shelter buildings, over-capacity in shelters, and the frequency of and advance notice of federal audits.

Chair Cushing complimented Ms. Hoven and the other CDVSA program coordinators for the work they do in the state, saying she has heard very good feedback about them and can tell that staff has good relationships with the programs.

Ms. Hoven stated that all three program coordinators have worked in shelter programs and directly with victims, and she thought that should be a requirement of anybody in the coordinator position because it keeps them grounded.

ENGAGING BOYS AND MEN

Peggy Brown spoke about the Engaging Boys and Men grant that runs from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. There are four pilot sites: Bethel, Dillingham, Juneau and Anchorage. The goals and objectives are: (1) to increase the number of men who understand their role and are aware of tools for helping to end domestic violence and sexual assault; (2) to increase the number of male partners for prevention and promoting respect in healthy relationships; (3) to increase the number of boys who receive "coaching" from positive male role models; (4) to increase cultural-based skills and knowledge that help boys successfully navigate through adolescence and adulthood non-violently; and (5) to increase the number of male spokesmen and materials for Alaska Men Choose Respect.

Ms. Brown said a lot of planning has already happened, given the prevention efforts and work groups that are occurring. The tangible products are television commercials, radio public service announcements, posters and media kits, and probably the most significant item they will work on in the next few months is a tool kit that addresses what men can do. There will also be several web site enhancements. A short film will be discussing the role of Yupik men in ending violence.

Ms. Brown reviewed what each pilot site had planned for their community. She said the grant is trying to change social norms and engage youth and young men. A lot of it has to do with prevention and some of it has to do with intervention.

Ms. Tinker said she would like to see a focus on changing the way that youth are speaking, that they increasingly use the words dumb or stupid in every sentence. She wanted to focus on encouraging the use of positive communication.

Ms. Brown said that in the gatherings youth talk about their use of negative words.

Dr. Hellwich had a discussion with Ms. Brown about the Coaching Boys Into Men campaign and curriculum. Saralyn Tabachnick of AWARE joined the discussion to explain how Coaching Boys Into Men works at one high school in Juneau. Dr. Hellwich advocated for approaching school principals first, who could then present the concept to the coaches and probably get a higher rate of buy-in by the coaches for the campaign. She offered to meet with a couple of high school principals in the Anchorage school district to help promote the campaign. Ms. Morton said AWAIC and STAR are the Anchorage partners with the Network for the Coaching Boys Into Men

grant, so a place for interested volunteers to start would be to meet with the AWAIC and STAR program directors and offer to participate in the Anchorage implementation of the grant.

Ms. Brown said the Network produced a detailed summary of all the programs they are doing and how things are moving, and she asked the CDVSA acting executive director to distribute copies to Council members.

CROSSOVER TRANSITIONAL YOUTH

Dr. De Anna Hellwich spoke about a crossover transitional youth group — 18 to 21-year-olds — that is very problematic as far as victimization and being perpetrators. She talked about the number of assault-type charges, and disorderly conduct, trespass, or minor consuming alcohol charges these young men have that put them at a severely high risk for engaging in violent activity. The other piece is that the majority of the 20 cases she pulled up for the last six months are homeless and either have a lifelong history of Office of Children's Services (OCS) or mental health issues. There are substance abuse issues, and the majority of them have dropped out of school and are not engaged in any education programming. They have no job and no money. Many of them have experienced domestic violence. They are engaging in activities like shoplifting and trespassing, and are being rearrested. These are all risk factors that are setting them up for domestic violence and sexual assault.

Dr. Hellwich stated that this age group is very difficult because they have aged out of the system at 18 and do not have to do anything they do not want to do, such as take medications. It is hard to connect the crossover youth to any kind of services, unless they have a history of mental health illness. Unfortunately, the adult agencies often do not consider the childhood and adolescent illness history as necessarily significant enough to provide urgent services for.

Ms. Brown mentioned a group in Anchorage — including STAR, AWAIC, Catholic Social Services, Salvation Army, and others — that has a domestic trafficking grant to engage young adults who come into Anchorage from various parts of Alaska and wind up in peonage, a type of slave labor situation.

Dr. Hellwich said she wanted the Council to understand that this is a problematic age range because it is a gray area from adolescence to adulthood but with responsibilities and consequences, yet there is a disconnect with how to offer services. The biggest hub is Covenant House because it is the homeless shelter. She would like to see the Council support any emerging programs that come forward to address reaching out to the transitional crossover youth in order to prevent any domestic violence and sexual assault, or to intervene if there is domestic violence and sexual assault.

Dr. Hellwich stated that she researched how the rest of the nation is dealing with the transitional crossover youth. Some states are not even discussing it or recognizing it, and other states are trying to deal with it. She wanted to explore pieces of the Miami-Dade model that could potentially be implemented in Alaska.

Ms. Brown asked if she had talked to Juvenile Justice about their programs. Dr. Hellwich said she had experience with what Juvenile Justice offers, but the reality is that when the youth become adults they do not have to follow through with the services. She added that she wanted to talk to someone in a leadership role to find out how they are implementing domestic violence and sexual assault intervention and prevention strategies in the juvenile justice system. Ms. Owen raised the question of whether transitional crossover youth could be court-ordered to a place with services for them. Dr. Hellwich responded with some examples.

In conclusion, Dr. Hellwich stated that some agencies in Anchorage have some good ideas, and the Council should be open to any programs dealing with this age group that apply for CDVSA funding. Further, she wanted to be able to potentially visit, as a Council member, a program with good outcomes that she finds through her research.

Ms. Brown suggested that the Council might want to invite someone from the Juvenile Justice System to talk about what models they are using to address the transitional crossover youth who are offending, and maybe even

those who are not offending but who are at risk of offending. Chair Cushing said that was a good idea, and she thanked Dr. Hellwich for bringing the topic to the Council. Dr. Hellwich said it would be interesting to find out what McLaughlin Youth Center and the JPOs are implementing related to domestic violence and sexual assault risk factors.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Emerging program ideas.

Amending the bylaws.

Ethics and confidentiality training (November in Fairbanks?)

Committee reports.

Discuss upgrading the classification of the research analyst.

Discuss if trafficking from the Bush is actually happening in Anchorage. Possibly invite a person from the Statewide Trafficking Work Group to address the Council.

Information about the PACE DV court.

SHAREPOINT TRAINING

Chair Cushing noted that the information technology people did not show up to conduct the SharePoint training at the scheduled time. Ms. Morton stated that the Department of Public Safety IT people are developing a draft SharePoint site for the Council, and training will be scheduled at a later date.

THANK YOU TO AWAIC AND OTHERS

Chair Cushing thanked AWAIC for a complete and informative tour of their facility in Anchorage yesterday. She also thanked AWARE for the tour when the Council met in Juneau in March.

Chair Cushing thanked everyone who was coming forward and making sure that people are treated with respect and treated as whole human beings.

Chair Cushing offered the Council's appreciation to Ann House for her work on the Council for six years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:47 a.m., on a motion made by Ms. Tinker and seconded by Ms. Owen.

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**STATE OF ALASKA
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT**

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2011 TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Public Safety Building, 450 Whittier Street

Juneau, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Susan Cushing called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

Council members present at roll call: Commissioner Joseph Masters (Department of Public Safety); Richard Svobodny (Department of Law); Patricia Owen (Department of Education & Early Development); Susan Cushing (public member/chair); Kristine Tinker (public member/vice chair); Melissa Stone (Department of Health & Social Services).

Dr. De Anna Hellwich (Department of Corrections) joined the meeting toward the end.

Council members absent: Ann House and Stephanie McFadden-Evans

Council staff present: Lauree Morton (interim executive director); Angie Wells (office assistant); Linda Hoven (program coordinator); Ann Rausch (program coordinator); Debbie Leamer (administrative assistant)

Others present (in person or by telephone): Dan Spencer (DPS Administrative Services); J.C. Cartwright (Administrative Services); Peggy Brown (ANDVSA); Saralyn Tabachnick (AWARE - Juneau); Donn Bennice (Alaska Family Services - Palmer); Rowena Palomar (AVV - Valdez); Nancy Haag (STAR - Anchorage); Patty Bland (ANDVSA); Lou Dodson (Seaview Community Services - Seward)

Chair Cushing explained the conditions under which the Council would have to go into executive session, if it were necessary. She also informed the Council of one request from the public for a copy of the final applicant resumes, which was honored after consultation with the Department of Law and after notifying the applicants.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE HIRING COMMITTEE

The Hiring Committee was made up of Commissioner Joe Masters, Susan Cushing, and Melissa Stone. Ms. Stone said the Hiring Committee recommended that Lauree Morton be hired as the executive director for the CDVSA.

Rick Svobodny seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with Tinker, Masters, Owen, Stone, Svobodny, and Cushing present.

Kristine Tinker moved that the salary offer for the fully exempt executive director position be based upon experience. Melissa Stone seconded.

Commissioner Masters stated that the position was budgeted at a Range 24, so he recommended allowing the chair to discuss with DPS Administrative Services what salary step was appropriate within a Range 24.

Mr. Svobodny said the salary step should be based on knowledge about the subject area, administrative skills, etc., as well as experience.

Ms. Stone withdrew her second to the motion, and the motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Masters moved that the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault authorize the chair to move forward with specific authority to negotiate a salary at Range 24 for advanced step placement consideration, and to work that through the Department of Public Safety, as well as the Department of Administration if that is necessary. Mr. Svobodny seconded.

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Council members thanked the Hiring Committee and all the candidates, and offered their congratulations to Ms. Morton.

There was no other business, and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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**STATE OF ALASKA
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING
FISCAL YEAR 2013 INCREMENT REQUESTS**

Public Safety Building, 450 Whittier Street

Juneau, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Susan Cushing called the teleconference meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, and determined that there was a quorum.

Council members present: Commissioner Joseph Masters (Department of Public Safety); Richard Svobodny (Department of Law); Patricia Owen (Department of Education & Early Development); Susan Cushing (public member/chair); Kristine Tinker (public member/vice chair) at 2:15 p.m.; and Melissa Stone (Department of Health & Social Services)

Council members absent: Stephanie McFadden-Evans and Dr. De Anna Hellwich

Council staff present: Lauree Morton (executive director); Angie Wells (office assistant); Ann Rausch (program coordinator); Bahiyiyh Parish (research analyst)

Others present: Dan Spencer, J.C. Cartwright, Ginger Blaisdell and Judy Skagerberg (DPS Administrative Services/Finance Division); DPS Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec; Debbie Walsh (Arctic Women In Crisis - Barrow)

FY13 INCREMENT REQUESTS AT-A-GLANCE

Chair Cushing said the purpose of the meeting was for the Council to approve budget increments for the CDVSA portion of DPS's presentation to the Governor by Commissioner Masters in mid-September. She said the Council acknowledges that the executive director, Lauree Morton, with Commissioner Masters, will advocate and promote the intentions of the Council as the budget process moves along.

Chair Cushing asked the executive director to explain the spreadsheet of increment requests at-a-glance (*on file, along with the written narrative describing the need for the requests*).

Ms. Morton described in detail the three main priority areas of the DVSA Initiative for which the Council was considering increment requests:

Primary prevention.....	\$ 850,000
Expand community level prevention efforts	
Core victim services (adults and children)	\$2,305,000
Currently funded & emerging programs, and special projects (residential children's services)	
Offender management and accountability, with Public Safety.....	\$ 50,000

Responding to a question about the community prevention coordinators (8 positions at \$75,000 each), Ms. Morton suggested that in preparation for FY13 in the coming months the Council, staff and the Network might develop a plan or best practice. There could be three or four ways to have a prevention coordinator that the Council would support and then see what communities ask for or respond to.

Ms. Morton told Ms. Stone that the CDVSA prevention coordinator would coordinate the Green Dot train-the-trainers and the Prevention Summit. There was no projected estimate of staff time needed to do this, but she said she could provide it. Ms. Stone said the CDVSA office just has to be able to manage the funds it requests to do those tasks.

Ms. Stone said she would support money for community prevention coordinators if there was an absolute requirement that those people coordinate and collaborate with the existing systems, because other community agencies also have prevention dollars. And the Council should look at how the increment money could leverage and fill in the gaps.

Ms. Morton agreed, adding that the CDVSA being responsible, through its own prevention coordinator, for technical support to the community prevention coordinators and for monitoring them would mean the project and services were coordinated within the state. She said the whole proposal needs further development before the start of fiscal year 2013.

Commissioner Masters stated that before this \$600,000 budget request was presented the DVSA Initiative Big Workgroup or the Prevention Subgroup would have to provide a more detailed narrative on how they envision the community prevention coordinators project working. Ms. Morton took note of the request.

Ms. Morton suggested that over the next year the Council might want to discuss the impact of rising health insurance costs for victim services programs and ways to contain this cost.

Ms. Stone recommended, if the CDVSA received the funding for residential children's services, that CDVSA require agencies to have an arrangement with the existing Early Intervention Infant Learning Programs, which are the experts in the field in Alaska. Rather than building up separate resources, partnering could help the EIILPs leverage the funds they have to get more staff that could be devoted to the victim services agencies.

Ms. Morton said she agreed with encouraging people to work together, although some victims in residence at shelters may have immediate safety concerns where it might not always be possible to use an outside agency or resource.

Ms. Morton reported that the DVSA Initiative Big Workgroup would be holding a meeting September 7-8, 2011. On the agenda will be core victim services in four areas: housing, legal representation, adult services, and children's services. There could be other funding requests coming from the Big Workgroup following that meeting that the Council or the Governor's Office might want to add to the Core Victim Services category.

Ms. Morton also reviewed a proposed \$55,000 request for DVSA Initiative Big Workgroup facilitation, which would be moving the facilitation responsibilities to the CDVSA Office. She estimated it would require an additional 3/4-time administrative assistant position at CDVSA.

The total FY13 increment request is \$3,260,000. A one-time increment to move DVSA Initiative funds from the Governor's Office to the base of department budgets in FY13 would be \$910,000 for CDVSA. That would bring the total increment request to \$4,170,000.

Commissioner Masters suggested getting more details on the operating expenses and additional staffing for currently funded programs before the time to present it. Ms. Morton said she had requested that information but had not received all of it.

Responding to Mr. Svobodny, Ms. Morton said she was assuming that the DVSA Initiative Big Workgroup would be part of state government for at least the first five years of the 10-year initiative.

Commissioner Masters said he thought the \$55,000 increment for a 3/4-time administrative assistant meant the CDVSA was going to take on the role of facilitating a group that would come together each year of the DVSA Initiative to advise the CDVSA and get information through the Governor's coordinator on where the initiative is going.

Following a brief discussion about whether to request a part-time position or to contract the work, Ms. Morton suggested that she work with the department's Human Resources and Finance divisions to find out the best way to go about it.

RICK SVOBODNY MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ITEMS ON THE "INCREMENT REQUESTS AT A GLANCE" CHART AS PRESENTED, AND TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE PROGRAMS. MS. OWEN SECONDED.

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

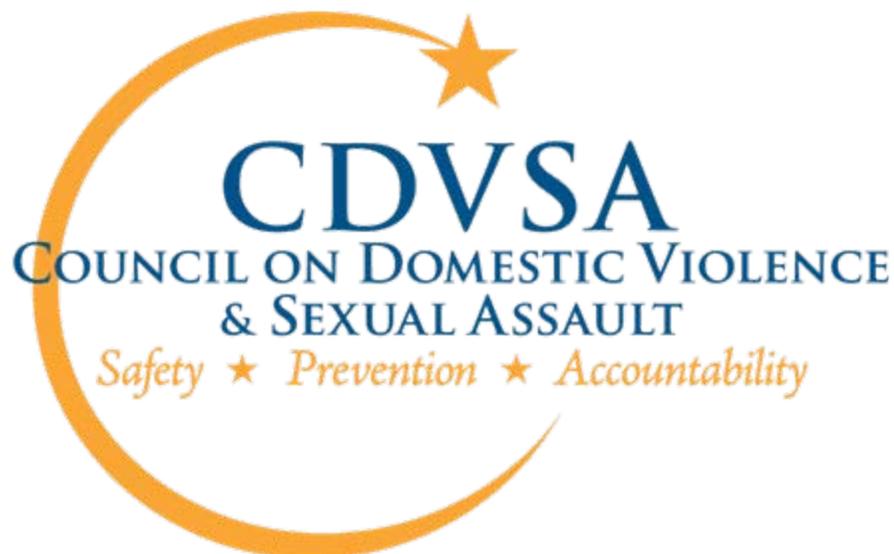
There was no other business, and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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4nd Quarter Performance Reports for FY11

Victim Service Programs



FVPSA Outcome Measures

□ Description of these Measures:

- For each program area from which you collected outcome data, indicate how many surveys were completed & how many YES responses you received to each of the outcome questions.
- Resource outcome: Do you know more about what resources & help are available to you & your family & how to access those resources?
- Safety outcome: Do you know more or different intervention strategies for safety than you did before?

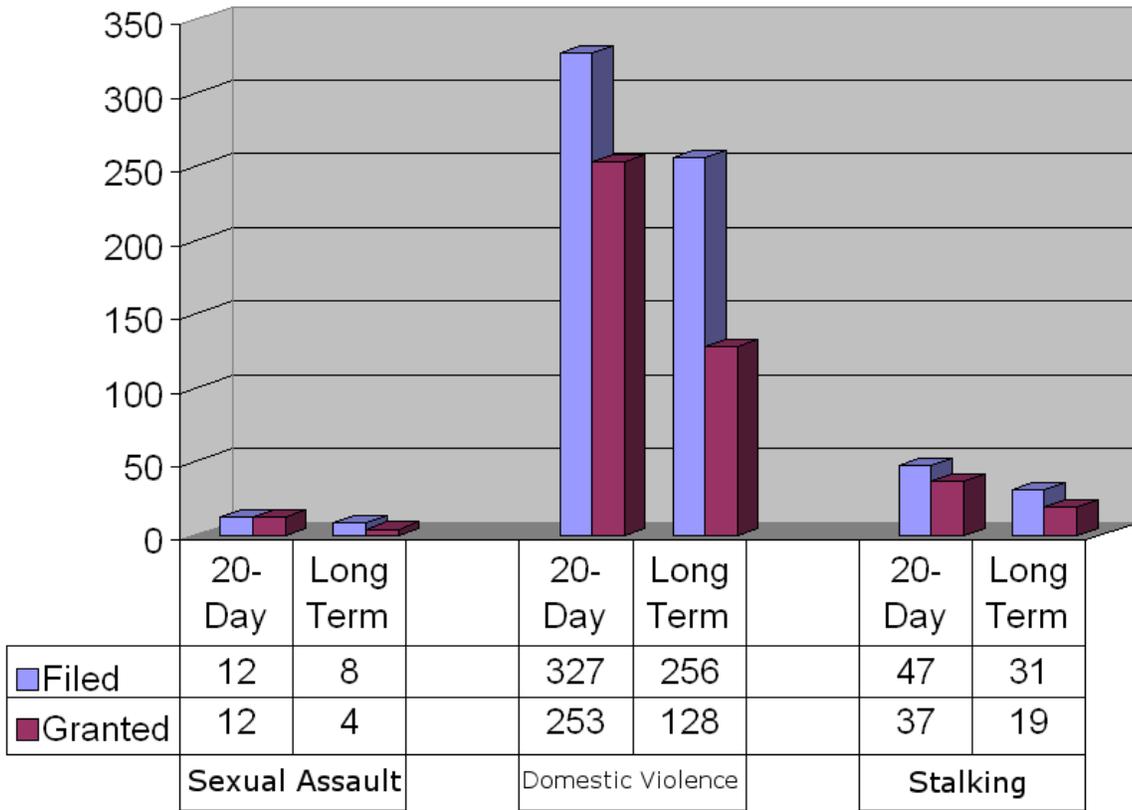
		Shelter	Non-residential Support and Advocacy	Counseling	Non-residential Support Groups	TOTAL
1st	Surveys completed	283	223	34	323	863
	Yes to Resource Outcome	258	215	32	309	814
	Yes to Safety Outcome	259	198	33	301	791
2nd	Surveys completed	270	207	33	208	718
	Yes to Resource Outcome	240	198	31	191	660
	Yes to Safety Outcome	241	183	31	205	660
3rd	Surveys completed	284	246	42	239	811
	Yes to Resource Outcome	256	230	30	218	734
	Yes to Safety Outcome	261	291	80	173	805
4th	Surveys completed	251	182	47	163	643
	Yes to Resource Outcome	227	173	40	141	581
	Yes to Safety Outcome	230	175	39	148	592
TOTAL	Surveys completed	1,088	858	156	933	3,035
	Yes to Resource Outcome	981	816	133	859	2,789
	Yes to Safety Outcome	991	847	183	827	2,848

Funded Victim Service Programs Goals & Objectives FY11

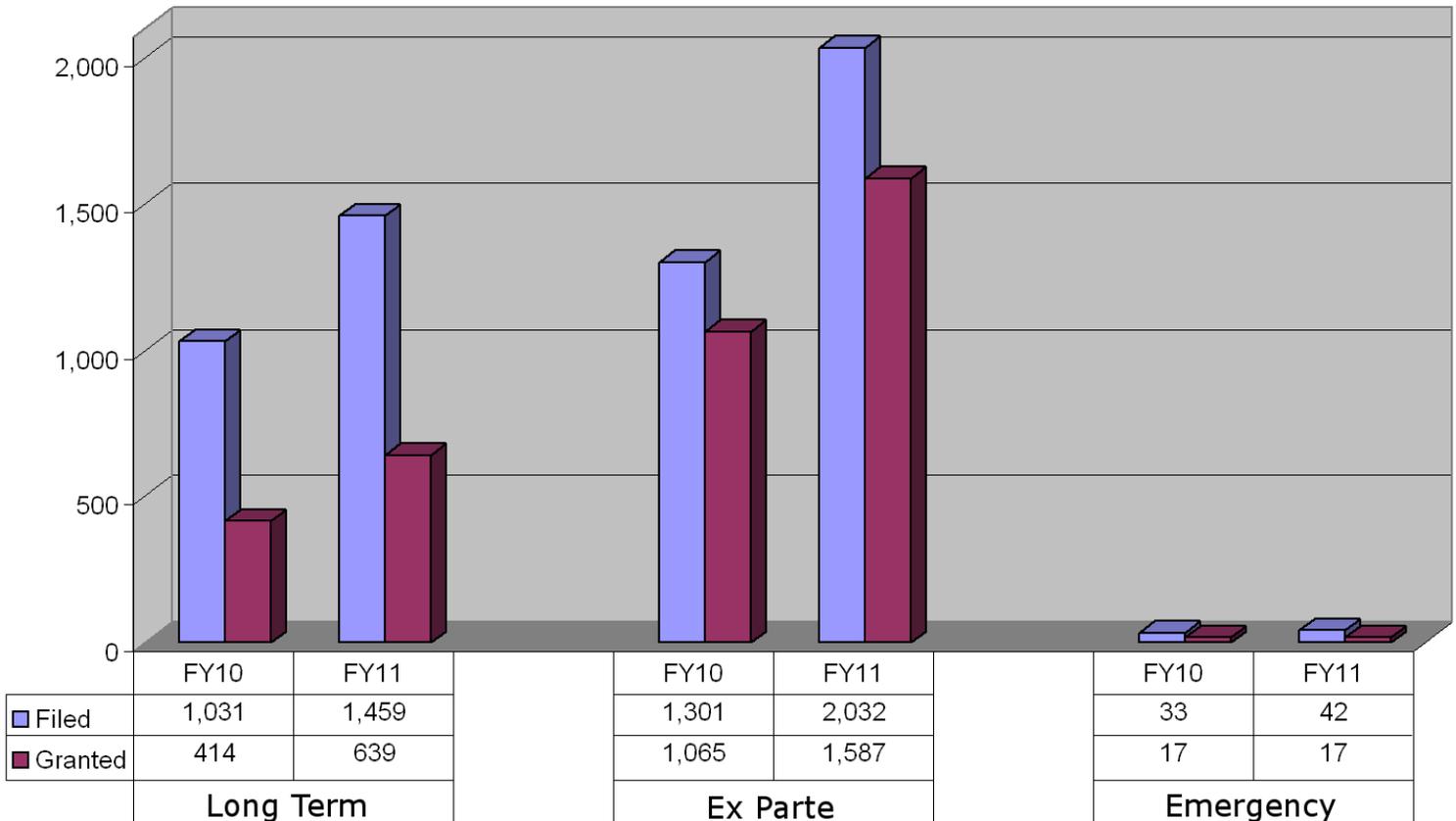
<u>Objective</u>	<u># of</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>				
		<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Provide nights of safe shelter to adult victims and children	nights	24,411	22,212	22,851	25,939	95,413
	adult victims	637	520	526	557	2,240
	children	495	327	354	418	1,594
Maintain a 24-hour crisis line	crisis calls	2,875	2,762	2,760	3,667	12,064
Provide legal advocacy services	# services	4,590	4,992	5,325	5,555	20,462
	adult individuals	1,792	1,794	1,747	2,444	7,777
Provide accompaniments to sexual assault survivors during forensic or medical exams	accompaniments	384	308	339	342	1,373
Provide trainings to village/ community service, safe home, and rural service providers	trainings	20	51	39	81	191
	providers	367	230	261	608	1,466
Provide age-appropriate presentations to students	presentations	320	541	519	442	1,822
	students	6,551	12,594	11,666	9,253	40,064
Provide trainings to first responders who interact with victims of violence	trainings	64	79	87	103	333
	first responders	1,225	1,251	1,285	1,232	4,993
Provide educational presentations to community members on dv/sa	presentations	97	141	172	229	639
# of volunteers who were active with agency	volunteers	715	767	923	1,128	3,533
	hours	12,971	21,836	44,256	16,634	95,698
Meet with community partners	meetings	524	463	542	566	2,095

Total Protective Orders Filed and Granted

Fourth Quarter VSP Protective Orders

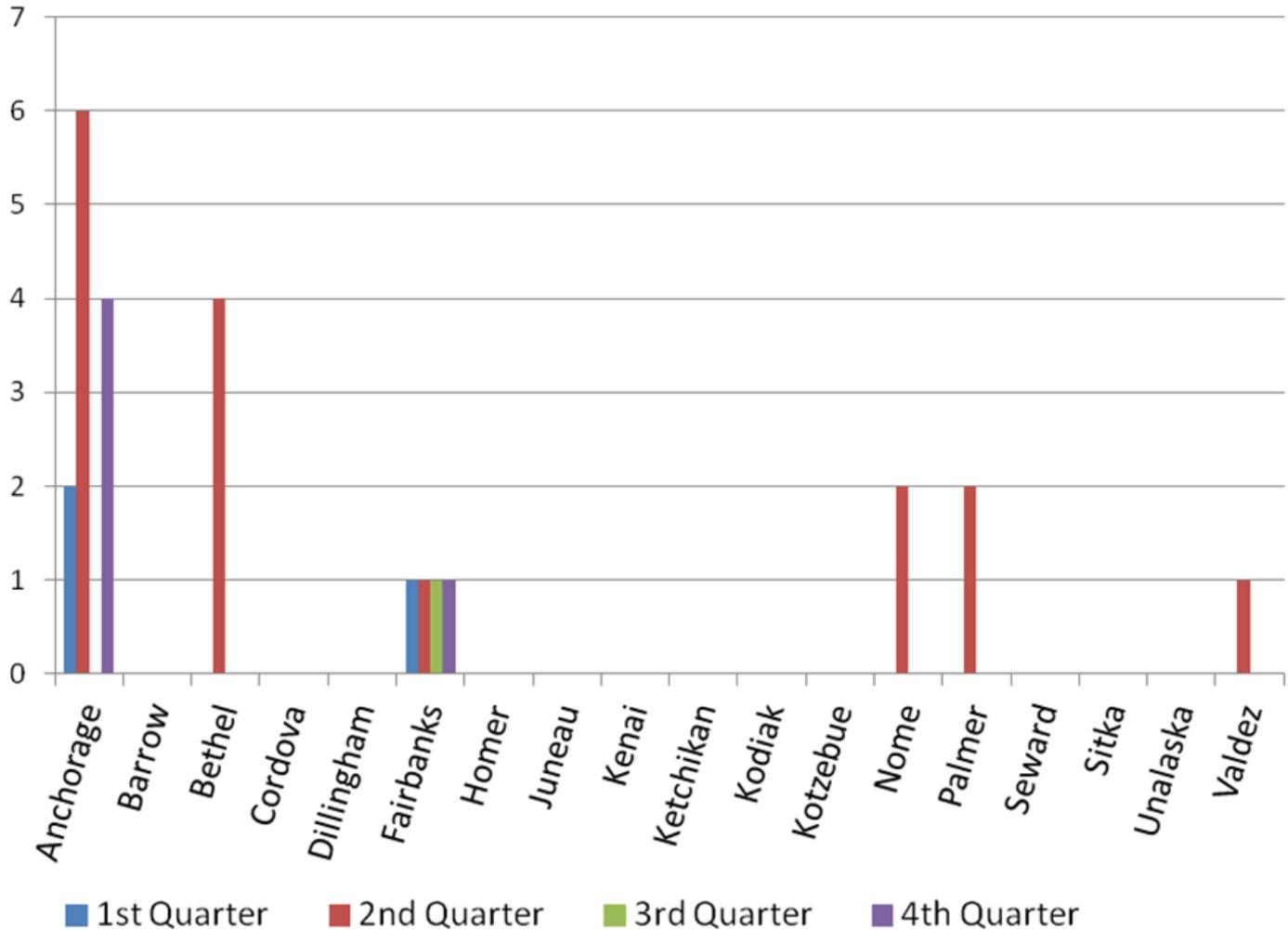


Protective Orders Filed/Granted in FY11 and FY10



Deaths Related to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Other Violent Crimes as Reported by Programs

FY11 Deaths by City



Fourth Quarter Murder In Fairbanks

- There was a senseless murder and if something had been done during all of the previous charges against this man, he very well may have been sitting in jail instead of murdering her. According to her family her body was covered with bruises and it appeared she had endured hours of being beaten.-IAC

AFS (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

□ **Successes:**

□ Individual Successes

- Five families have moved into permanent housing this quarter
- At least two of those families received compensation for crimes committed against them.
- We assisted a mother who was reunited with several children who had been in the custody of OCS.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Residency Rate and Overcrowding

- We have 32 beds and have been at or over capacity for most of the past quarter.
- We have been having difficulty finding adequate space for support groups and classes.

□ Protective Orders

- There has been an increase in the number of protective orders granted this quarter.
- We have had 566 contacts this quarter through the legal advocate.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Law Enforcement and Alaska Court System

- Our relationships with local law enforcement and the Alaska Court System have improved over this quarter
- Local law enforcement has been regularly attending our monthly meetings as a regular stakeholder.

□ SART Training

- The SART program for the Mat-Su valley is under development.
- In preparation for its launch, an advocate and a local tribal group member received SART training.

□ **Outreach:**

□ Interagency Coordination

- We work with and receive referrals from senior centers, churches, federal and state agencies, law enforcement, and a referral hotline, to reach the widest possible number of individuals

□ Community Presence and Outreach

- We conduct outreach at health fairs, community workshops and seminars, and special events.
- We maintain a presence at the local court house.

□ Remote Population Support

- A legal advocate travels to a remote population hub to assist victims with accessing services and completing paperwork.

AVV (Valdez) – Advocates for Victims of Violence

□ Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

- One of the Busiest Quarters AVV has seen.
 - Referrals from other programs were overwhelming.
 - Our well-trained and flexible staff was able to meet the many and diverse needs. Everybody that sought assistance was served.
- Rapid Transition Out of Shelters and into Apartments or Low Income Housing
 - This has been due to the availability of vouchers and houses in Valdez through Alaska Housing and Sound View Apartments.
- Increase in Court Accompaniments and Advocacy Services
 - At times we have had to call in additional advocates to meet the needs of people coming in for assistance.

□ Successes With Community Partners:

- Crisis Intervention Training
 - Advertized in the local papers, and held in Valdez, Copper River, and Glennallen.
- Travelling Health Fair
 - AVV had a booth at the travelling health fair.
 - Due to increased demand for DV/SA and suicide prevention programs in Tatitlek and Chenega Bay, especially amongst teenagers, an extra AVV staff member attended in these areas.
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Partnered with PWSCC to put on a spoken word poetry event.
 - AVV partnered with Valdez Parks and Rec. to put on the Unlimited Hype Dance Workshop. This all day event helped 40 children develop self esteem, respect, and self expression through dance.

□ Other Successes:

- Annual Women of Distinction 2011.
 - This fundraiser honored women from all sectors of the community, and was very successful.
- Summer Camps
 - Coordinated with Valdez Parks and Rec. and put on a very successful set of youth summer camps.
- End of Elementary After School Programs
 - Programs focused on well being, conflict resolution, and relationship skills
 - 450 kids attended almost 40 sessions with approximately 15 kids at each session
- Board Member's Retreat
 - The board member's retreat was facilitated by a former AVV director and supported by a generous donation from a local politician.
 - The Strategic Plan for 2012 was created, and bylaws were revisited.
- Annual Membership Meeting
 - 30 Years In Service Celebration
 - New Board Members Elected

AWAIC (Anchorage) – Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis

□ **Successes:**

□ Exceeded Many Targets for Provision of Services

- The shelter was regularly over capacity, but no participants were denied shelter due to this.
- AWAIC has far exceeded the goal for providing services to non-offending family members of domestic violence victims, at 134%.
- AWAIC has far exceeded its yearly goal of providing 1300 system advocacy services, providing 494 services in the 4th quarter alone.
- Partly as a result of training to increase accuracy of staff logs, 980 hotline calls were logged in the 4th quarter in comparison to 680 for the first quarter

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Loss of Grant Funding

- During the quarter, AWAIC was notified that our Community Development Block Grant Public Service was discontinued due to a cut in HUD funding to the Municipality of Anchorage. This grant was supposed to last through December 2012 and fund a part-time Housing Specialist Case Manager

□ Housing Waitlists

- AWAIC is still concerned about both the long waitlist for vouchers & the lack of affordable rentals.
- During this quarter, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) announced that it would close its wait list and suspend acceptance of applications for its Section 8 Housing Voucher program effective May 31st. This program closure significantly impacts AWAIC participants in need of housing subsidy, but AWAIC staff are working with other agencies and programs as well.

□ Grants Allow Additional Staff Positions

- Grants to Encourage Arrests will allow AWAIC to hire 1.4 new legal advocates to work at the courthouse. They will allow for victim support during all hours that the Courthouse is open.
- Funds from Anchorage Office of Violence Against Women will allow the Anchorage Domestic Violence Prevention Project to continue for two more years.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events**

□ Annual Golf Classic

- AWAIC’s annual Golf Classic grossed \$55,000, roughly \$12,000 more than last year.
- The drawing for AWAIC’s annual raffle was also the highest-grossing raffle in our history.
- This accomplishment is an indicator of how committed AWAIC staff members are to our mission.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Developing Anchorage DART

- AWAIC is the lead agency responsible for the development of the Anchorage Disability Abuse Response Team. In May, we sponsored a training with over 30 attendees from 15 agencies.

□ Expanding DVERT

- AWAIC is expanding its Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team program to include AlaskaCares, a medical Child Advocacy Center for victims of physical and sexual abuse.

AWARE (Juneau) – Aiding Women in Abuse & Rape Emergencies

Successes:

- AWARE provided 1,619 nights of safe shelter for 46 women and 35 children during this quarter, which is over 50% more than prior quarters.

Media/Special Interest Events:

Lead On Prevention Projects

- Rebound kayak trip in Glacier Bay, a weeklong trip where 20 teens developed leadership, healthy relationship skills and resources to promote wellness in their home communities.
- The Choose Respect Community Mural was designed by local youth.
- As culmination of a 12 week/24 lesson spring season, the Girls on the Run programming sponsored a 5K run in May. There were seven teams, 92 girls, 31 coaches, and 30 running buddies

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- Our annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K occurred on April 9th, with 100 attendees.
- The Canvas Community Art Studio, AWARE, and the Lemon Creek Correctional Facility generated art for The Healing Power of Art Exhibit, which was on display in a local restaurant.
- UAS theatre presented The Vagina Monologues as part of V-DAY. All proceeds, over \$1700, were donated to AWARE. AWARE staff attended each performance and offered information.

Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:

Presentations/Training

- AWARE offered training to 8 nurses at the Hospital, and to 20 Juneau Clerk of Courts personnel.
- Presented information regarding batterer intervention programming at a Bar Association meeting and a Paralegal Conference, to strengthen victim safety efforts. Over 68 people attended.
- AWARE provided training at MFCC this quarter, covering topics including confidentiality, record keeping, criminal and civil processes, protective orders and how to support victims through legal processes. Additionally, she discussed 72 hour protective orders with the Police Chief.

Collaboration

- We participate in Partnerships for Families and Children Meetings, which aim to increase access to community resources that support the health, growth and development of children.
- We meet regularly to collaborate and train with JPD, OCS, Tlingit & Haida, the District Attorney's office, Catholic Community Services (CCS), and the medical community.
- Staff from AWARE, OCS, and Tlingit & Haida received training together in support of the progress of the three year shared SAFTEE grant.
- AWARE continues to coordinate and facilitate the community's domestic violence task force. During this quarter, the task force received training on DART (Disability Abuse Response Team).

Outreach:

Travel to Haines, Klukwan, Skagway, Yakutat, Tenakee Springs, and Pelican.

- Rural & Community Outreach Coordinator provided classroom presentations in each community.
- She met with rural PDs, Troopers, VSHPs, and Health aides to discuss AWARE services.

Local Training

- AWARE offered our 10 week "Healthy Relationships" series to 29 participants. This class focuses on skill building in the areas of communication, assertiveness, and boundaries.
- With Southeast Alaskans for Independent Living (SAIL), AWARE offered Alaskans Speak Up training. It addresses the high incidence of abuse for individuals experiencing disabilities.
- AWARE provided personal safety curriculum for all students in the Juneau School District.

AWIC (Barrow) – Arctic Women in Crisis

□ **Successes:**

□ SART

- The SART team has been working very well together.
- This quarter it provided services for 7 victims of sexual assault.

□ General Services

- We saw a marked increase in crisis calls, responding to 113 this quarter.
- AWIC provided residential services for 31 women and 36 children, providing 406 safe bed nights.
- This quarter, we assisted nine adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, providing support and referring them to services as appropriate.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

□ Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Set up a display in the lobby of the Wells Fargo building with information about child abuse prevention.
- Recorded three public service announcements, to ensure victims know about available resources.
- Participated in the spring parade, distributing information about AWIC/Child abuse prevention.

□ **Outreach:**

□ Local Outreach:

- At the request of Barrow High School, distributed informational palm cards in prom gift bags.

□ AWIC's Village Advocate

- Visited Anatumuk Pass, Nuiqsut, and Kaktovik to conduct annual Safe Home inspections.
- distributed over 100 informational brochures and flyers.
- She provided legal advocacy to three residents, helped two residents complete domestic violence petitions, and gave custody packets to two village residents.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Ilisagvik College's Summer Allied Health Camp

- AWIC staff provided material about healthy relationships to 13 teenagers and 3 adults.
- Held a day long workshop to increase bullying awareness for 14 middle school students.

□ The North Slope Borough Police Department (NSBPD) and OCS

- AWIC communicates frequently and meet regularly with OCS and NSBPD to assure optimal collaboration.

□ Workshops on Effective Screening for Family Violence

- Held a workshop for NSB Wellness Center Staff at their request.
- SSMH subsequently also requested a workshop for nursing staff, which AWIC provided
- We discussed barriers to assessment and intervention, and local resources for victims.

BSWG (Nome) – Bering Sea Women’s Group

□ **Successes:**

□ SART Program

- Our SART program is working extremely well.

□ FVPSA Outcomes

- This quarter, all respondents to the FVPSA Outcome Measure Progress Report stated that they knew more about resources available to them, and about how to increase their safety.

□ Outreach

- BSWG has an add in the local weekly newspaper.
- BSWG runs Public Service Announcements on the radio.

□ New Staff

- We have hired a new Children’s Coordinator who looks as though she will be very good. She has arranged for parenting classes, dental assistants to do presentations and individuals to come and talk about nutrition.
- We have also hired a new Lead Advocate who moved here from New York.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Staffing Changes in Other Organizations

- The Director of OCS and the Director of CAC have both resigned.

□ Staff on the Edge of Burnout

- Our Children’s Advocate switched to being a night advocate because there have been too many horrendous sexual assaults.
- Our wages are becoming less competitive as other agencies pay increases.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners**

□ CAC

- There is no doctor who can go to the CAC so children have to be taken to the hospital for their forensic exams.

CFRC (Cordova) – Cordova Family Resource Center

❑ **Successes:**

❑ Peer Resource (Helpers) Class

- The Peer Resource (Helpers) class has been very active in our school. They presented at the AASG state conference.
- The peer helpers did a presentation to all 3 - 6th graders in May. Topics were peer pressure, bullying, health relationships.
- For the final activity they broke down into groups of 2-3 and developed information and a presentation on each of several topics like teen dating, bullying, teen pregnancy, and teen suicide. This was a great activity with close to 43 students in attendance. The great turnout was due to the fact that it was offered to 7th and 8th grade youth.

❑ Summer Programs

- CFRC once again worked with the school district to facilitate summer lunch and art programs as well as summer camp programs.

❑ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

❑ Health Fair

- CFRC co-organized the Annual Community Health Fair where over 300 individuals participated. Information and resources were provided at this event.

❑ Annual Latin Dinner

- CFRC held its annual Latin Dinner, where over 120 individuals participated. It was organized and put together by 19 different volunteers within the Latin community.

❑ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

❑ Collaboration

- The Executive Director has been working closely with Mental Health Director and Native Village of Eyak to collaborate on grants and services provided to clients when appropriate.
- The Executive Director has also been very actively involved in the SART Protocol/Guidelines Committee.

❑ Law Enforcement

- We are once again getting another Chief of Police. This position has not yet been filled. The police Chief position seems to be turning over often, which makes it somewhat difficult to have constancy in arrests, and police interactions with cases and CFRC.

❑ School District

- It is still up in the air on whether the Peer Resource Class will be offered as an elective this school year. The district has changed the schedule, which gives the students less elective options, and we are exploring alternative ways to provide this program.

IAC (Fairbanks) – Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living

Successes:

Shelter Success

- During this quarter IAC shelter clients did not experience any further physical assaults while residing in shelter and rated IAC's response to their basic needs at a 4.9 out of 5.0.
- We've begun a teen group that is focused on activities and art. We have been able to address issues such as violence in their homes, bullying, substance use and healthy boundaries.
- Our child advocate assists moms with healthy parenting, and how their choices affect their children.

Programs Fully Utilized

- Our pre-transitional program fills any openings immediately, so our Transitional Housing program has no openings.
- We are continuing to use our pre-transitional living room for overflow beds this quarter and we are working on changing a larger office into an overflow bedroom.
- IAC's new permanent supportive housing units continue to be full with the original 7 participants still in housing and 5 participants are in our scattered site units.

Success With Housing, Jobs, and Wellness

- IAC works with 5 programs that focus on housing in addition to the Section 8 and low income housing options in Fairbanks. In this quarter 88% percent of individuals who left the shelter and were interested in acquiring housing were placed.
- We have been very successful in working with DVR to get individuals assistance with jobs and with many of their goals.
- We have also been providing transportation once or twice a week to NA and/or AA meetings which has helped many to continue on in their sobriety.

Media/Special Interest Events:

Take Back The Night

- IAC worked with our own local community to host Take Back the Night in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This was a very moving event as we recently had a murder /suicide.

Outreach

- We have put together a media campaign through the United Way that does outreach to underserved.
- We are finding that Facebook is an excellent medium to invite individuals to events, let the community know of our needs, and to keep the issues in people's minds.

Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:

Collaborative Meetings

- IAC hosted the DV Task Force bi-monthly meetings.
- IAC participated in the OCS SAFEtee teams and is working locally with our OCS office to ensure that there is community representation when a TDM is done.
- IAC participated in the SART meeting to review SART's effectiveness

Family To Family

- Our agency is participating in the OCS initiative called Family to Family. An agency representative attends all team decision making meetings to ensure that the available services for victims and perpetrators are explained, that victim safety is considered, and that any negative language used by a batterer and missed by OCS is pointed out.

Community Coordinated Response Team

- We continued meeting with our CCR and examining cases to discover areas that law enforcement and prosecution needed to be aware of and address. Scott Miller with the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project came up to train our community on how to work collaboratively to keep victims safe and hold perpetrators accountable.

KWRCC (Kodiak) – Kodiak Women’s Resource & Crisis Center

Successes:

Shelter

- KWRCC continued to perform core services providing for the safety needs of victims even when shelter bed capacity had been reached.
- KWRCC continues providing our Stepping Stones support groups as well a support group in Spanish
- We are still building a money management program for victims with UAF and Marian Center.
- Our new Teen Prevention Program covers healthy life choices, and crime and DV/SA prevention.

Turning the Tide Campaign

- KWRCC in partnership with Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) and Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center was granted one of the state’s collaborative the Rural DV/SA pilot project grants, with the aim of building a community response to domestic violence and Sexual Assault.
- A licensed therapist now comes to the shelter to provide services for resident clients with trauma.
- The Turning the Tide campaign launched the Green Dot campaign, including a 4-day training.
- Sponsored Batterers Intervention training in Kodiak
- Sponsored inter-agency discussion on Confidentiality Barriers between agencies.

Trainings

- KWRCC sponsored Pathways to Hope annual training with KANA. This training brings together Island wide service providers to discuss child abuse/ child sexual abuse issues and interventions.
- KWRCC held 2 more Advanced Advocacy Classes. All 5 participants completed the training.

Outreach

- KWRCC provides PSAs, ongoing educational sessions, Village mailers, and Quarterly Newsletters.
- KWRCC went to the Middle School Health class for our Teen Dating Violence Prevention program. Our spring presentations cover topics such as Internet safety, Teen Dating Violence and Date Rape.

Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

Housing

- Housing vouchers are getting harder to acquire, and when clients receive one, they only have a few months to secure housing before losing the voucher. This is a problem because of the shortage of rental housing. We attend the Homeless Coalition meetings to discuss housing issues on the Island.

Turnover

- High staff turnover has been a challenge but we have been successful in getting all positions filled.

Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:

Sexual Assault Response Team

- KWRCC continues to lead the effort to bring SART back to Kodiak.
- Our Public Health nurse has moved off the Island, but we are seeking other nurses to get trained.
- KWRCC was a sponsor in bringing SART training to Kodiak along with KANA and CDVSA.

Child Advocacy Center for Kodiak

- KWRCC is continuing in our collaborative effort in bringing a Child Advocacy Center to Kodiak

Other Collaboration

- The SAFETEE project works on building collaboration between Office of Children’s service and Domestic Violence Shelter programs. Sunaq and KANA have been working with us on this.
- We have monthly networking sessions with Native Women’s Advisory Council, ALMA and Immigrant Women’s Project, Human Service Coalition, and the Intercultural Task Force.
- KWRCC hosts Multidisciplinary Task Force (MDT) monthly meetings. This MDT consists of several key Agencies working to provide multidisciplinary, cross jurisdictional coordination and comprehensive response to DV/SA, stalking, human trafficking, and child maltreatment.

LSC (Kenai/Soldotna) – LeeShore Center

□ **Successes:**

□ Increase in Services

- We have experienced an increase in the number of resident women and children.
- We have experienced great increases in crisis calls.
- Our biggest increases are in requested legal advocacy services and protection order assistance.

□ Individual Success Stories

- A young single woman came to us after leaving a domestic violence dating relationship. She was homeless, unemployed and had no other means for income. Once settled safely in the shelter, she worked hard on goals she set for herself. She found a trade school type short term training, attended and obtained her certification. She attended as many shelter education groups as she could to gain as much knowledge on DV as possible. She was able to locate and secure non-subsidized housing she could afford. She is now living and working in the community.
- A single mother with five children came to us from a domestic violence situation. She was fairly new to Alaska having been brought here by her abuser. She had no friends or family in the local area and no direct access to family funds or property. We were able to work with the out of state family, local resources, and state and national networks to assist her in relocation efforts. This included collaborative efforts with an out of state shelter to relocate the victim and her children, air line tickets for all six family members. They are all now safely relocated.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

□ Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- LeeShore and Kenaitze Indian Tribe staff held a community Candle Light Vigil for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. Close to 60 community members attended the event.

□ Fundraising

- The “Friends of LeeShore”, made up of community members assisting in fundraising and awareness efforts, held a fundraising event during the Kenai River Festival in June, which brought in \$4000.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ DART training

- LeeShore hosted a community wide Disability Abuse Response Team training in May. Guest speakers included Leslie Myers (Vera Institute of Justice), Christine King (UAA), and Patti Bland.

□ Collaboration

- We continue to meet with Nakenu of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe on a quarterly basis to discuss services for victims. We conduct numerous cross-training efforts, such as Victim Safety Planning. Our training in August focused on Excellence in Advocacy. Nakenu staff comes to the shelter on a weekly basis to provide information and education to clients about their program.
- Our executive director met with staff from the Voc Rehab Amundsen Education Center (AEC) to collaborate on increased support efforts for shelter residents involved in continuing education through AEC.
- We continue to work closely with: Cooperative Extensive Services, providing weekly nutrition classes to shelter residents; Hospice, providing group education on the topic of grief and loss; Kenai Public Health, providing presentations on STDs and healthy living;

MFCC (Kotzebue) – Maniilaq Family Crisis Center

□ **Successes**

- Weekly women’s groups: DV/SA, Relationship Building, Parenting Skills, Assertiveness
 - Developed an on-going curriculum for the classes
 - Have regular PSAs and posted information regarding the classes
 - New staff members are participating
- Successful rummage sale to purchase towels and washcloths for the victims
- Pampered Chef sale facilitated by the SANE nurses
 - Profit was donated to the shelter to purchase new rugs
- We sent out 26 donation letters
 - We have started receiving new necessary clothing items for the victims in the shelter.

□ **Unusual or unexpected changes**

- Massive turnover in staff
 - The turnover in full-time staff has subsided, but we continue to have turnover in the relief staff pool.
 - We’ve developed a training document to help with the regular, ongoing training of new relief staff

□ **Outreach**

- Hired an Outreach Advocate to work with the villages and recruit safe home providers.
 - Identified current safe home providers for follow up to ensure they were still active
 - Created contact logs to disseminate internal information
 - Updated the village VPSO contacts
 - Developed policies and procedures to ensure that we are utilizing the best recruitment methods
- Three articles in the Maniilaq Newsletter; sent to all households in the region
 - Attorney hotline information
 - Sexual Assault – what you can do
 - Truth in services provided by the shelter
- Ongoing Weekly PSAs on Sexual Assault
 - Also includes information on the training activities being held at the shelter

□ **Areas of success or concerns with community partners.**

- Referral program with OCS.
 - These referrals provide an opportunity for us to communicate additional services for the women who have children in state custody. We have taken a very pro-active stance on this, and turned a potentially negative into a very positive for the women.
- BHS continues to be a challenge in terms of getting the service to our victims
 - We are continuing to take steps to improve the overall relationships and communication.
- Law enforcement relationships and Court System Relationships are Positive
 - It seems the DV and SA perpetrators are being held accountable. We have been able to intercede on behalf of two of our program participants and increased the potential for positive outcomes for them. I think overall we are taken more seriously and our program is becoming more and more respected for the work we do.

SAFE (Dillingham) – Safe & Fear-Free Environment

□ **Successes:**

□ Training

- We presented a three hour workshop about the co-occurrence of sexual assault, substance abuse and FASD in Rural Alaska at the Annual Rural Providers Conference, with 325 participants
- We provided Basic Orientation and Advocacy Training (BOAT) and Mandt training to 30 Tribal Children Service Workers, Tribal Administrators and staff of the Bristol Bay Native Association.
- With other agencies, we provided three days of training to two dozen rural behavioral health aides. This training included our "Heart of the Grizzly" DVD.

□ Summer Youth Services Splash and Culture Camp

- Over 70 children and teens participate in Culture Camp each year with 12-14 adult volunteers in addition to staff from SAFE and the Curyung tribal council.
- The summer ‘Splash’ includes community BBQs, dances, Paint & Plant, community gardening, SPARKS (outdoor recreation for children 6-12) and athletic events.

□ Focus Group

- SAFE facilitated four focus groups in June. Different demographic groups were asked about causes of DV and SA, the role of alcohol, and what can be done to change these behaviors.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Staffing Challenges

- SAFE is advertising for 3 FT and 2 PT advocates, but we have no applicants after 6 weeks.
- Not being funded at a level where we can offer more competitive pay and benefits continues to have an adverse impact on our ability to function at full capacity.

□ Increase in Need for Diverse Services

- In the last year we have seen a near doubling of the number of persons seeking or receiving services with physical disabilities and mental health issues. People with these challenges are victims of sexual and physical violence, and other crimes at a much higher rate than the rest of the population.
- Virtually all the women we serve who are coping with substance abuse as well as interpersonal violence are also adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ CANDU Partnership

- CANDU activities include funding for the Rural Providers Conference and the Bristol Bay Native Association's Wellness Warriors project; paying for a full time Alaska Legal Services Attorney; maintaining staff and operations of the MySpace Youth Wellness Center; funding for an additional direct service advocate and child care provider; and providing opportunities for staff and volunteers to access top-notch professional trainings.
- A downside of CANDU is the tremendous increase in the administrative burden on SAFE

□ InterAgency Coordination

- SAFE is actively involved in nine interagency/coordinated community working groups.
- We coordinate with statewide efforts including Governor's Initiative to End Violence Steering Committee, the Safe Alaska Family Team group (Office of Children Services and DV Advocates), the Women's Health Forum, and the Alaska Men Choose Respect campaign.
- During the past quarter SAFE staff met with the City of Dillingham City Planner to work out a planning document that incorporated the goals, objectives and recommendations of CANDU with the goals and objectives of the City of Dillingham Comprehensive Plan
- SAFE is working with Jake's Place/Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation to revitalize our SISTR counseling services for battered and chemically dependent women.

SAFV (Sitka) – Sitkans Against Family Violence

Successes:

Improved Building

- We replaced our old, worn out, stinky carpeting with laminate flooring throughout the building. The air quality noticeably improved and it brightens up the shelter.

Children’s poster contest for Child Abuse Prevention Month

- The theme was “kids can make a difference”. We received 70 entries from 4 schools. These posters were displayed in the Hames Center gym. Winners received prizes donated by local businesses.

High School Outreach

- Staff participated in the Mt. Edgecumbe High School health fair providing outreach to students about healthy relationships.
- We also were invited in as guest speakers to an English class at MEHS as they were reading a book involving intimate partner violence and wanted more information.

Girls on the Run

- Two full teams at an elementary school each met twice weekly for running and a curriculum on team building, self esteem, communication, problem solving, body image, and community service.
- The program ended with a 5K run in May. We had 26 girls complete the run with running buddies and other adults.

TOP Facilitators Training

- This training was to teach people how to facilitate meetings, discussions, planning sessions etc.

Media/Special Interest Events:

Annual Family Fun Fair

- SAFV coordinated the annual Family Fun Fair to bring multiple agencies together to offer activities for kids and families in a supportive and fun way. The event was a huge success for families and agencies.

Fundraisers

- Annual Honoring Women Dinner and Silent Auction was successful again this year.
- SAFV joined forces with the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Center for Community to “fill the bus” with food to be split by the agencies. It was a nice collaborative project and helped to fill the pantry.

Unusual or unexpected changes

Challenging Residents

- We have had some particularly difficult residents with multiple issues including drug and/or alcohol abuse and mental health issues on top of their victimization. These folks take a tremendous amount of time providing services and to keep the house functioning at a semi-normal capacity.
- Other agencies, especially those dealing with mental health issues have provided support to both residents and staff during particularly trying times.

Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:

Police Department Experiencing Challenges

- We have heard from the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, the Office of Children’s Services, and the District Attorneys office that there are concerns with the Police Department--mostly lack of contact or working together. Arrests and prosecutions are way down in addition to little or no referrals coming from the police department.

Collaboration

- We’ve seen more collaboration around prevention because of the Rural DVSA pilot project grant.
- Activities with Sitka Native Education Project, Planned Parenthood, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services, and the School District have increased and are becoming more coordinated.

SCS (Seward) – Seaview Community Services

□ **Successes:**

□ Outreach/Community Awareness

- Working collaboratively with Shelly McDowell, Deb Bond, and Melanie Steven on educating youth on healthy relationships, awaiting arrival of resource to accomplish education portion
- DVSA Program Coordinator and Advocate strategically displayed educational tables with free educational resources during the month of April in response to Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse Month

□ Fundraising

- In addition to garage sale, we also did a silent auction on items that were donated, was lauded by the community on having the nicest rummage sale, and good idea on the silent action raised over \$1,600.00. .

□ Training

- DVSA Coordinator and Advocate were able to attend training in Anchorage despite budget constraints.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Staff Changes

- The DVSA Program Advocate resigned on 24 June, 2011. The DVSA Program Coordinator resigned on 29 July, 2011. The SeaView's crisis team will be filling in until a new DVSA Coordinator and Advocate can be hired.

□ Technical Issues

- Agency was beset by computer problems during June which were corrected by Agency IT staff. Data input problems for DVSA statistics indicated the need for more staff training in this area for smoother inputting to the state computer system

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Community Coordination

- SeaView Coordinator and Safety Shelter hotel owner got together and revamped Safe Shelter Hotel Rule, and DVSA Advisory board review, and gave positive feedback on how to make the form more user friendly for the clients that we serve.
- DVSA Coordinator, in conjunction with Seward Police Department and OCS was able to interview and intervene with a suicidal teenager who was alleging emotional and physical abuse. The youth was taken to mental health facility in Anchorage.
- DVSA Coordinator and Advocate coordinated and supported Child Advocacy Center (CAC) that recently opened up in the Seward Community. DVSA Coordinator briefed full time CAC coordinator on community needs assessment, and how to go about letting the community know about their services as well as key support organizations and business within the Seward Community.

SPHH (Homer) – South Peninsula Haven House

□ **Successes:**

□ Victim Services

- Haven House spearheaded community events to identify the correlation between substance use and IPV. Haven House is in the process of coordinating with the community substance abuse agency to cross train staff and better coordinate services for victims.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Victim Services

- Haven House continues to serve victims with multiple barriers to safety : chronic substance abuse and persistent mental health issues.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

□ Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Additional choose respect events through out April, much work on community need to work collaboratively.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Funding

- Haven House was awarded a grant from Mental Health Trust for a therapeutic garden and green house.

□ Community

- Haven House continues outreach n native villages, Russian communities and with persons experiencing multiple barriers to safety.
- Collaboration with CICADA (substance abuse agency) planning to co-locate DVIP and outreach office, cross train staff and better coordinate service access for victims.
- Low income housing and transitional housing for moms is an identified top priority need that continues to be unmet.

STAR (Anchorage) – Standing Together Against Rape

Successes:

Events

- April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month generated a great deal of media attention, which resulted in exceptional turnouts for events. STAR was very pleased with all the participation from businesses and agencies across the community, who wanted to be involved and work on projects.

Unusual or unexpected Changes

Staffing Changes

- STAR's case manager under our contract with the Alaska Native Justice Project (ANJC) resigned in June. STAR has hired a new case manager, who will begin August 1st.

Media/Special Interest Events:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- Our next SAAM event was Walk a Mile in Her Shoes at UAA-Anchorage. About two dozen men made the mile-long march in high heels in an effort to “stomp out” sexual violence. Participants included Chief Mallard of the State Troopers, military personnel, Channel 11 and Channel 2 News Anchors, Alaska Native Justice Center staff, Arc of Anchorage, and Anchorage Community Mental Health. The Walk received a great deal of attention from the media and the AP story received nationwide coverage.
- Also debuting during April was STAR's “Green Light Campaign”, designed to educate the community about issues of consent. The Green Light Campaign included a television advertisement, and several presentations within the community to discuss consent – what it is and what it is not.
- Take Back the Night was a tremendous success this year, with more speakers and attendees than the last several years.
- Special Intervention Awards were presented to four members of our community who stepped in to assist others in need.

Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:

SART Training

- Due to concerns voiced at a national conference with the structure of meetings to discuss adult SART cases, our team determined to re-formulate our meetings and inject them with more cross-training opportunities. Our first meeting was in June and STAR presented “The Role of an Advocate”. The next meeting is a scheduled tour of the crime lab.

Education

- STAR waved goodbye to another successful school year after presenting to 696 classes, educating a total of 14,832 students in the Anchorage School District. Out of those 696 presentations 99.99 % of teachers felt that students learned skills that could help keep them safer.

TWC (Bethel) – Tundra Women’s Coalition

□ **Successes:**

□ Outreach/Community Coordination

- Yukegtaarat Celebration honoring Neva Rivers of Hooper Bay, Esther Green of Bethel and Peter Atchak of Bethel. The Children’s Fair was also a success. Tremendous work was done on the Rural Pilot Project strategies. TWC staff attended Undoing Racism sponsored by AVCP, Historical Trauma sponsored by ONC, and TWC hosted a language interpreter training and coordinated, with the help of the partner agencies, a very successful youth camp in June called Teens Lead Ahead. Take a look at TWC’s website for the digital story about this camp! ANDVSA filmed 3 commercials after Teens Lead Ahead which will be airing soon.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Budget/Staff Problems

- Major financial challenges in the 4th quarter as a result of the costs of insurance policies and the volume of services TWC is providing. This hasn’t changed service provision, but it certainly greatly stressed service providers.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

□ Events

- April Children’s Fair
- April Yukegtaaraat Celebration
- Teens Lead Ahead youth camp in June

□ Training.

- Language Interpreter Training
- Undoing Racism was held in the community
- Historical Trauma was held in the community
- The court system sent a trainer out to train on new PO forms.
- Patti Bland from ANDVSA came and did training on-site for TWC staff.
- An ANDVSA staffer traveled here to work on a poster/PSA campaign that will feature YK Delta residents

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Community

- There is a high level of active partnerships/coordinating occurring right now with efforts related to the Prevention Project pilot grant. It’s called the Elluatmun Collaboration.
- Teens Lead Ahead was a major success
- All of this additional prevention work is exciting, but additional staffing is needed- we’re essentially doing incredible and intense work with only one part-time additional staff. The same is true for direct services in the shelter and legal advocacy- every program component seems to be stressed.

USAFV (Unalaska) – Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

□ **Successes:**

□ New Hire

- The Client Services Advocate position is now filled.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes :**

□ Staffing

- Because one of our FT positions was unfilled from January to June, USAFV did not fulfill all of our outreach goals this year.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

□ Career Fair

- USAFV staff participated in the Career Fair at the high school, meeting with about 30 students.

□ Radio

- Our bilingual advocate is working on a radio show to increase outreach to our Tagalog speaking population.

□ Social Media Sites

- USAFV has notified our community and regional partners that we receive VOCA funding, and that we are able to assist victims of violent crimes and other crimes. We reach out to our underserved Filipino community, as well as to community youth, through various activities and use of technology such as Facebook.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Community Relationships

- USAFV has excellent relationships with our community partners. We work closely with Behavioral Health, the Senior Center, the City of Unalaska, the schools, the Parks & Rec department, law enforcement, faith community, medical providers, and Native organizations to provide cross-training, collaborative outreach and education activities, and to ensure that folks in need do not fall through the cracks. Our newest Board members represent the medical profession, the City of Unalaska, and local media. We are proud to be regarded as a leader in human service in our community.

□ Training Community Groups

- USAFV worked with the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (A/PIA) and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) to plan and coordinate a regional training for Alaska Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) stationed in the A/PIA region. A nationally recognized trainer in domestic violence issues came to Unalaska to provide training to the VPSOs, and USAFV coordinated with her to provide training to other community groups. Altogether about 48 first responders and other local individuals received training.

VFJ (Anchorage) – Victims for Justice

□ **Successes:**

□ Victim Services

- We provided 1626 advocacy services to more than 300 individual victims, and more than 3,000 advocacy services to more than 400 (non-offending) family members of victims.
- We had good turnout and media coverage for all 5 of our events this year, including the Monument Ceremony event this quarter.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events:**

□ Events

- VFJ also sponsored the 2nd Victims Assistance Academy in May, attended by 20 students.
- The annual Tree Ceremony, attended by 75 people.
- We coordinated NCVRW activities in Anchorage, including the annual Awards Banquet attended by more than 100 guests, and presided over by the Commissioner of Corrections and the Attorney General
- The Monument Ceremony event this quarter had a good turnout and media coverage.

□ **Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:**

□ Community Outreach

- We continued to serve the rural clients in Dillingham and Bethel, and underserved victims of assault, robbery, arson, and the surviving family members of homicide.
- We assisted 93 victims of violent crime in these communities to escape the cycle of victimization, substance abuse, and interpersonal violence through five 3-day grief and loss workshops.
- We are working with the shelter in Dillingham to fund another year of this program.

WISH (Ketchikan) – Women in Safe Homes

Successes:

Success Stories

- A woman we have been working with for the past two years came back to WISH this quarter and decided she was ready to go to treatment.
- We also had a program participant at the shelter six months ago, come back to Ketchikan after being in a long-term treatment facility. Today she is working a full time job, maintaining her own condo and has decided just recently to come and volunteer at the shelter.

Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

Numbers/Capacity

- Over the course of the last three months we have seen an overwhelming increase in the lethality of the domestic violence the women we serve are experiencing. We have been over capacity, which has led to more challenges within the shelter with communal living.
- Our staff has been short-handed, which also makes work at WISH more stressful and overwhelming. We are planning more staff retreats, breaks and self-care workshops to help with staff retention and morale.
- We are planning to relocate our finance and executive director offices downstairs in the conference room area and turn the offices into 2 new bedrooms to create 10 more shelter beds at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Media/Special Interest Events:

Events

- May 7 – Girls on the Run event at Ward Lake
- May 21 – W.I.S.H. 1st Annual Shelter Shower at the new Prevention site
- June 18 – Ketchikan Youth Initiatives (KYI's) "Dad's day out" event at the Great Alaskan Stunt show helped raise funds and collected 400lbs of food for WISH

Areas of Success or Concerns with Community Partners:

Community Involvement

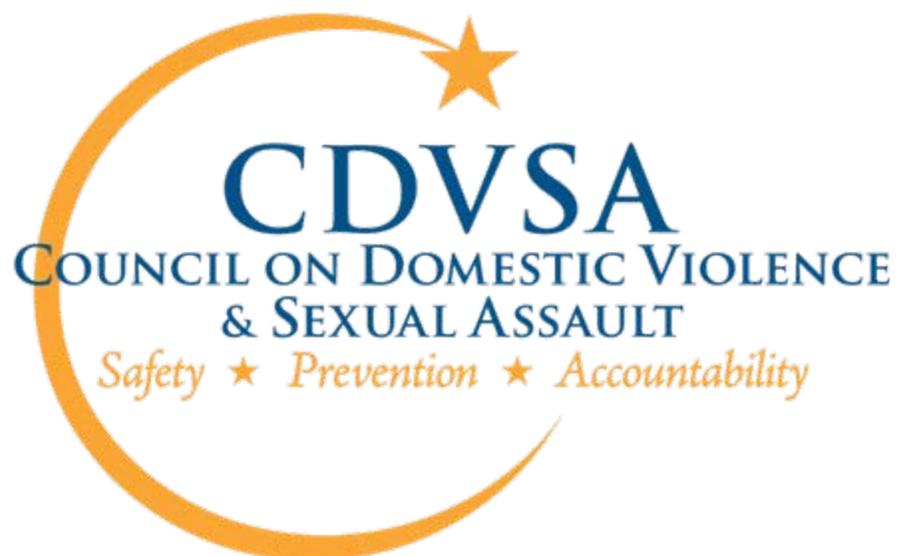
- April 21 – The homeless task force wrapped up the grant application for an emergency housing fund for homeless individuals in Ketchikan.
- May 14 – The USPS dropped off 400lbs of food from their stamp out hunger campaign
- May 20 – Sweet Cruises a women's Tour Company brought 11 women to WISH to do a gardening project and cleanup around the shelter. This group also helped us decorate for our first annual shelter shower and donated many items and dollars.

Training

- April 14-15 – Full Lives Conference – 4 staff attended
- April 18-20 – Patti Bland, ANDVSA and Kari Robinson, LAP came down to train staff on core principles of Advocacy, the legal advocacy project and other topics. Naomi Michalsen and Jaimie Barber along with staff members from Ketchikan Indian Community, introduced core advocacy principles learned at the Praxis International Advocacy Learning Center.
- June 24 – Our AmeriCorps volunteers presented on a Windmill's Disability training they attended in Sitka at our monthly staff meeting/training
- WISH staff participated in numerous webinars. This has been a great way to offer additional training that fits within our varying schedules and to connect with others around the nation.
- Through Love, Inc. and Ketchikan Indian Community, WISH is able to help women with first month's rent, deposit, utilities and many other household needs.
- In addition, WISH has had overwhelming support from our local tour companies! Allen Marine Tours began offering 4 tours each Friday through the summer for families accessing WISH services. Our children and youth groups have also received free kayaking tours, entrance to the lumberjack show, the tribal hatchery, and the stunt show.

4nd Quarter Performance Reports for FY11

Batterer's Intervention Programs Community Based



AFS BIP (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

Brief Overview:

- Intakes are up for the batterers' program by 178% from last year. We are attributing the increase to three factors: one, the court compliance hearings are holding offenders more accountable with regards to completing the BIP, two, our outreach with OCS has resulted in a high level of referrals, and three, the population for the Valley has increased 50% in the past 10 years.
- This quarter saw some changes with a new Program Manager.
- We are searching for grant monies to provide for full-time compliance monitoring, which has become a tremendous task with the increase in client numbers.

Successes:

- With the increase in clients has come in the increase in fees collected. BIP alone collected over \$6,900 in fees this quarter.
- The turnover to a new FVIP manager went smoothly, and the new manager is picking up quickly on her duties and making program improvements.

Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

Staffing and Services

- A steady increase of clients has strained staff resources, but we have continued to supply services in a professional manner, accommodating all clients. Discontinuing one prison group due to lack of state funding does allow us more time to focus on the increase services needed for the community
- This area is the fastest growing in the State, so we expect our census to continue to increase. Summer saw a small slow-down in registered attendees, but we expect them to return for the fall as summer work decreases. Conversely, with the current high unemployment rate, we are finding many clients unable to pay for services, thus many Fee-Collection and Non-Compliance/Suspension Letters have been sent.

Interaction with Organizations:

- Law Enforcement - we continue to get good follow through from AST, PPD, and WPD. Continued rapport with the assigned AST officer has been helpful in working with our identified list of worst offenders. He is working with our Legal Advocate staff and assists with getting DVPO's delivered to offenders avoiding service, as well as providing other services for families of BIP clients.
- Prosecutors - we see ADA's at least monthly in court, which seems to encourage them to hold offenders more accountable. We consult with ADA's on cases. The ADA's are becoming more receptive to recommendations for treatment from family members and BIP staff. PTRP's processing has seen an improvement this quarter.
- Court System - we sometimes have gaps in receiving paperwork, but the Clerk of Court is very good about following through and getting us the judgments.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital are involved in monthly task force meetings. We will begin to work with Southcentral Foundation and Providence as they come on line in the Valley.
- OCS - we receive regular referrals and make assessments on OCS clients for placement in BIP, Caring Dads, and/or Anger Management classes. Referrals have increased and along with that requests for reports, court testimony, and copies of files.
- DV Task Force - we meet monthly. We are producing a list of most dangerous offenders in collaboration with law enforcement and probation. This will give us an idea of those individuals we all need to keep better tabs on and offer intervention.
- VCCB - we offer this to victims during safety checks.

IAC BIP (Fairbanks) – Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living

□ **Brief Overview:**

- During this quarter, this agency held groups for men who are abusive six times (dropping one the last part of the quarter) per week.
- Members of this agency have had repeated contact with other service providers in the Fairbanks area to coordinate services and share information.
- We have attended and participated in many training programs this last quarter.
- We continually refer our clients out to many agencies

□ **Successes:**

- We continued a high level of communication and coordination with numerous agencies in the area to provide safety for victims and hold perpetrators accountable. Monthly progress summaries are sent to agencies working with our clients to keep them updated on the status in our program. We continue to see success with the clients we have referred to the Alaska State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation who have provided a wide range of useful services to those who have sought their assistance.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- Men's Group -We dropped one of our Men's groups this quarter as many of our group members have completed program and due to the normal decrease in group size in the summer months. We expect to add this group back in the following quarter(s)
- Court System -The court system has begun a project that the focus being to do ongoing urine analysis arresting only local offenders testing positive within a twenty four hour period. The offender's in villages that do not have VPSO's present will not be arrested until they can get out to them. Apparently the belief is that this testing will deter offenders from reoffending. This is a huge concern and frustration for us as this clearly states the lack of education about domestic violence that is present. We have not found a solution to this issue but we do plan to be present when this project is being discussed.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- Law Enforcement - We have relatively little contact with law enforcement other than through the DV Task Force. However; we have a good relationship with AST and have found that we can call them when we have concerns about DVRO'S not being enforced and we get a quick response
- Prosecutors - We have had an increase in contact with the Assistant District Attorney's in the Fairbanks office. This has allowed us to communicate on issues of lethality and progresses made in program so they are able to represent measures that increase the safety of victims
- Court System - This has been an ongoing struggle we have faced with our local judges, who see training received from local agencies as being an inappropriate deviance from their impartiality.
- Other Organizations - We have worked closely with Adult Probation and Parole Officers, the Division of Juvenile Justice, and the Child Custody Investigator's Office. We have a very good relationship with the Office of Children's Services. We did participate this quarter in the bi-monthly DV Task Force meeting.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We work closely with IAC with IAC shelter staff to increase safety and autonomy of women connected to our program.
- DV Task Force – We did participate this quarter in the bi-monthly DV Task Force meeting.
- OCS- We have a very good relationship with the Office of Children's Services. We will again participate in Team Decision Making Meetings

KIC BIP (Ketchikan) – Ketchikan Indian Corporation

□ **Brief Overview:**

- We lost our long-time employee Glen Fazakerley. He will be missed! We are currently advertising for the position, and yet to have a qualified applicant.

□ **Successes:**

- We have maintained our weekly group schedule, updated our filing system, reviewed charts, created new charting system for more efficient record-keeping, shared information with support staff and received assistance with program needs and filling in as group facilitators.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Staffing

- Reduced staff, have required significant changes to assure productivity and accuracy are maintained. It has been an enormous challenge to continue with the added responsibilities.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- Law Enforcement - New interest from Law Enforcement to attend the DV Task Force. Requests for training on DV/SA due to limited funding for Troopers. Excellent dialogue about the dynamics in our community agencies that create difficulties for victims to get consistent services.
- Prosecutors - Direct contact with the DA's office, regarding current staff changes and filing affidavits and discussing procedural concerns.
- Court System - New Magistrate, attended the DV Task Force meeting. We had a good discussion regarding TRO's and custody cases. The magistrate indicated additional training would be welcome and she was very interested in the development of a S.A.R.T. training in the near future
- Medical - Daily contact with medical staff, used as often as needed to provide on-site advocacy. Hospital interaction, they have inquired about the upcoming S.A.R.T. also
- OCS - Ongoing, weekly. Contact regarding custody/supervised visitation due to DV, developed a pilot "Family Mentor" program to provide visitation to victims/survivors of DV that have lost custody of their children.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board - Filed one application, successfully completed, and victim was reimbursed her expenses for lost financial earnings after the assault.
- DV Task Force - One meeting this quarter. Well attended and enthusiastic response.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs –Consistent contact with W.I.S.H. Assisting with the Annual fundraiser; committee member for upcoming "Women of Distinction" event. Staff contact regarding victims and safety concerns, referrals to W.I.S.H. and receiving referrals to our victim services program occurs regularly.

LSC BIP (Kenai/Soldotna) – LeeShore Center

□ **Brief Overview:**

- During the 4th quarter, 6 new participants entered the program and were provided orientation. There were 3 court hearings held to address non-compliance issues: 10 cases were continued to future dates; 2 participants were reassigned to the program; 1 participant was assigned to another program; and 1 requirement was lifted / deemed complete in another state.

□ **Successes:**

- One participant completed the program during this quarter with another set to complete the first week of July.
- We are currently working on the Emotional Intimacy module.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- Staffing - Pat Truesdell, LCSW began as the new BIP facilitator effective April 1st.
- Classes - Class location was changed with prior notice to program participants, Kenai Court System, District Attorney's office, OCS, ASAP, and the Public Defender's office. Class size fell during April and May, but began to pick up in June.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- Law Enforcement – The BIP co-facilitator attends Task Force meetings with law enforcement on a monthly basis. The planned BIP presentation to Soldotna Police in April was postponed. We are waiting confirmation on another date.
- Prosecutors – We provide a monthly report of the participants who attend BIP and work with their office when filing non-compliances and attending court hearings. The District Attorney's office was notified of the changes in BIP classes.
- Court System – The BIP co-facilitator goes to the Kenai Court System on a weekly basis to collect new referrals. BIP court is held once a month and is attended by the co-facilitator. Judge Sharon Illsley was provided information of the BIP class changes. Civil BIP order non-compliances are handled directly with the ordering judge. Contacts with other court systems (i.e. Anchorage) are made as necessary, with testimony being given as needed.
- Medical – Interaction occurs at least monthly during DV/SA Task Force meetings and SART call-outs. BIP co-facilitator also attends Children's Team meetings and gave information this quarter on the class changes. Public Health Nurse Eleana Powers has joined the LeeShore Board of Directors.
- OCS – Interaction occurs as necessary regarding referrals to BIP and follow-up compliance issues. Regional OCS office director, Bill Galic, provides training twice a year during our Community Awareness Workshop. The BIP co-facilitator will provide BIP training to OCS staff prior to the end of the year.
- DV Task Force – LeeShore chairs the monthly DV/SA Task Force meetings. Trainings on various topics are provided every other month, with BIP training being planned for this summer. Training in June focused on the effects of domestic violence on children. Agency information, including BIP class changes, was also shared this quarter.
- VCCB – Victims whose past or current partners are participants of BIP are provided VCCB information during weekly safety check calls.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We maintain contact with a variety of BIP programs in the state on an as needed basis. We provide information to other programs on BIP participants who are reassigned from our program, and monitor their attendance if required by Kenai Court System.
- Other, explain – We maintain contact with Adult Probation regarding BIP participant referrals and non-compliance issues.
- LeeShore hosted a community wide Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) training in May.

SPHH BIP (Homer) – South Peninsula Haven House

□ **Brief Overview**

- No major changes this quarter.

□ **Successes:**

- Continued positive feedback from courts and participants.
- New DVIP office site developed that will be co-located with substance abuse agency. (CICADA) CICADA Executive Director, Henry Novak met with Haven House ED to coordinate agency services to eliminate scheduling conflicts, and to support staff development in both agencies through cross training.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

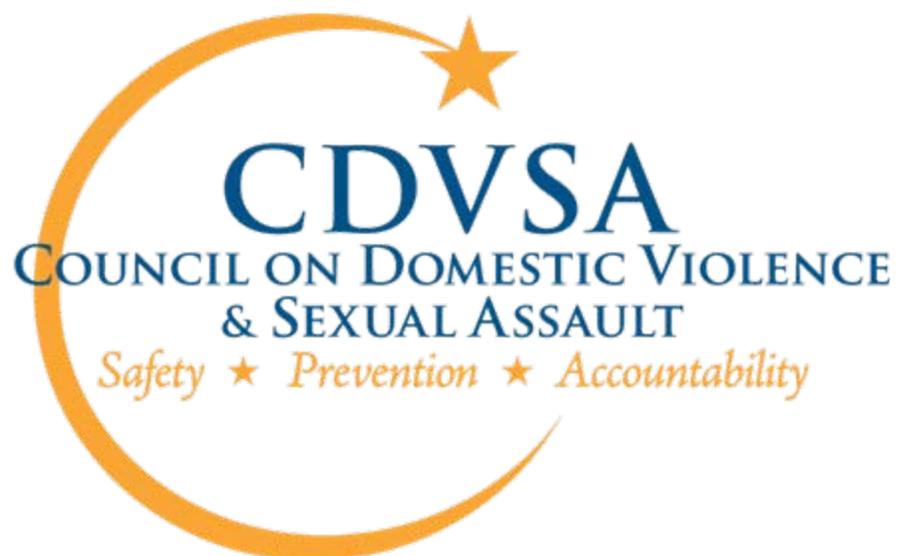
- Men referred have little if any resources due to unemployment.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- Law Enforcement – no problems noted Haven house and police meet regularly.
- Prosecutors – no problems noted. However most interaction concerns our Child Advocacy Services. , HAVEN HOUSE continues to invite and request the DA's attendance and feedback.
- Court System –Monthly status hearings no problem noted
- Medical –Haven House meets regularly with medical partners through other programs however dvip contact has been nil .
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) –Ongoing positive relationship.
- DV Task Force –For reasons of efficiency, this has been folded in to the multiple disciplinary/ sarr team meeting meetings and we meet monthly.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) –referrals made when appropriate, contact continues as needed to advocate for client.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs –regular communication as needed

4nd Quarter Performance Reports for FY11

Batterer's Intervention Program Prison Based



AFS BIP (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services (PCC/PMC)

❑ **Brief Overview:**

- ❑ Prison groups have increased in numbers even with the need to cut one group due to diminished state funding. We continue to work with probation and education staff at the institutions regarding referrals and progress.

❑ **Successes:**

- ❑ Prisoners seem to be staying in the facility longer and we are getting men who are able to complete the 36-week curriculum. There has also been an increase of DV arrests and thus referrals to the program.

❑ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- ❑ Cutting the Minimum group at PCC

❑ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- ❑ Law Enforcement – we continue to get good follow through from AST, PPD, and WPD. Continued rapport with the assigned AST officer has been helpful in working with our identified list of worst offenders. He is working with our Legal Advocate staff and assists with getting DVPO's delivered to offenders avoiding service, as well as providing other services for families of BIP clients.
- ❑ Prosecutors – we see ADA's at least monthly in court, which seems to encourage them to hold offenders more accountable. We consult with ADA's on cases. The ADA's are becoming more receptive to recommendations for treatment from family members and BIP staff. PTRP's processing has seen an improvement this quarter.
- ❑ Court System – we sometimes have gaps in receiving paperwork, but the Clerk of Court is very good about following through and getting us the judgments.
- ❑ Medical – Public Health and the hospital are involved in monthly task force meetings. We will begin to work with Southcentral Foundation and Providence as they come on line in the Valley.
- ❑ OCS (Office of Children's Services) – we receive regular referrals and make assessments on OCS clients for placement in BIP, Caring Dads, and/or Anger Management classes. Referrals have increased and along with that requests for reports, court testimony, and copies of files.
- ❑ DV Task Force – we meet monthly. We are producing a list of most dangerous offenders in collaboration with law enforcement and probation. This will give us an idea of those individuals we all need to keep better tabs on and offer intervention.
- ❑ Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – we offer this to victims during safety checks.
- ❑ Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – we work collaboratively with other programs in regards to transfer of clients.

AWARE BIP (Juneau) – Aiding Women in Abuse & Rape Emergencies (PCC/PMC)

Brief Overview:

- AWARE continues to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, as well as batterer intervention services. During this quarter, Tom McCabe submitted his resignation as a facilitator for the JBAP Community and Prison Programs; he has agreed to continue facilitating groups until a replacement is ready to facilitate. Staff also provided an overview of the JBAP program to the District Attorney's office.

Successes:

- During this quarter, our program coordinator took a distance course for certification in the Ontario Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment (ODARA) tool. The ODARA is an actuarial risk assessment that classifies men in risk categories according to their past history and incidents of violence against their female partners. The ODARA can be scored using police records or victim interviews, and is not dependent on perpetrator self-disclosure. This ODARA is useful in determining bail and sentencing. It may also be useful in prioritizing men for batterer intervention if it can be consistently applied to all perpetrators.

Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

- In spite of our recruitment efforts at Lemon Creek, few men have chosen to enroll in the program. JBAP staff met telephonically with the Sitka ADA to talk about language in judgments for men convicted of DV assault. Ms. Seaton (Sitka ADA) was happy to hear about the batterer intervention program offered at no cost at Lemon Creek, and anticipates sending Sitka men to the program in the future.
- During the past year, the program has struggled with enrollment in the prison. Our community program is thriving, and participation in the community program was at an all-time high this year. We've identified the following barriers in the prison program:
 1. The men in the community program are generally misdemeanants, meaning they spend little or no time in the prison. We have relatively few felony-level referrals.
 2. The men in the prison who are referred can take the program after release if they choose. It is not a violation of probation unless the judgment specifies that he must complete the institutional program if available.
 3. The program is lengthy, and the length discourages voluntary participation because the inmate is unlikely to complete it before he is released.
 4. The men who are incarcerated for longer periods of time tend to have higher levels of cognitive impairment, mental illness or pathology. Thus we have a higher "screen-out" rate for the prison program.

Interaction with Organizations:

- Law Enforcement – Lemon Creek Probation- attending staff meetings and case managing individual offenders that are ordered to the program.
- Prosecutors – Staff worked with the city prosecutor's office to determine eligibility and compliance of referrals. Program introduction and review with new District Attorney and his staff.
- Court System – Staff attended arraignment as well as compliance, evidentiary, and disposition hearings as needed.
- DV Task Force – 1 meeting this quarter
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – Coordinated with the Leeshore program and Kenai court to track compliance for an offender.
- Other, explain – Sex Offender Management Program - We coordinated with Mr. Mac Nichols, who directs the SOMP at Lemon Creek Correctional Center. We share a participant, and collaborate with Mr. Nichols on his intervention.

IAC BIP (Fairbanks) – Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (PCC/PMC)

□ **Brief Overview:**

- This agency held groups for men who are abusive once per week at the Fairbanks Correctional Center (FCC). Members of this agency have had repeated contact with other service providers in the Fairbanks area to coordinate services and share information. We have also participated in numerous trainings in the last quarter

□ **Successes:**

- In working directly with our clients, we have seen significant progress in a number of individuals. Even though the class size changed and the class itself changed often we were able to keep the class cohesive and hold each accountable for the behaviors they have exhibited that brought them to us. Some clients who have been concurrently participating in the Life Success: Substance Abuse Treatment Program (LSAT) at FCC has shown a great deal of progress. We continue to increase communication and coordination with numerous agencies in the area to provide safety for victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

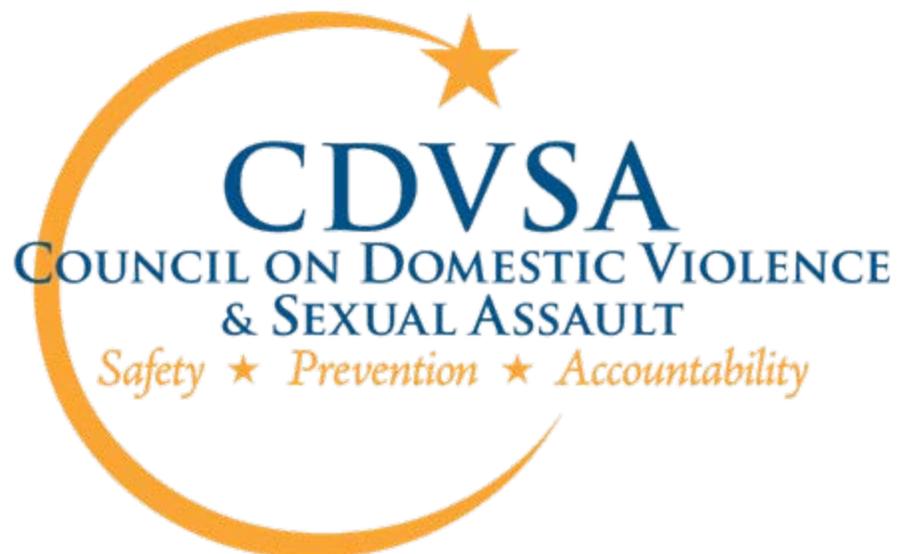
- This quarter we had a challenge keeping group size to the regular capacity as we had clients/inmates transferring to other facilities, and or just being discharged from FCC, community clients coming back to jail for reoffending, but mostly for probation violations, so they would come into class at FCC and change the class size. Some clients didn't show up for Orientation and or for intakes so we did the best we could to keep groups size to a normal capacity.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

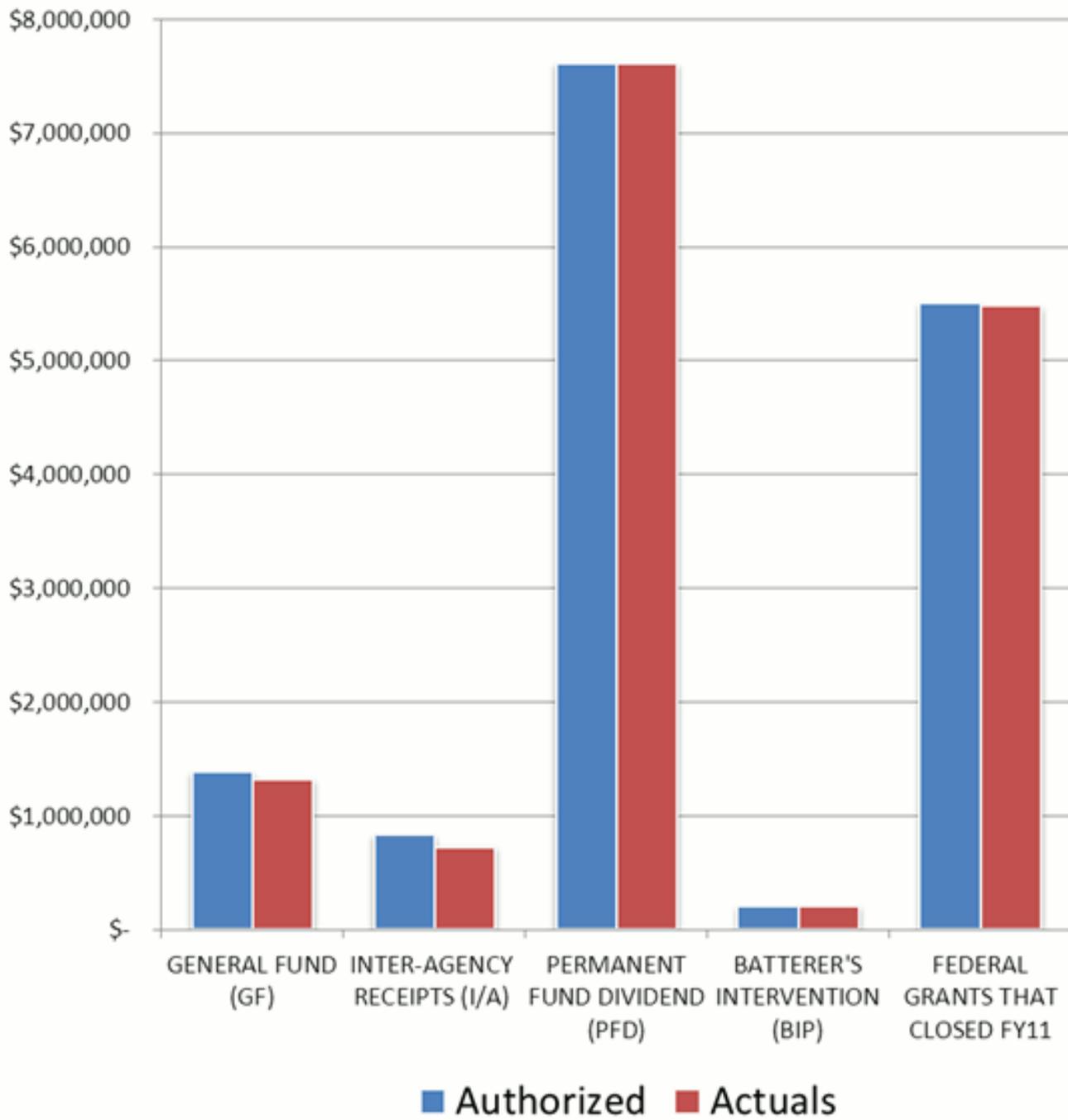
- Law Enforcement – We have relatively little contact with law enforcement agencies other than through the DV Task Force.
- Prosecutors – During this quarter we have not had a great deal of contact with the district attorney's office, but more than usual. We continue to work to improve the efficiency of filing non-compliance and having a timely intervention when individuals have violated probation, as well as increasing our communication to improve the communities' response to domestic violence. We do communicate with them and vice versa about safety concerns, using autonomy; we may have for the victims and or the community.
- Court System – We are interested in having more interaction with our judiciary, to teach one another and share more information regarding cases. Unfortunately, it is an ongoing struggle we have faced with our local judges, who see training received from local agencies as being an inappropriate deviance from their impartiality. Thus, education that may help them be more aware of the dynamics of domestic violence in both criminal and civil proceedings has been lacking. We continue to work towards having a better relationship with judges.
- Medical – We interact with medical at FCC when a group member is showing signs of suicide and or to ask their assistance in determining if this group member is cognitively capable of grasping the material we present.
- OCS – (Office of Children's Services) – We have a very good relationship with the Office of Children's Services. We did attend the DV Task Force meetings this quarter and hope to be able to add in the Family to Family meetings this quarter. We do send monthly progress summaries to Caseworkers of clients to inform them of their status in program.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs- We work closely with IAC's shelter staff to increase safety and autonomy of women connected to our program. Nanette Greer, the Safety Check Advocate, meets with us at our staff meeting bi-weekly and as additional communication is needed. We have referred and collaborated with Victim Advocates as well as the Legal Advocate to support women and their children.

CDVSA FY11 Financial Information

CDVSA & BIP Budgets

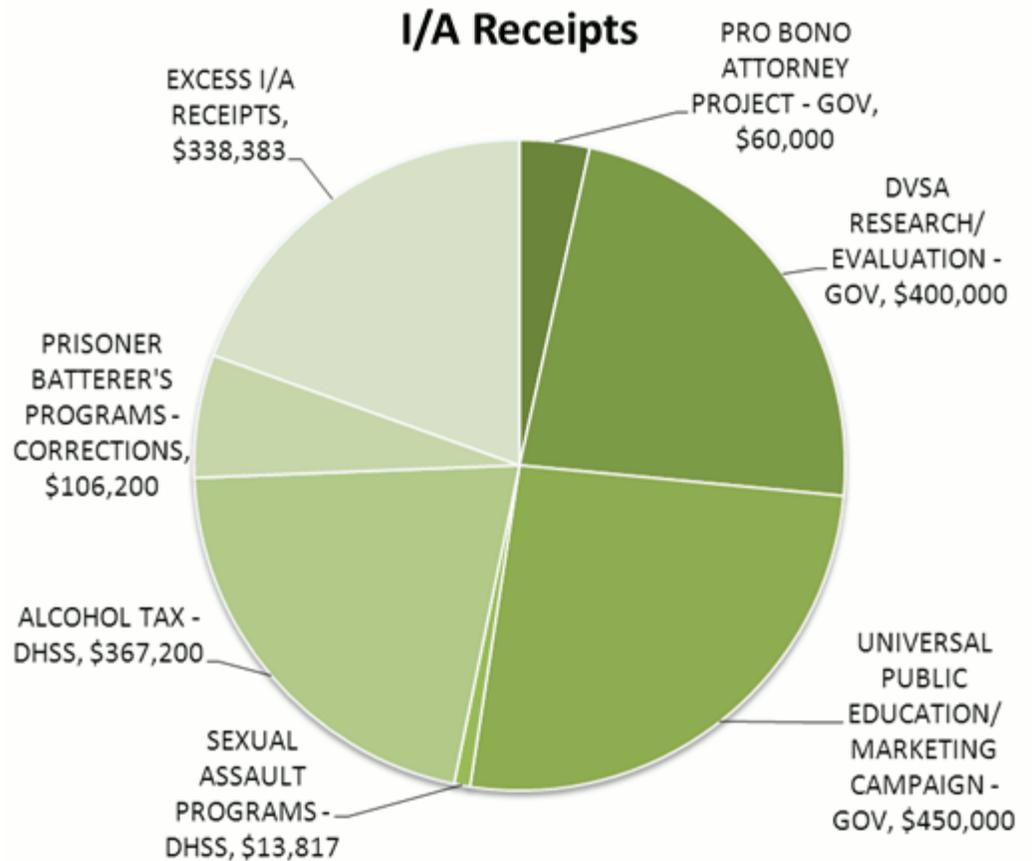
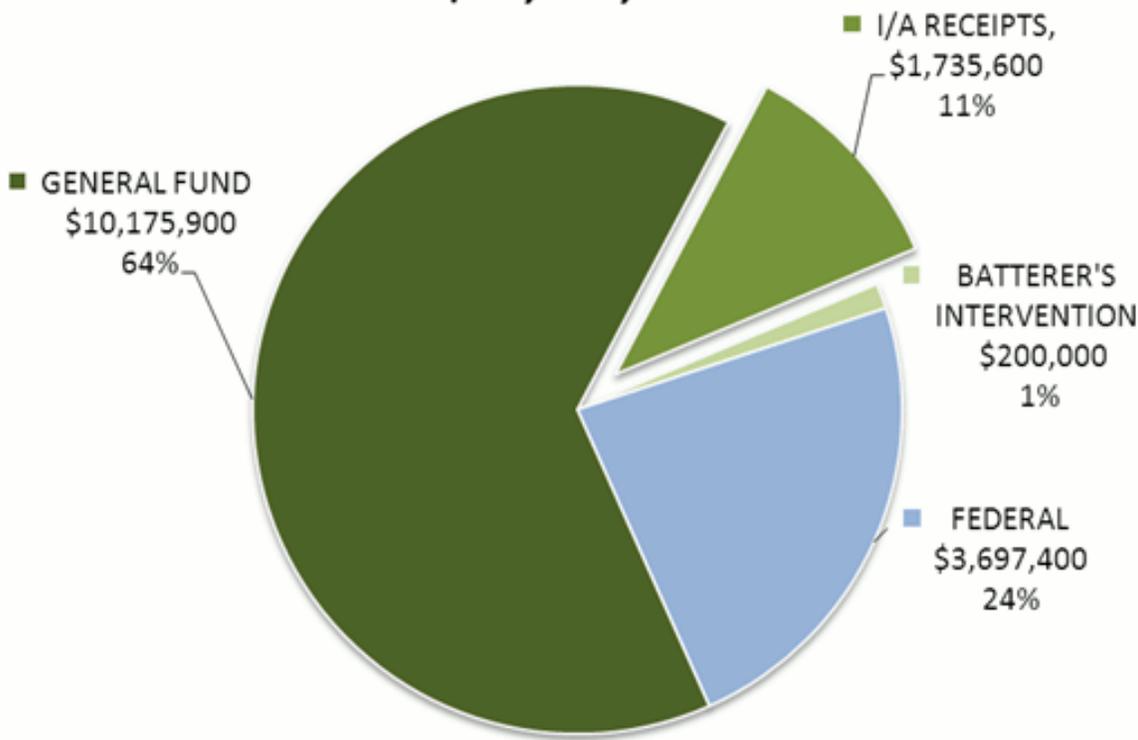


CDVSA FY 11 Authorized and Actuals



UNOBLIGATED BALANCE	
G/F:	\$54,894
I/A RECEIPTS:	\$103,589
PFD:	\$0
BIP:	\$0

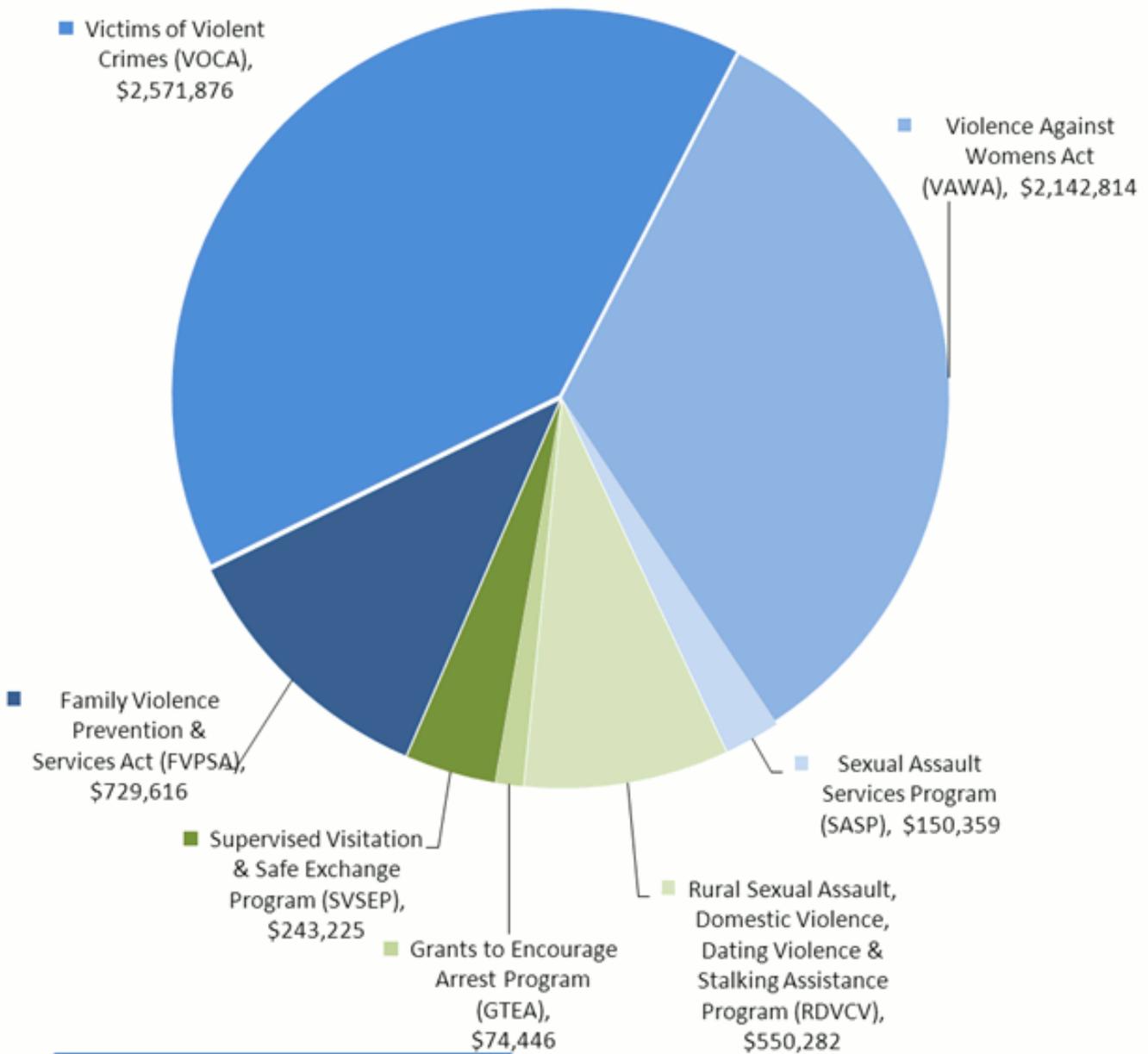
CDVSA FY12 Authorized Budget: \$15,808,900



Federal Grants

Open Federal Grants: \$6,462,618
FY12 Authorized: \$3,697,400

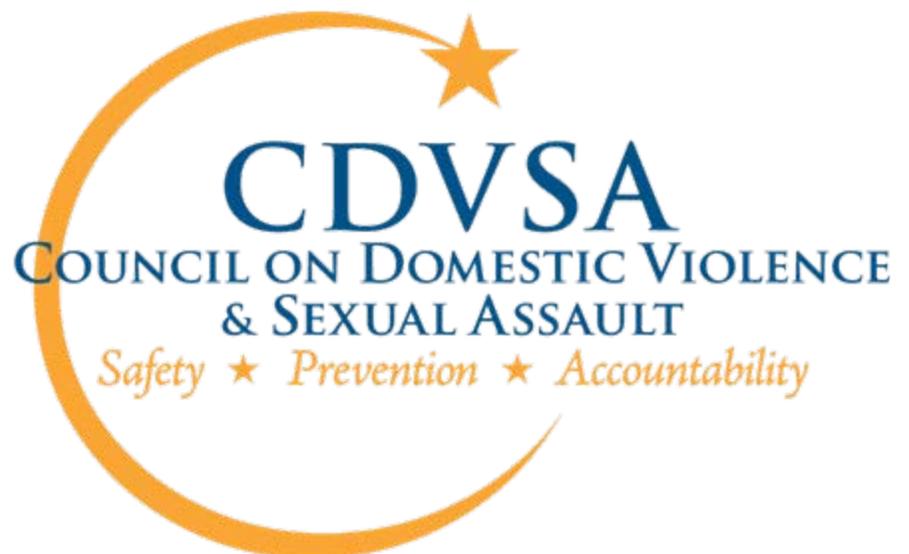
Blue-Formula Grants
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Note: Most federal grant awards are for multiple years and funds will spread across state fiscal years.

CDVSA By-Laws

2011 Revision



**COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
BY-LAWS**

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Article I: NAME

Sec. 1. Name. This Council is known as the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, herein after referred to as the Council.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Council is as set forth in AS 18.66.010 “to provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families and to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs.”

Sec 2. Powers and Duties. According to AS 18.66.050, the Council shall:

- (a) hire an executive director and necessary staff;
- (b) elect one of its members as presiding officer;
- (c) In consultation with authorities in the field, develop, implement, maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs, including educational programs, films, and school curricula on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- (d) coordinate services provided by the Department of Law, the Department of Education, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Health and Social Services, and other state agencies and community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention, and provide technical assistance as requested by those state agencies and community groups;
- (e) Develop and implement a standardized data collection system on domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention.
- (f) conduct public hearings and studies on issues related to violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault, and on issues relating to the role of crisis intervention and prevention;
- (g) receive and dispense state and federal money and award grants and contracts from appropriations for the purpose to qualified local community entities for domestic violence, and sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs;

- (a) oversee and audit domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs which receive money under this chapter;
- (b) provide fiscal and technical assistance to plan, organize, implement and administer domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs;
- (c) make an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the activities of the Council, plans of the Council for new services and programs, and concerns of the Council, including recommendations for legislation necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
- (d) adopt regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to carry out the purposes of this chapter (enabling legislation, AS 18.66.010-900) and to protect the health, safety and well being, and privacy of persons receiving services financed with grants or contracts under this chapter;
- (e) Any other powers and duties conferred on it by federal law or by Executive Order.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Membership. Membership on the Council shall be in accordance with AS 18.66.020.

- (a) The Council consists of:
 1. four [THREE] persons appointed by the governor after consultation with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;
 2. the Commissioner of Public Safety or the designee of the Commissioner of Public Safety;
 3. the Commissioner of Health and Social Services or the designee of the Commissioner of Health and Social Services;
 4. the Commissioner of Education or the designee of the Commissioner of Education; [AND]
 5. the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney General; and
 6. the Commissioner of Corrections or the designee of the Commissioner of Corrections.
- (b) A person who receives compensation from or is an employee of a domestic violence, sexual assault, or crisis intervention or prevention program may not be appointed to the Council

Sec. 2. Term of Membership. Members appointed under Sec. 1(a) serve at the pleasure of the governor for a term of three [TWO] years, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec 3. Termination of Membership. If a member fails to attend two consecutive regular meetings of the Council without good cause, the Council may require that member's resignation by a vote of a majority of the Council at a regular meeting of the Council. If the Council requests the resignation of a member and that member fails to resign, the Council by majority vote of the members may recommend to the governor that the member be removed.

Sec. 4. Vacancies. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Governor after consultation with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Sec. 5. Compensation.

- (a) The members of the Council receive no salary but are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem in accordance with AS 39.20.180.
- (b) Reimbursement of member's child care expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings shall be as provided by applicable sections of Alaska Statute and applicable administrative rules.
- (c) A person who receives compensation from or is an employee or Board Member of a domestic violence, sexual assault, or crisis intervention program may not be appointed to the Council.

Article IV: OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Enumeration. The officers of the Council shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

Sec. 2. Election. Each officer shall be elected by a majority of the Council. If more than one person is nominated for an office, election will be by secret ballot.

Sec. 3. Term. Each officer shall be elected for a term of one year. Officers are to be elected at the first Council meeting of the calendar year. Their term of office shall be effective from the end of the meeting in which they were elected until the end of the meeting of the next election. Any officer may be elected to no more that two successive terms to the same office.

Sec 4. Resignation and Removal of Officers. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Council. Officers may be removed from office by any majority vote of the Council at a regular or special meeting of the Council called for that purpose.

Sec. 5. Vacancies. Any vacancy in an office shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired portion of the term.

Sec 6. Responsibilities and Duties.

- (a) The Chair shall preside at all meeting of the Council, unless the Chair designates another Council member to preside; and shall perform such additional duties as required by the Council and normally executed by the Chair.
- (b) The Vice-Chair shall preside at meeting in the absence of the Chair and shall perform such additional duties as are required by the Council and necessitated by the Chair's absence. In the event of the absence of both officers, the Chair shall appoint a pro-tempore to preside for that meeting.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. Committees. The Council may authorize the creation, prescribe the term, and define the powers and duties of committees as may be necessary or useful to the conduct of Council business. As committees, they may not officially represent the Council unless specifically authorized by the Council to do so. The Council may also convene committees and task forces whose memberships include individuals who are not Council members for the purpose of advising the Council.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Public Meetings. All meetings of the Council shall be conducted [OPEN TO THE PUBLIC] in accordance with [LAW () AS 44.62.310-320 ()]; including Executive Sessions. [, WHICH STATES: (c)]

The following excepted subjects may be discussed in an executive session:

- (a) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government unit;
- (b) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; and
- (c) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential.

Sec. 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meeting of the Council shall be held at least quarterly. At least one meeting each year shall include a statewide public teleconference hearing. The time and place of a meeting shall be set by the presiding officer or by three members who submit a written request for a meeting to the presiding officer. At least 14 days notice must be given for regular meetings.

Sec. 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the Chair or any 3 Council members. Such meetings may be conducted by telephone conference call or by other means which permits simultaneous communication between members in accordance with AS 44.62. Members must receive notification of special meetings at least 3 days prior to the meeting, excluding weekends and holidays.

Sec. 4. Quorum. Four (4) members of the Council constitute a quorum for all meetings. The Council may conduct no official business with fewer than 4 members present.

Sec. 5. Voting. Each member shall have one (1) vote. The Chair will vote only to break a tie. Members may not vote by proxy or designate another individual to represent them in the conduct of Council business. Except as specified in these by-laws, Council action requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting. Voting by communication media or mail will be allowed according to AS 44.62 of Administrative Procedures Act.

Sec. 6. Conduct of Meetings. Meetings of the Council shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 7. Executive Director. The executive director shall attend all public meetings of the Council or assure proper staff coverage of all meetings.

Revised: March 6, 2009 Section 4. Quorum changed from 4 members to 5 members.

ARTICLE VII: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Sec. 1. Action of Conflict of Interest. Where private gain may accrue to a member of the Council as a consequence of Council action, the Council member shall abstain from any participation on the issue in question. Any person may raise the question of a conflict of interest on any subject, and with respect to any member. After full hearing of the facts, the Council may vote to recommend that members abstain from participation on the basis of conflict of interest, or on the grounds that a substantial body of opinion may perceive the member's public responsibility and private interest to be in conflict. If a majority of the membership of the Council votes to recommend that a member abstain, and the member does not abstain on that issue, then the Council may by separate vote, recommend to the governor that the Council member be removed from the Council.

ARTICLE VIII: EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL

Sec. 1. Authorized Staffing. The Council shall hire an executive director and authorize the executive director to hire such staff as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and function of the Council and as approved by the Office of the Governor.

Sec. 2. Annual Personnel Evaluation. The Council shall complete the annual evaluation of the executive director. The executive director shall prepare evaluations for the remaining employees in compliance with state Personnel Procedures.

Sec. 3. Reporting and Supervision. All employees of the Council shall report to the executive director. The executive director shall report to the Council.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Council shall conform to that of the State of Alaska.

Sec. 2. Appeals. As stated in the Council regulations, 13 AAC 95.350 APPEALS PROCEDURES [7 AAC 78.310], an applicant may appeal certain Council decisions to the Chair who will advise the appellant of the acceptance or rejection of the appeal. In the case of decisions in which the Chair voted to break a tie (see Article VI, Sec 5), the chair shall request a Council member who represents the minority to review the request for an appeal and make a recommendation to the Chair.

Sec. 3. Reporting. Before January 15 of each year, the Council shall make an annual report to the Governor and the legislature on the activities of the Council, plans of the Council for new services and programs, and concerns of the Council including recommendations for legislation necessary to carry out the purposes of AS 18.66.101-900.

Sec. 4. Budget Requests. Preparation of the Council budget and amendments is the responsibility of the director. The Council retains the authority to approve the annual budget, budget amendments and supplemental appropriation requests. In the event of an emergency, the executive director may approve or submit budget documents on an interim basis, subject to Council approval at its next meeting. In such cases, the executive director will contact all Council members by telephone to seek their advice.

Sec. 5. Professional Services Contract Authorization. The Council shall approve all Professional Services Contracts above \$2500.

Sec. 6. Travel Authorization. The signature of the executive director is required to authorize travel for all business and Council staff. The executive director is authorized to approve travel within the state, the Council shall approve travel outside of the state, and the governor shall approve travel outside of the United States.

ARTICLE X: CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Sec. 1. Powers to Contract and Enter Into Agreements. The Council, by a majority vote, may award grants and contracts from appropriations of state and federal monies for the purpose to qualified local community entities for domestic violence, sexual assault and crisis intervention and prevention programs in accordance with AS 37.0 and 7 AAC 78.010-320.

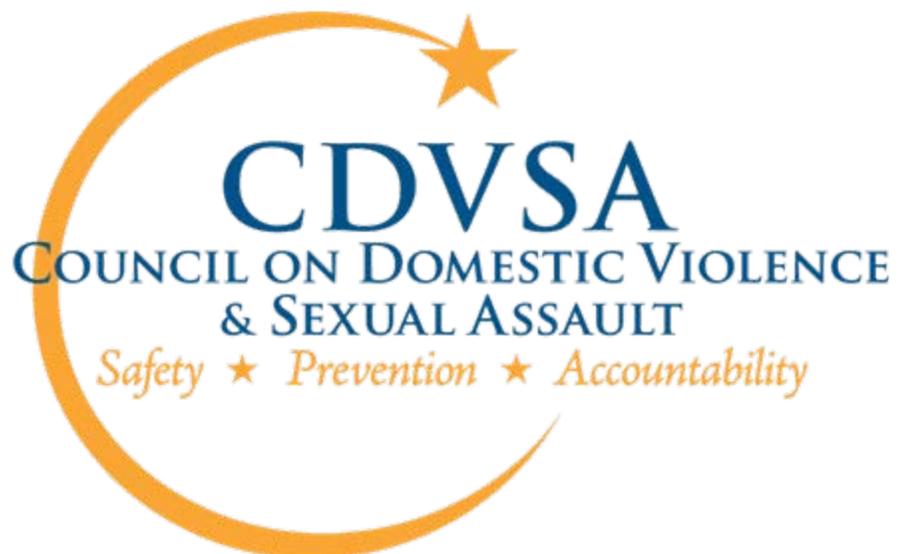
ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These by-laws may be amended by at least four (4) affirmative votes of the Council at any meeting.

- (a) Proposed by-law changes can only be voted upon at a meeting, subsequent to the meeting at which they are presented for discussion; with the additional provision that a minimum of 30 days must elapse between the meeting at which a proposal for by-law change is made and the meeting at which the proposal for by-law change is made and the meeting at which the proposal is voted upon.
- (b) For the purpose of voting on by-laws, a Council member expecting to be absent at a meeting where action on by-law changes is scheduled may submit in writing to the executive director a sealed vote for or against the by-law changes. Any absentee votes are to be opened in the presence of the Council immediately following the vote by Council members present.

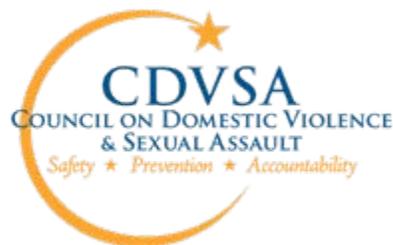
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Failure to Expend Advanced Funds

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault advances grant award funds to programs with the understanding that most programs that operate as non-profits do not have adequate reserves on which to draw before requesting reimbursement for services rendered. Grantees are responsible for providing quarterly financial reports that accurately reflect revenue and expenditures. Grantees are also responsible for notifying the Council of any unanticipated expenditures. Grantees must declare whether or not the grantee is on pace to expend the budget by the end of the grant period and must bring any spending issues to the Council's attention.

Grantees that do not expend all funds advanced in a particular grant award period, must return the unexpended funds to the State of Alaska as soon as possible after the state fiscal year in which the funds were to be expended, but no later than August 15th of the calendar year.

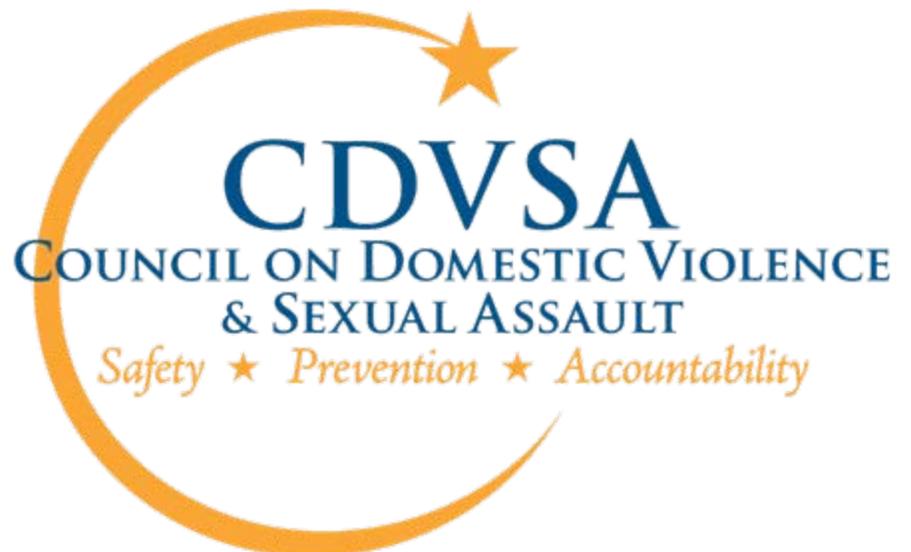
If the amount returned to the State of Alaska exceeds 1% of the grant award and the grantee is funded for the next state fiscal year, the advance payment process may not be available to the grantee. The grantee may be required to provide monthly financial reports and be reimbursed for actual expenditures.

The Council may require other financial and/or programmatic reporting, or implement other remedial measures it deems necessary.

After successful budgeting for a period of one grant year, the Council may allow the grantee to participate in the advance payment process if the grantee is awarded funds for the following grant year.

Appendix

Protective Orders Detailed Data



Domestic Violence Protective Orders FY11

Domestic Violence Protective Orders Filed and Granted Alaska State Fiscal Year 2011												
Funded Program	Type of Order Sought	Quarter 1 SFY 2011		Quarter 2 SFY 2011		Quarter 3 SFY 2011		Quarter 4 SFY 2011		YTD Totals		Funded Program
		Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	
AFS	20-Day	67	57	92	77	81	58	82	65	322	257	AFS
	Long Term	63	15	55	28	81	17	50	31	249	91	
AVV	20-Day	15	13	4	4	13	12	2	2	34	31	AVV
	Long Term	7	7	4	4	5	5	2	2	18	18	
AWAIC	20-Day	61	51	58	53	61	55	35	28	215	187	AWAIC
	Long Term	53	30	53	22	60	27	35	16	201	95	
AWARE	20-Day	13	11	17	16	18	14	11	11	59	52	AWARE
	Long Term	7	6	6	4	5	2	5	5	23	17	
AWIC	20-Day	7	7	6	5	7	9	4	3	24	24	AWIC
	Long Term	2	2	6	5	6	2	4	1	18	10	
BSWG	20-Day	5	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	9	9	BSWG
	Long Term	5	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	7	7	
CFRC	20-Day	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	5	2	CFRC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	1	
IAC	20-Day	23	23	19	19	25	25	48	46	115	113	IAC
	Long Term	16	16	18	13	18	15	27	22	79	66	
KWRCC	20-Day	8	4	11	7	12	12	20	11	51	34	KWRCC
	Long Term	9	3	14	3	7	5	20	9	50	20	
LSC	20-Day	24	8	22	22	36	33	51	29	133	92	LSC
	Long Term	24	5	22	20	29	29	51	15	126	69	
MFCC	20-Day	12	10	20	14	26	22	16	15	74	61	MFCC
	Long Term	7	6	8	4	5	5	9	8	29	23	
SAFE	20-Day	2	1	10	9	3	2	3	3	18	15	SAFE
	Long Term	2	2	10	2	2	1	3	U	17	5	
SAFV	20-Day	7	7	7	6	3	2	5	5	22	20	SAFV
	Long Term	6	0	1	0	1	1	3	3	11	4	
SCS	20-Day	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	SCS
	Long Term	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
SPHH	20-Day	11	u	12	5	13	4	6	5	42	14	SPHH
	Long Term	8	u	14	5	15	4	6	4	43	13	
STAR	20-Day	17	17	10	2	5	4	1	0	33	23	STAR
	Long Term	u	u	4	3	4	3	2	2	10	8	
TWC	20-Day	22	17	19	18	21	16	32	22	94	73	TWC
	Long Term	24	8	21	12	19	7	33	9	97	36	
USAFV	20-Day	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	5	5	USAFV
	Long Term	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	
VFJ	20-Day									0	0	VFJ
	Long Term									0	0	
WISH	20-Day	13	11	12	10	6	3	9	6	40	30	WISH
	Long Term	2	2	5	2	4	3	5	1	16	8	
TOTAL: 20-Day Orders		312	245	325	272	334	274	327	253	1298	1044	
TOTAL: Long Term Order		239	110	244	130	263	127	256	128	1002	495	
TOTAL: All Orders		551	355	569	402	597	401	583	381	2300	1539	
		1st Qtr Filed	1st Qtr Granted	2nd Qtr Filed	2nd Qtr Granted	3rd Qtr Filed	3rd Qtr Granted	4th Qtr Filed	4th Qtr Granted	YTD Filed	YTD Granted	

Stalking Protective Orders 2011

Stalking Protective Orders Filed and Granted Alaska State Fiscal Year 2011												
Funded Program	Type of Order Sought	Quarter 1 SFY 2011		Quarter 2 SFY 2011		Quarter 3 SFY 2011		Quarter 4 SFY 2011		YTD Totals		Funded Program
		Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	
AFS	20-Day	19	14	16	10	22	17	27	22	84	63	AFS
	Long Term	17	2	13	2	16	5	14	11	60	20	
AVV	20-Day	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	AVV
	Long Term	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
AWAIC	20-Day	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	AWAIC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AWARE	20-Day	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	AWARE
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AWIC	20-Day	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	AWIC
	Long Term	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
BSWG	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BSWG
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CFRC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CFRC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IAC	20-Day	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	IAC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
KWRCC	20-Day	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	KWRCC
	Long Term	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	
LSC	20-Day	1	1	1	1	3	3	7	4	12	9	LSC
	Long Term	1	1	1	0	3	0	7	4	12	5	
MFCC	20-Day	2	2	4	4	6	0	3	3	15	9	MFCC
	Long Term	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	6	2	
SAFE	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	SAFE
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	
SAFV	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SAFV
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SCS	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SCS
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SPHH	20-Day	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	4	1	SPHH
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	
STAR	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STAR
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TWC	20-Day	4	3	0	0	3	2	3	3	10	8	TWC
	Long Term	4	1	0	0	3	1	3	1	10	3	
USAFV	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	USAFV
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VFJ	20-Day	0	0							0	0	VFJ
	Long Term	0	0							0	0	
WISH	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	WISH
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL: 20-Day Orders		32	24	28	17	37	23	47	37	144	101	
TOTAL: Long Term Orders		27	7	17	4	23	6	31	19	98	36	
TOTAL: All Orders		59	31	45	21	60	29	78	56	242	137	
		1st Qtr Filed	1st Qtr Granted	2nd Qtr	2nd Qtr Granted	3rd Qtr Filed	3rd Qtr Granted	4th Qtr Filed	4th Qtr Granted	YTD Filed	YTD Grante	

Sexual Assault Protective Orders FY11

Sexual Assault Protective Orders Filed and Granted Alaska State Fiscal Year 2011												
Funded Program	Type of Order Sought	Quarter 1 SFY 2011		Quarter 2 SFY 2011		Quarter 3 SFY 2011		Quarter 4 SFY 2011		YTD Totals		Funded Program
		Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	
AFS	20-Day	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	1	5	4	AFS
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	
AVV	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AVV
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AWAIC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AWAIC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AWARE	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	AWARE
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AWIC	20-Day	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	AWIC
	Long Term	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	
BSWG	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BSWG
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CFRC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CFRC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IAC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	IAC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
KWRCC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	KWRCC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	
LSC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	LSC
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	
MFCC	20-Day	0	0	3	3	2	0	4	4	9	7	MFCC
	Long Term	1	1	3	3	0	0	2	2	6	6	
SAFE	20-Day	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	SAFE
	Long Term	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
SAFV	20-Day	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	SAFV
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SCS	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SCS
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SPHH	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SPHH
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
STAR	20-Day	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	2	STAR
	Long Term	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	
TWC	20-Day	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	9	9	TWC
	Long Term	2	0	1	2	3	2	3	1	9	5	
USAFV	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	USAFV
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VFJ	20-Day									0	0	VFJ
	Long Term									0	0	
WISH	20-Day	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	WISH
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL: 20-Day Orders		2	2	11	8	13	11	12	12	38	33	
TOTAL: Long Term Orders		3	1	8	7	8	6	8	4	27	18	
TOTAL: All Orders		5	3	19	15	21	17	20	16	65	51	
		1st Qtr Filed	1st Qtr Granted	2nd Qtr Filed	2nd Qtr Granted	3rd Qtr Filed	3rd Qtr Granted	4th Qtr Filed	4th Qtr Granted	YTD Filed	YTD Granted	