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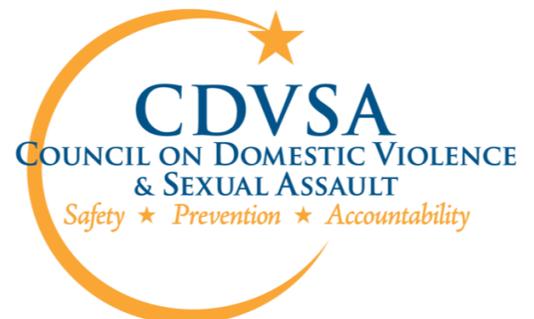
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LEAD ON! FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY IN ALASKA

The cover photo portrays a dancer at the 2011 Lead On! Conference in Anchorage.

Lead On represents a group of youth and adults from across Alaska who are committed to positively impacting their communities and working to solve the puzzle of violence in our state. A goal of this program is to shift norms around respect as well as sexual and teen dating violence.

The annual Lead On summit brings youth and adults together for a three-day event in Anchorage where they build leadership skills to promote healthy relationships. The summit includes national speakers, Alaska youth speakers, and Alaskan adults who provide inspiration, tools, and opportunities for youth to promote respect. Over 130 teens and adult mentors participated this year, exploring the issue of violence through hip-hop, art, dance, culture, and educational workshops. Youth spend a significant amount of time planning for projects in their home community.

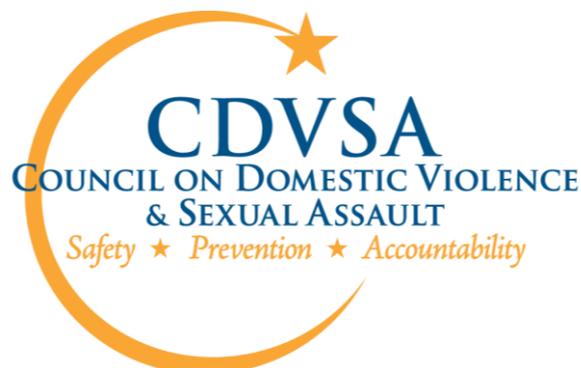
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Wednesday, February 22nd Agenda

9:00am	Call to Order Roll Call Chair Comments Conflict Inquiry Minute Approval November 2011 Announce Chair/Vice Chair elections	Chair Susan Cushing
9:30	Prevention	Representative Anna Fairclough
10:00	Executive Director Report	Lauree Morton
10:30	Committee Reports Admin-bylaw revisions Gov's Initiative-victim services recommendations	Susan Cushing
11:15	BREAK	
11:30	Network Report	Peggy Brown
Noon	Visit AWARE Lunch	
1:15pm	Public Comment	Susan Cushing
1:30	Program Spotlight	SPHH Staff
2:30	BREAK	
2:45	Community SART Guidelines	Lauree Morton
3:15	MOU between Council member departments	Joseph Masters
4:30	RECESS	

Thursday, February 23rd Agenda

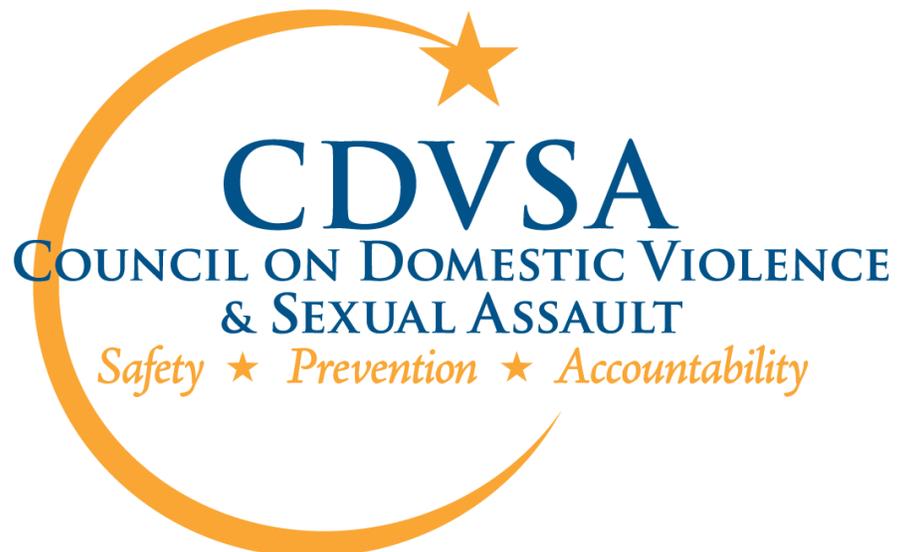
8:45am	Call to Order	Patty Owen
9:00	Webinar-Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month	
10:15	Victim Service Outcome Measures	Lauree Morton
10:45	BREAK	
11:00	RFP Structure	Lauree Morton
11:30	Council Staff Member	Bahiyiyih Parish
11:45	LUNCH	
1:15pm	Statewide Public Hearing on Housing Opening Remarks- Housing options in Fairbanks- Housing options in Bethel- AHFC-	Susan Cushing Brenda Stanfill Michelle DeWitt Jim Gurke
3:00	BREAK	
3:15	Open to public comments on Housing	
4:30	RECESS	

Friday, February 24th Agenda

9:00am	MOU Discussion	Joseph Masters
10:00	Legislative Update Bills Budget	Lauree Morton
10:45	BREAK	
11:00	Finance Report	Lauree Morton
11:30	Elect Chair/Vice Chair	Lauree Morton
11:45	LUNCH	
1:15pm	Meeting Schedule May in Palmer FY13 Schedule August/September November May	Susan Cushing
1:30	BIPs Review Self-Evaluations Plan for Moving Project Forward	Lauree Morton
2:00	Council Media PowerPoint Commercials-thank you, bystander intervention, sexual assault	Lauree Morton Bahiyiyh Parish
3:00	Council Comments	Susan Cushing
4:00	ADJOURN	

Draft Minutes Needing Approval

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DRAFT MINUTES NEEDING APPROVAL

STATE OF ALASKA

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

MINUTES OF THE FIRST QUARTER FY2012 MEETING November 29-30, 2011

Dept. of Corrections/Probation and Parole Office

411 4th Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Patricia Owen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. Five Council members were present at roll call to form a quorum. Ms. Owen assumed the chair duties, in the absence of Chair Susan Cushing, who was ill.

Council members present: Commissioner Joseph Masters (Department of Public Safety) by telephone on November 29 only; Richard Svobodny (Department of Law); Patricia Owen (Department of Education & Early Development); Melissa Stone (Department of Health & Social Services); Richard Irwin (public member); Dr. De Anna Hellwich (Department of Corrections) on November 30 only.

Council members absent: Susan Cushing, Jackie Hill, and Stephanie McFadden-Evans

Council staff present: Lauree Morton (executive director); Angie Wells (office assistant); Freda Westman (program coordinator) by telephone; Annie Whittey (program coordinator) by telephone; Ann Rausch (program coordinator) by telephone; Debbie Leamer (administrative assistant) by telephone; Bahiyyih Parish (research analyst) by telephone

Others present (in person or by telephone): Peggy Brown (ANDVSA); Judy Bockman (Department of Law); Jim Gurke and Kathy Stone (Alaska Housing Finance Corporation); Brittany Ludington (Interior Alaska Center For Non-Violent Living, Fairbanks); Glenn Bacon (Department of Corrections, Probation/Parole); Cheri Smith (The LeeShore Center, Kenai)

CHAIR COMMENTS - None.

COUNCIL CONFLICT INQUIRY

Chair Owen asked for statements of a potential conflict of interest with items on the agenda. No one made any disclosures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 28-30, 2011

One reference to Mr. Owen was corrected to Ms. Owen.

On page one, Martin Boozer was changed to Carlos Boozer.

Ms. Stone moved to approve the September 28-30, 2011 meeting minutes, as amended. Mr. Svobodny seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda. Executive Director Lauree Morton said the Council would be touring the Interior Alaska Center For Non-Violent Living (IAC) building and different programs at the end of today's agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Morton reported on the following items:

- The CDVSA office was fully staffed. A new CDVSA administrative officer in the Division of Finance was to start on December 8. A staff retreat was planned for December or early January.
- No budget report due to the administrative officer vacancy.
- All the grant awards were distributed.
- Two RSAs (reimbursable service agreements) were expected to be finalized soon.
- She distributed a list of federal grants available to CDVSA for state fiscal year 2012 (per Dr. Hellwich's request at the last meeting).
- She would be working with the Division of Finance, Commissioner Masters and the Council Chair about several open S*T*O*P VAWA grants to see if the Council could have some administrative control over that source of grant dollars. The Executive Committee would bring a recommendation forward at the February meeting.
- Staff was working to finalize a draft report that looks at all the grant administrative dollars for a year. In February, they should have projections of administrative funds available for the last six months of FY12.
- 63 people attended the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) training in Ketchikan. The evaluations were generally positive, and she would provide copies to Council members. Based on feedback, the March and November 2012 trainings will expand from four days to five days.
- She intended to set up appointments with people at the legislature to reintroduce herself and convey the Council's priorities.
- The FY12 Alaska research surveys are tentatively slated for late winter and early spring of next year.

Ms. Stone asked how CDVSA was monitoring SART groups in the various communities. Ms. Morton said the SART Workgroup would be meeting next week to review the draft guidelines; the SART model is structured to have some common-based features and also to be flexible for local communities. Next year's focus will be working in communities and getting a better handle on how SARTs are working. The Violent Crimes Compensation Board submitted draft legislation to the Governor's Office regarding the need for a single payer for SART examinations in the state and to cap the exam cost.

Ms. Morton drew attention to the first quarter 2012 victim services program statistics and narrative reports included in the meeting packet (on file). The statistics and narratives for the batterers intervention community based programs and prison programs were also in the packet (on file). She said staff would be working on developing consistent definitions used in the reports.

Ms. Stone remarked on the increased reporting of interaction between the victim services providers and the behavioral health agencies. She requested that when CDVSA staff communicates with any agency that is in trouble that the executive director contact the Council so the members are aware of what is going on.

Mr. Svobodny questioned the low percentage (one-third) of domestic violence and stalking protective orders that judges granted of those applied for. Ms. Morton said the "orders filed" numbers included orders dropped or people not following through. Ms. Stone said the legal advocates have a role in helping protective orders happen, and she believed some victim services agencies knew how to do it better than other agencies. Peggy Brown indicated that the Network's Legal Advocacy Project tracked a lot more data that might be helpful for the Council to see.

ETHICS TRAINING

Assistant Attorney General Judy Bockman of the Department of Law conducted "Ethics Training for Alaska's Executive Branch" for the Council by teleconference (slides on file at CDVSA office). Her presentation addressed the players, the rules and definitions under the Ethics Act, disclosure reporting requirements and forms, restrictions after leaving state service, disclosure procedures and complaint process, serious possible remedies and penalties for violating the Act, and extra cautions.

Employment restrictions on board members after leaving Council service engendered some questions and discussion between Council members and Ms. Bockman. There was also discussion of the ethics of breeding animals for use in therapy as opposed to using rescue animals, since Beckenbauer therapy with alpacas has become so widespread and successful in Alaska, due to the 2009 statewide AAVV grant.

Ms. Bockman encouraged people to contact her with questions and to access the resources on the Department of Law's ethics web page.

After a 10-minute break, the Council was ready to hear the Network Report at 3:10 p.m.

NETWORK REPORT

Peggy Brown, Executive Director of the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network), gave an update on the organization's activities, as follows:

- The Network's fall meeting was last week in Anchorage. Speakers were Jeff Jessee from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Sammy Pokryfki from the Rasmuson Foundation, Aleesha Towns-Bain from the Alaska Children's Trust, Jim Gurke from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), and CDVSA's Lauree Morton. Seaview Community Services of Seward was there as part of the Network again, and other programs are helping out with training curricula for Seaview. A topic that engendered a lot of discussion was about Akeela having a behavioral health/domestic violence prevention grant and going into a few communities without speaking with the local victim services agencies until after the fact.

- Another topic that arose at the Network meeting was housing. The Network's inquiry shows that the domestic violence victim preference at AHFC to get housing is not working in Anchorage, and it is debatable whether the preference is working in Fairbanks or Juneau. The Network programs indicate the public housing preference is working in other parts of the state, albeit hit-and-miss. AHFC wants to create a set-aside with State General Fund dollars for X amount of vouchers. The Network has several concerns with that idea and is researching the possible ramifications further. One alternative is to pilot a set-aside in Anchorage where the biggest problem seems to be.
- A federal bill has been introduced for re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Network opposed a number of provisions and worked with the national folks to get some of them removed. One of the provisions in the new authorization would give more authority over the S*T*O*P grants to the VAWA administrator because some components have not spent their allocations. A controversial provision is a 25% set-aside for sexual assault-related services through S*T*O*P grants. The definition of rural areas is being expanded to include any federally recognized Indian tribe, at the same time that \$5 million is being cut from the rural grant. Other provisions the Network finds troublesome relate to perpetrator HIV testing, and capping legal assistance to victims.
- Also federally, Senator Begich introduced the Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act. The other piece of legislation that could be significant is the Housing Rights for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Act, introduced by Senator Al Franken. The Network is exploring how that bill would affect housing in Alaska.
- Brittany Luddington will be the new director of Training Projects at the Network, replacing Patti Bland, who is leaving in January to be part of the National Center for Mental Health and Trauma Services. The director of the Legal Advocacy Project, Kari Robinson, will be opening a new Juneau branch of the Alaska Immigration Justice Project, leaving a vacancy at the Network.
- In November, the Network did a training for behavioral health aides, in partnership with the Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Native Justice Center. In October, there was a training for the dentist association at their annual conference. A legal advocacy training is scheduled for December, and the continuing legal education training for pro bono attorneys will be held in February.
- There are tentative plans to hold a Prevention Summit in the Fall 2012.
- The Grants to Encourage Arrest funding from the CDVSA was used to hire Ann Bennett, a seasoned legal advocate at AWARE in Juneau. She has been working on complicated issues with program staff around the state who are not legal advocates but who are trying to do legal advocacy.
- The Lead On! Conference was a huge success, with 114 kids attending.
- Filming has taken place in Bethel for the "When I Am an Elder" ads. The other public ad campaigns are going well.
- The "Stand Up, Speak Up" campaigns were evaluated. Many comments were positive, but they learned that they have to update the web site and make it so that kids keep coming back, including an opportunity for kids to post what they are doing.
- The Network had a table at this year's Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in October.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At the appointed time on the agenda, Chair Owen asked if there was anyone on line who wished to comment.

Jim Gurke, Director of the Public Housing Division at Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), indicated that he and Kathy Stone, Director of Housing Operations, wished to make a prepared statement on behalf of the Executive Director, Dan Fauske. He said the work of the CDVSA, the Network and its membership, and AHFC intersect when domestic violence threatens victims' rights to decent, safe housing. He and Ms. Stone had recently addressed the Network membership, and he expected to participate at the Council's February meeting that would likely deal with housing-related agenda items.

Mr. Gurke, said AHFC witnesses daily the difficulties that families in various situations face as they try to secure affordable housing. The characteristics of minimum wage income, homelessness, families attempting to reunite with children in foster care, disabilities, the elderly, and veterans all relate to a complex preference system that oftentimes forces AHFC into making value judgments about who is most at harm as a result of a housing-related crisis. Waiting lists statewide surged this past year to more than 7,000 families. In Anchorage, the list grew to more than 4,000 families. After a series of focus group meetings that AHFC held with partner agencies, AHFC closed the Anchorage waiting list on June 1, 2011 — something that is common in other states, but it was the first time it has occurred in Alaska.

Mr. Gurke, said they need solutions to serve more Alaskans with the limited dollars that are now available. In the last decade, the average time a family retains housing assistance has grown from about 3-1/2 years to more than eight years. Turnover of vouchers, in particular, has slowed to an average of just about 150 units per year across the state. Almost one-quarter of the waiting list statewide is composed of families that have applied for assistance more than two years ago. In spite of the many excellent programs funded by AHFC, rental assistance and its associated administrative costs are all federally funded. Congress has not authorized any new voucher increments in almost ten years, and the public housing inventory nationwide has not grown by a single unit since the 1990s. Administrative fees to run the voucher program are rapidly shrinking.

Mr. Gurke, said the information he provided was important because victims of domestic violence already experience the impact of the discrepancy between supply and demand. With the closed waiting list in Anchorage, no recent domestic violence victims are being placed. The current preference system adopted almost ten years ago also requires that the victim be displaced due to domestic violence within the past six months. The preference system itself is fraught with complexity. Virtually every family the Public Housing Division serves is well below the poverty line. The AHFC staff is asked to make decisions based on documentation that oftentimes is incomplete, outdated, or just simply questionable.

AHFC feels a responsible plan forward is to devise a simpler and fairer system to cope with Alaska's diverse populations in need. In the next few months, AHFC will continue a dialogue with the public, advocacy groups, and its board of directors to examine alternatives. They hope to devise a new intake process that accounts for current realities.

Mr. Gurke, stated that AHFC is taking a very proactive strategy to address displaced victims of domestic violence. At the last board of directors meeting, the board approved an FY13 budget that includes a funding increment for rental assistance. It is premature to say whether the program will be funded or what it will look like. The requested sum of \$1.4 million is based on the average annual number of domestic violence victims that AHFC has served over several years, or about 150 families. AHFC wants the Council to understand how important the strategy is to the families that CDVSA serves. The opportunity to match State general funds with federal voucher receipts is virtually unprecedented. AHFC is targeting this particular group because of the obvious need and its complementary relationship to Governor Parnell's Initiative to Choose Respect.

Chair Owen took Mr. Gurke, up on his offer to provide a written copy of his statement to the Council. [on file at CDVSA office] No one else indicated a wish to speak, and the Chair closed public comment.

Chair Owen welcomed Freda Westman and Annie Whittey as new program coordinators at the CDVSA office. Both were listening by telephone and spent a few minutes describing their backgrounds and experience.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Ms. Morton informed the Council that the Offender Management Subgroup of the DV/SA Initiative Big Workgroup was to meet Friday, December 2, to hear a report on the Judicial Council's review of batterers intervention programs (BIPS) and the initial data report from Dr. Rosay, and to talk about the current status and next steps. She said staff intended to take the information from that meeting, along with the work product from the workgroup that met the year before last and reviewed the regulations under the Department of Corrections and made recommendations about regulation revisions, and call together some people to synthesize that information and move things forward on BIPS. The CDVSA office is gearing up to receive data from all approved BIPS, whether or not they are funded through CDVSA. Staff is working with Dr. Rosay and a colleague, who are developing two survey instruments, one for participants of the programs, and one for the person against whom the participant committed the crime that got them referred to the program — and over various time periods. The hope is to be able to trend and make sound assumptions about how helpful the intervention was. Ms. Morton said the goal is to get everything done and implement the new [measuring process] by July 1, 2012.

There was a brief discussion about the \$35,000 funding (out of a total of \$100,000) that went back to the Governor's Office, which had been to pay for the BIPS interviewing that the Judicial Council ended up doing for the Department of Corrections at no charge (\$65,000 went to Dr. Rosay to do the data collection research and survey development).

Mr. Svobodny said he was disappointed in the Judicial Council's BIPS review product. He asked if the CDVSA has some oversight of data collection or survey services it pays for. Ms. Morton assured him that it does.

Ms. Stone said it was an important area to pay attention to because the three-year-old legislative audit was very straightforward in expecting the CDVSA to review and make changes [to BIPS]. She wanted to have more detail about what is being reviewed and what some of the characteristics are; the Council could not afford to have this not succeed.

Ms. Stone requested that at the next meeting the Council get the annual self-evaluation that BIPS are required by regulation to do every year. Ms. Morton agreed to do that. Ms. Stone also asked that the Council spend some time on this topic relative to the information that should be gathered by the February meeting date.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - IAC

Brittany Ludington, the outreach director with the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC) in Fairbanks, joined the meeting to talk about the agency and the donation of a new building, which the program completed on the interior with two elevators. She thanked the Council for the funds for furnishings and finishing touches that allow people to begin their healing process in a nice location. She explained the five levels of housing: (1) the emergency shelter for an initial maximum three-week stay; (2) the pre-transitional program that is two to four months of counselors working with people on substance abuse issues or mental health issues, in conjunction with their domestic violence or sexual assaults, and on independent life skills; (3) the two-year program that is considered transitional living in a secure building off-site with seven furnished apartments, where the clients work on independency (90% success rate); (4) scattered site funding of up to two years' rent assistance for people who have high independent living skills but have a financial gap; and (5) permanent supportive housing in apartments for people who need a safe place long term.

Mr. Irwin asked about the source of funding for housing. Ms. Ludington said IAC is a United Way agency locally, and they also have federal and state funding.

Ms. Ludington said another big component of IAC is the prevention program, which she currently runs. That includes a youth educator working at the schools and with youth organizations, and, at times, a rural educator (currently vacant). In March 2011, IAC had its five-year strategic planning meeting, and the prevention program was highlighted as something to focus on expanding. The community component that she does is wide ranging and focuses on helping adults understand the ripple effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on the community. She does education and training and provides technical assistance with the police department, the legal system, the medical system, the public health system, and educators. The rural program works closely with Our Grandmother's House and the Alaska Native Women's Coalition, and there are 42 villages in IAC's catchment area. There is a 24-hour hotline for assistance to villages as well.

Council members had questions for Ms. Ludington on the specifics of IAC's services. Ms. Stone mentioned EILP, a section of the Office of Children's Services, that has expertise in child development from zero to three and early intervention, which she suggested that IAC connect with. Ms. Ludington said it was possible that IAC's client services director knew what people were connected to, but she would follow up on that.

Mr. Irwin asked for Ms. Ludington's narrative in writing, if possible. Ms. Ludington said she could work with the executive director and get one done for the Council.

TOUR OF IAC

After the meeting recessed for the day at 4:42 p.m., IAC hosted the Council members on a tour of the program facilities.

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

CALL BACK TO ORDER

Melissa Stone, Patricia Owen, Richard Irwin, and Rick Svobodny were present when the meeting reconvened at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30. The Council lacked a quorum but proceeded with informational items on the agenda.

Chair Owen praised the tour of IAC the evening before. She amended the agenda slightly to hear from Glenn Bacon next.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenn Bacon from the Department of Corrections thanked the Council for holding a meeting in Fairbanks. He said that more than 15 years ago he did not know very much about sexual assault and domestic violence. That has changed in the intervening years, and, working with IAC and its predecessors and other folks in the community who are involved in one way or another with domestic violence, he has developed a keen passion for the topics and has worked to figure out ways that Probation and Parole can serve a larger role in working particularly with domestic violence offenders. He thought Fairbanks was the first probation office in the state to develop a dedicated specialized caseload for DV offenders, and they started with felony offenders first. Beginning December 1, they have a pilot project, promoted by the Governor's Office, for supervision of misdemeanor high-risk DV offenders. He wanted the Council to know that some of the theoretical work CDVSA does may take years to get there, but ultimately it is turning some corners in Fairbanks, and he deeply appreciated it.

He answered several questions on the pilot program.

POTENTIAL PEC MEMBERS

Ms. Morton said the Council decided to have a Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) and wanted to look at a list of people who potentially would serve on that committee. Staff had provided a list of eight names in the meeting packet (pages 43-45) for the Council's consideration. She said Chair Susan Cushing was going to assign herself to the PEC, and Patti Owen had volunteered as well. Therefore, three others would be needed.

RFP PROCESS

Ms. Morton stated that staff and the Network agreed that it was important to have the outcome measures included in the Request For Proposal (RFP), so the original schedule was pushed out. She expected that draft outcome measures would be available from that workgroup to present at the Council's February meeting. She anticipated letting the RFP at the first of March, with a six-week response time and a deadline in mid April. The application process could be streamlined by moving some of the boilerplate type submissions into a list of assurances. The last couple of weeks of April will be for the PEC members to review the applications and make recommendations. The Council's funding meeting will be toward the second week of May, where final decisions will be made on two-year grant awards. Staff has developed a scoring sheet that assigns weights to concentration areas of crisis intervention, prevention, management, the budget, and an abstract — instead of going into detail about individual services.

Ms. Morton reported that a draft revision of the bylaws regarding the advance payments of the CDVSA grant awards would be on the February agenda. The point is to give a larger advance payment upfront and ease some of the financial burden on the programs, while keeping enough structure in place to make sure the funds are being adequately used.

POTENTIAL BYLAW CHANGES

Chair Owen said the meeting was ahead of schedule, and so the Council had time to return to a discussion from the last meeting on potential bylaw changes. She introduced the topic of public members who now serve three-year terms on the Council and the possibility of changing the one-year term for the chair and vice chair to a two-year term or longer.

Mr. Svobodny said he had brought up allowing delegation so a Council member could send a substitute to sit in for them at a meeting.

Ms. Morton explained the process for amending the bylaws. Council members discussed alternatives for extending the chair and vice chair terms, as well as the pros and cons of having a substitute act in a Council member's absence. Also raised was the question of delegation for Council members who are designees for the commissioners, and required notification of such delegation on the Lieutenant Governor's web page.

Chair Owen called a 15-minute break and reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Dr. De Anna Hellwich joined the meeting during the break, and the meeting then had a quorum.

COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER

Ann Rausch addressed the Council by teleconference and had a slide presentation of partnership work happening around prevention in the state [on file at the CDVSA office]. Her new role at CDVSA is prevention coordinator, and she described her experience and work history, including three years at CDVSA as a program coordinator. The ACYS federal grant (SAFTEE grant) is administered through the Network, and she serves under contract as the coordinator for the project. She represents CDVSA on the Pathways Statewide Steering Committee and attends biennial planning meetings, quarterly teleconferences, and participates on numerous subcommittees.

Ms. Rausch is working to produce a comprehensive eight-year plan to prevent intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, and sexual violence. For the past two years, she has overseen the universal and public education and primary prevention campaigns funded by CDVSA through a grant to the Network.

Ms. Rausch reported that several key prevention campaigns and committees are underway in the state. The slides listed all the prevention projects that have been accomplished or are ongoing. She also explained the responsibilities and duties of her new position. In FY12, the CDVSA is continuing its partnership with the Network and other state and nonprofit agencies on the prevention campaigns. In addition to supporting existing strategies, CDVSA is proposing adapting Green Dot, an evidence-based bystander intervention program, and developing a train-the-trainer

module for Alaska. Green Dot is currently being engaged as a strategy by South Central Foundation and the community of Kodiak; and Bethel, Dillingham, and Sitka are also examining how to incorporate Green Dot into their community prevention strategies. CDVSA's goal is to coordinate the Green Dot efforts in Alaska. She described Girls On the Run, and the new companion program, Let Me Run, for boys.

CDVSA is proposing funding a 2012 statewide community prevention teambuilding conference. Community teams will receive the resources and technical assistance necessary for developing and implementing prevention strategies. Also in FY12, Ms. Rausch said they are working to develop the social networking page on Facebook and to develop other social media to carry the message for prevention forward.

SAFTEE PROJECTS

Ms. Rausch gave a history of the SAFTEE project and an update on its current status. It was an effort started in 2007 by the CDVSA, the Network, the Office of Children's Services, and the University of Alaska Anchorage, to bridge Alaska's divergent response to child maltreatment and domestic violence and improve the capacity of the two systems to work collaboratively to better serve Alaskan families directly impacted. Safety was identified as the common goal across all the programs and services. The committee expanded to include the Alaska Native Women's Coalition and local family tribal services, and it adopted the Safe Alaska Family Toolbox Team in 2010. They applied for federal funding, and the Network serves as the administrator for the award. The four pilot communities for the SAFTEE project are Dillingham, Fairbanks, Kodiak, and Juneau. The first year was for planning, the second year is to implement the new ideas, and the third year (and all the years) will be evaluation.

Ms. Rausch said the siloed system responses to child welfare and domestic violence often mask the complexity of the issues for policymakers and service providers. Adult victims and their children impacted by violence, who are seeking assistance or who are ordered into involuntary programs, often experience their lives becoming fragmented by the multiple service delivery programs that have been set up to help them. The SAFTEE Project recognizes the need to work closely, collaboratively and holistically with parents, primary caregivers, and the children.

In each pilot community, a tribal family service member, a representative of a domestic violence shelter, and a representative of the Office of Children's Services meet monthly to discuss opportunities for collaborative work. Ms. Rausch talked about specific project activities in each community during the planning year of the SAFTEE award, as well as statewide activities to date that include training for the four pilot communities. She also reported on enhanced training for child welfare workers, and the data collection from community groups.

Council members had several questions for Ms. Rausch.

COUNCIL REPORTS: DV/SA INITIATIVE, HOUSING

Ms. Morton said staff had sent out the DV/SA Initiative Big Workgroup report from its two-day meeting, and she had printed out a chart for the Council members to refer to at the meeting [both on file]. The Workgroup had discussed housing, adult services, children's services, and legal representation. Ms. Morton summarized the discussions, as follows:

- Housing was a broader discussion than vouchers or preferences. More available and affordable housing is needed in the state. There were ideas about working with tribal housing authorities and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and finding ways for them to interact with victim service providers to increase supportive transitional housing.
- In the civil legal realm there needs to be more attorneys. The Council had asked the commissioner to include funding in the FY13 department budget for civil legal representation. The ideas were around some acknowledgement that every community is not going to be able to have the number of attorneys necessary to meet the needs, so what can be done instead — itinerant attorneys, traveling attorneys, or videoconferencing. There is also a continuing need for legal advocacy to explain the process to victims, help with the paperwork, be available for trials, and accompany victims as they interact with law enforcement.
- Regarding services for adults, the discussion was that there should be no wrong door; so if a person discloses domestic violence or sexual assault to any agency or has inquiries on same, the service provider there should be able to provide the resource or refer them to the appropriate resource. Cross-training was discussed to enhance understanding, making it easier for victims to work their way through the process. The concept of pro bono mental health services was brought forward. There was a lot of talk about parenting and skills building, how adults interact with their children, and about family wellness warriors.
- Regarding services for children, the discussion covered parenting, fathering, and the need to have all the services accessible (disabilities, language accommodation, or cultural differences). There was talk about different evidence-based practices that work at shelters. The Council discussed in August putting forward a possible increment for residential services to children in shelters, realizing that it is an opportunity to interact with children who have been exposed to violence.

Ms. Morton said Chair Susan Cushing had thought the Council might want to talk more about housing. The DV/SA Workgroup has mentioned it as a huge barrier to getting people out and safe. She hoped the Council would agree to have the public hearing be on housing issues in February, where it would be a statewide forum for communities to provide information about the effects of scarce housing or about any creative solutions out there.

Ms. Morton said that Patti Owen, Richard Irwin, Melissa Stone, and Dr. Hellwich were at the Big Workgroup meeting and might have things to add about what was discussed.

Ms. Stone inquired if there was data on the housing problem around which to build a strategy. She wondered how many women victims were dispossessed of their own homes, because part of the strategy should be to get them back into their own homes, if it was safe. It might be worthwhile to ask the service providers to gather key data for a certain period so CDVSA could characterize what the housing problem is.

Ms. Brown said the Network has a Housing Policy Workgroup that has culled certain data from the programs already. The Network has requested data from AHFC, and they want to see how the two sets of data match or do not match.

Council members discussed the problems with returning women victims to their homes; and about maximizing partnerships, such as learning from the Corrections model that has used seed money to start a small business and get people into shared housing in exchange for working in the business.

Chair Owen called a lunch break at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Council members Owen, Hellwich, Stone and Irwin were present, and Svobodny rejoined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS: DV/SA INITIATIVE, HOUSING (Continued)

Questions and comments continued on the DV/SA Initiative Workgroup report of its two-day meeting.

Dr. Hellwich talked about services for homeless crossover youth (ages 13-20), an age group that is at huge risk of being victims and perpetrators. The Covenant House in Anchorage sees this group in and out and sees a significant need for a program of primary and secondary prevention groups and someone on site who could do counseling for crisis intervention. The other piece is that these youth return consistently to the Covenant House, so having a group therapy environment that addresses the symptoms and results of sexual assault and domestic violence, along with ongoing groups that do education and prevention, is important.

Ms. Stone mentioned the importance of systematically dealing with childhood trauma and reaching children when they are younger and in a shelter with their mother. Mr. Irwin had a similar comment about front-loading on prevention and helping with parenting.

Ms. Morton stated that the Council had asked for a specific funding stream in the FY13 budget for new projects. If that stays in the budget, it would be one avenue for new projects to apply for CDVSA funding. Also, when CDVSA applies for competitive grants at the federal level and is awarded money, it is open to any nonprofit to apply. Staff will be looking at funding streams and trying to come to some agreement on which agencies are going to apply for what pots of money in the next year. A couple of pots of money have been added focused on youth through the Department of Justice. Currently, there is a very small grant of sexual assault prevention money that can go to projects that are dealing with youth aged 13-18.

The Council discussed two Strengthening Families grants at the Department of Health and Social Services, as well as federal money available to Head Start programs. Ms. Morton said Head Start was an area where CDVSA could reach out for partnership, because there are some evidence-based practices through Head Start about preventing domestic violence. Ms. Stone said Women & Children's Services, through Public Health, just got a grant approved for a home visitation model.

Mr. Irwin used the analogy of CDVSA primarily "buying fire trucks" to deal with problems that already exist, while either CDVSA or some other group should maybe have as its priority to front-load to address the problems further upstream. Chair Owen replied that the Governor's DV/SA Initiative Big Workgroup has broken out the primary prevention and recommendations for parenting programs and other prevention programs, and balanced that with the secondary and tertiary prevention and care. She added that it is all the agencies' responsibility to pick up those recommendations and fund them. The CDVSA now has a prevention coordinator and a prevention program to help in that effort.

Dr. Hellwich mentioned the [March 2011] presentation by Jayne Andreen of Public Health, where she laid out a public health model of different levels of prevention and intervention, as a good resource for Mr. Irwin.

Council members and the executive director discussed the need to prioritize and focus on three or four of the strategies from the matrix of prevention strategy ideas that came out of the Governor's Initiative Big Workgroup. Ms. Morton explained that the Governor's Office had directed department commissioners to look at the information and take the parts that fit the priorities that their departments are working on and could do, and try to get those things implemented. She suggested that the Council could consider that view, as well, in its task of selecting strategies. She recommended also looking at how the strategies fit within the goals and objectives of the CDVSA Strategic Plan.

Chair Owen assigned the task of identifying three strategies that CDVSA could work on to the Council's DV/SA Initiative Committee. Dr. Hellwich volunteered to also serve on the committee for this assignment. The committee was to report back at the February meeting.

"HEART OF THE GRIZZLY" TRAINING VIDEO

The Council watched a training video that dealt with sexual assault survivors in the Dillingham region [on file]. They discussed it briefly afterward, and Mr. Svobodny explained the backlog in getting the forensic exam lab work done.

Ms. Morton stated that one project for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to gather these great in-state videos and run them on public broadcasting to a wider audience than just their communities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Svobodny said the budget will be out December 15 so people will know what the Governor proposes funding the DV/SA Initiative at. Also, March 29, 2012 has been set for the marches against domestic violence in as many as 100 communities.

Mr. Irwin commented that he recently had opportunities to talk about CDVSA, and he looked forward to having an official presentation to share with varied groups that he meets with. He said the focus is on women victims, but many males abusers were victims of abuse themselves when they were younger, and there is not much said about addressing those issues. He was concerned about that part and wanted the Council to give more thought to it and not lose sight of discovering or developing programs to come alongside to redeem the lives of young boys who have suffered domestic violence, sexual abuse, or both. It is a front-loading issue, from his perspective, in order to really stop the harm in society.

Chair Owen said she liked the idea of having a slide presentation on the CDVSA, and she passed the responsibility on to the executive director.

Ms. Stone reported that the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) at DHSS continues working to make the connections between DV/SA issues and what they do in the division. With the trauma-informed care training money from the Governor's Council, they have conducted trainings in Anchorage and Juneau. The Governor's budget has

some opportunities that will hopefully move some of the Council's concerns forward. She has asked that site reviews of DBH agencies include asking how the agencies are communicating and engaging with the DV/SA agencies, particularly in the areas that have the rural provider grants.

Ms. Stone said there will be a big potential for Behavioral Health in 2014, if the part of Federal Healthcare Reform about Medicaid coverage at 133% of poverty goes through, because the option for Medicaid eligibility will open up to people needing and requesting substance abuse services that are not currently Medicaid eligible. It is an opportunity to think about in terms of focusing workforce on these people.

Dr. Hellwich gave a Department of Corrections update. She has been traveling, evaluating the inmate rehabilitation programs in prisons. She intended to add and change components related to domestic violence to help bring about awareness in males about their own potential victimology, as well as the potential for being perpetrators. The second piece is to also offer the exact same education program to the women in a short-term capacity. The two other components are offering parenting programs for men and for women. She intends to look at better parenting programs that will incorporate more domestic violence issues and appropriate healthy relationships within the entire family. She will see what the outcomes are and how they play into other variables in helping to reduce re-arrests for domestic violence or assaults.

From the Department of Education and Early Development, Chair Owen reported that the efforts have been predominantly around the Fourth R curriculum. The CDVSA supported the evaluation of that. She described the Fourth R curriculum training at the School Health and Wellness Institute in October: there were about 30 people at the one-day training, and then the Institute had school staff from about 25 school districts. They covered bullying prevention and suicide prevention, and Linda Chamberlain did a couple of sessions that were very popular.

Ms. Brown remarked that the depth of what the Council is discussing and doing has expanded quite a bit compared to what she found recently when browsing through packets from roughly 2000 to 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

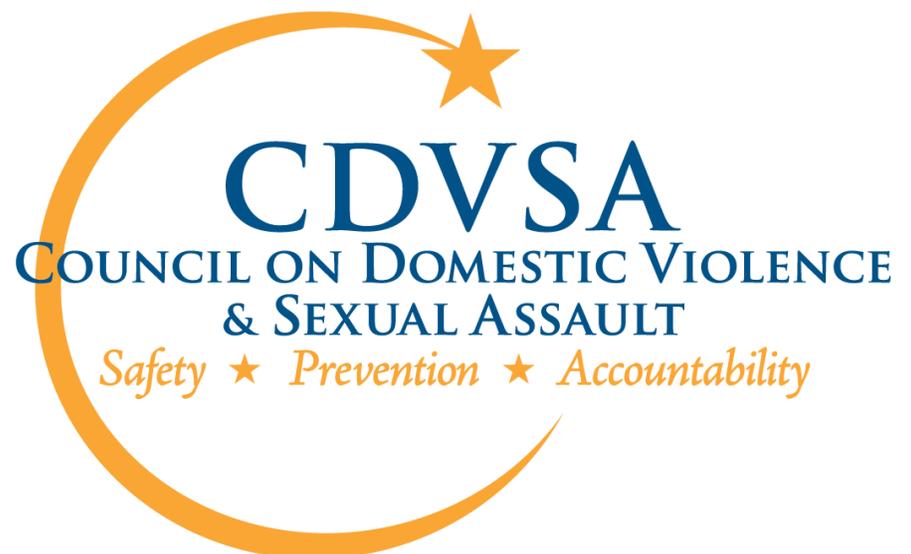
The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Svobodny and seconded by Dr. Hellwich.

Note: An outside contractor prepared the summary minutes. For more details, please refer to the recording of the meeting that is on file at the CDVSA offices.

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2nd Quarter Statistics FY12

Victim Service Programs



FVPSA Outcome Measures

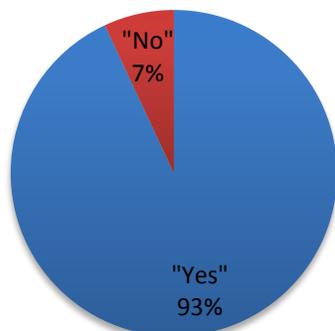
□ Description of these Measures:

- For each program area from which programs collected outcome data, programs must indicate how many surveys were completed & how many YES responses were received from 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?

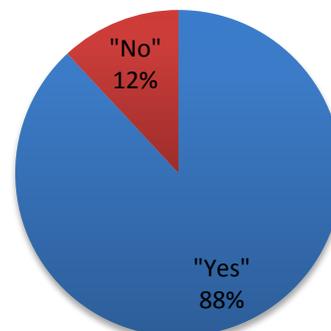
		Shelter	Non-residential Support and Advocacy	Counseling	Non-residential Support Groups	TOTAL
1st	Surveys completed	304	228	55	237	824
	Yes to Resource Outcome	267	219	49	214	749
	Yes to Safety Outcome	275	217	49	229	770
2nd	Surveys completed	217	171	39	177	604
	Yes to Resource Outcome	200	165	28	169	562
	Yes to Safety Outcome	196	155	23	158	532
TOTAL	Surveys completed	521	399	94	414	1,428
	Yes to Resource Outcome	467	384	77	383	1,311
	Yes to Safety Outcome	471	372	72	387	1,302

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Resources Question



Safety Question



Funded Victim Service Programs

Goals & Objectives FY12 Quarter 2

<u>Objective</u>	<u># of</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Provide nights of safe shelter to adult victims and children	nights	26,019	22,588	48,607
	adult victims	741	473	1,214
	children	452	330	782
Maintain a 24-hour crisis line	crisis calls	3,904	3,207	7,111
Provide legal advocacy services	# services	5,419	4,250	9,669
	adult individuals	1,835	1,778	3,613
Provide accompaniments to sexual assault survivors during forensic or medical exams	accompaniments	255	213	468
Provide trainings to village/ community service, safe home, and rural service providers	trainings	20	50	70
	providers	327	940	1,267
Provide age-appropriate presentations to students	presentations	352	550	902
	students	7,381	12,512	19,893
Provide trainings to first responders who interact with victims of violence	trainings	63	81	144
	first responders	931	2,660	3,591
Provide educational presentations to community members on dv/sa	presentations	158	210	368
# of volunteers who were active with agency	volunteers	888	878	1,766
	hours	12,806	17,388	30,194
Meet with community partners	meetings	467	550	1,017

Second Quarter Protective Orders

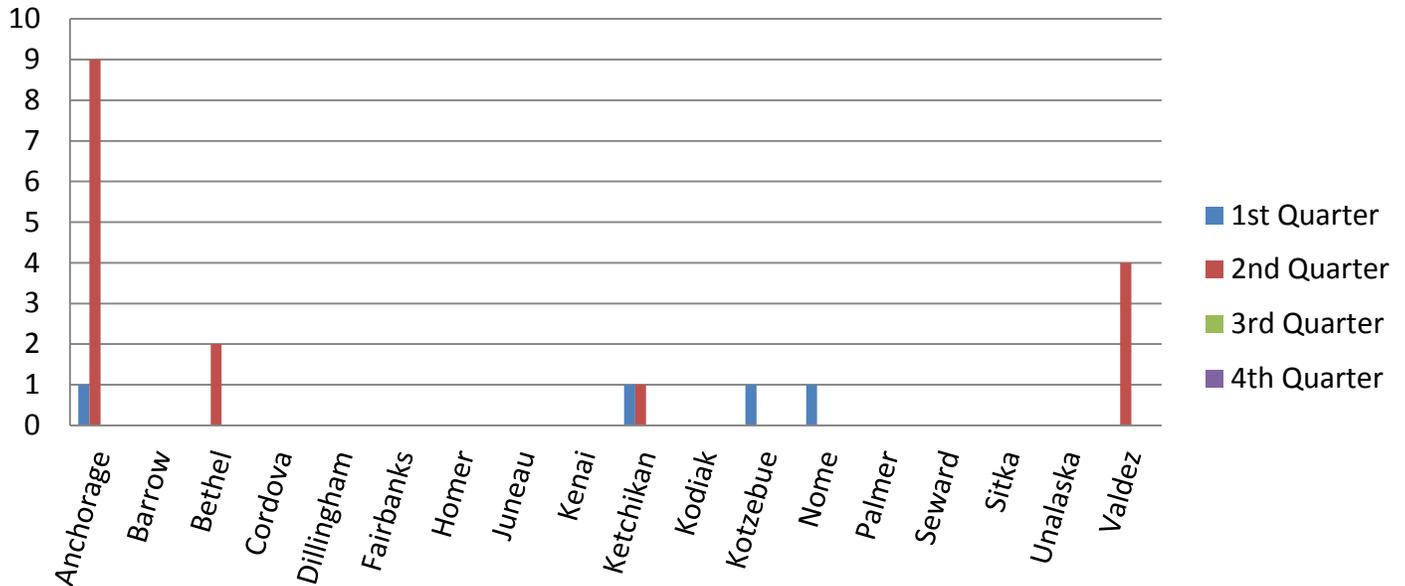
Funded Program	Type of Order Sought	Domestic Violence		Stalking		Sexual Assault		Funded Program	Type of Order Sought	Domestic Violence		Stalking		Sexual Assault	
		Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted			Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted
AFS	20-Day	202	64	39	11	0	0	MFCC	20-Day	32	30	9	8	7	7
	Long Term	99	34	25	4	0	0		Long Term	30	19	9	4	7	7
AVV	20-Day	3	3	0	0	1	0	SAFE	20-Day	9	8	1	1	0	0
	Long Term	4	4	0	0	1	0		Long Term	8	2	1	1	0	0
AWAIC	20-Day	104	90					SAFV	20-Day	2	2				
	Long Term	99	24						Long Term	1	1				
AWARE	20-Day	12	12	1	1	1	1	SCS	20-Day	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Long Term	7	6	1	1	0	0		Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0
AWIC	20-Day	3	1	2	1	1	1	SPHH	20-Day	9	7	2	1	0	0
	Long Term			1	1				Long Term	6	3	0	0		
BSWG	20-Day	3	3					STAR	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Long Term								Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0
CFRC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	TWC	20-Day	31	27	2	1	1	1
	Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0		Long Term	26	15	2	0	1	0
IAC	20-Day	28	28	1	0	0	0	USAFV	20-Day	2	2	1	1	1	0
	Long Term	17	11	1	0	0	0		Long Term	1	1	0	0	0	0
KWRCC	20-Day	8	5	1	1	1	1	VFJ	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Long Term	3	0	0	0	1	1		Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSC	20-Day	18	15	4	4	0	0	WISH	20-Day	6	6	0	0	0	0
	Long Term	18	2	4	2	0	0		Long Term	1	1	0	0	0	0

Second Quarter VSP Protective Orders



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

FY12 Quarter 2 Deaths by City



KETCHIKAN

This quarter a woman was found dead on a small barge in the downtown area of Ketchikan and currently there is an investigation as to the cause of death. She was a wonderful woman that WISH had the honor of knowing. The last time we saw her, she was getting back on her feet with a job and her own place.

VALDEZ

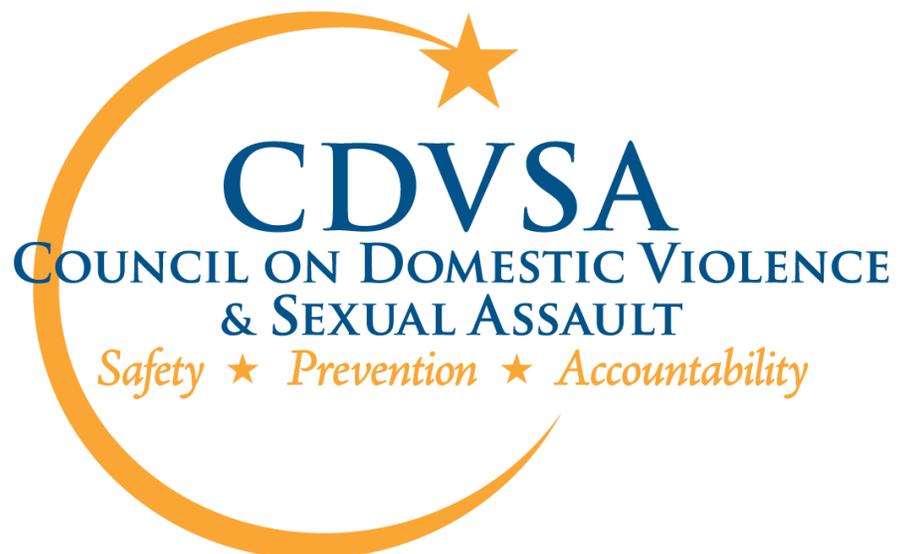
A mother and her two children ages 5 and 7 died tragically this quarter. The woman had expressed desire to relocate closer to a facility where she can get medical treatment as a result of domestic violence and to be away from the perpetrator. After all arrangements were finalized, the woman and the children were excited to move on with the new venture. On the actual day of departure from Valdez, the road begins to be treacherous due to weather condition. Two hours before they reach their final destination, the mother lost control of the vehicle and it slid off the road. The vehicle then rolled at least once and came to rest upside down partially submerged in the lake. The mother died on the scene. The children were pronounced dead at the hospital.

ANCHORAGE

We had multiple violent crimes in Anchorage, some related to domestic violence. An Anchorage man, Tae Won Ro, 40 hanged himself after stabbing his girlfriend, Yoo Jin Kim to death in their Anchorage home on November 29, 2011.

2nd Quarter Program Narratives FY12

Victim Service Programs



AFS (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

□ **Successes:**

□ Individual Successes

- We had two women graduate from Our Women's Residential Reunification & Action Program
- We had nine women move into safe, secure housing.

□ Support group

- Our Support group also continues to grow, including several women and children who have never been residents of the shelter.
- Alpaca therapy is becoming a big success. Franz and Martin are especially popular, and the children are training them to jump through a hoop.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Number of residents in shelter decreased during holiday season

- During the holiday season we were down in the number of residents in the shelter.
- This is both a good sign and a cause for concern. On one hand, having low numbers could mean that the premise that Domestic Violence is wrong is being successfully promoted, and on the other hand it could mean that domestic violence is not being addressed enough and people are not seeking resources to tackle the issue.

□ Improvements in shelter procedures in response to a grievance

- In response to a grievance, the compliance Officer generated a list of recommendations including posting Resident Complaint/Suggestion Form where Residents do not have to ask Staff for them, expanding chart notes to include inappropriate behavior.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Outreach to all people, including in surrounding communities

- Alaska Family Services continually strives to meet the clients where they are at, and provide services that are easily understood.
- We have advocates in the court house, at the shelter and advocates who travel to surrounding communities assisting those in need.

□ Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- We had several events to raise awareness and support victims/survivors/conquerors, including:
- A month-long display at the UAA Mat-Su College Campus
- The Clothes Line Project display highlighting local stories of domestic violence,
- Movie viewing and panel discussion

AVV (Valdez) – Advocates for Victims of Violence

□ **Successes:**

- Youth Services after school programs “Express Yourself” and “Girls’ Time” started
 - The excitement of both the school staff and the students was overwhelming.
 - Everyone’s looking forward to new ideas and activities with the new Youth Services Coordinator.
- A week long crisis intervention training was held in Valdez
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Proclamation during the City Council meeting
 - We hosted a Fun Run, a 3K and 5K walk/run with both adult and child categories.
 - Concluded with a Candlelight vigil, honoring survivors and remembering victims of DV.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

- Changing face of “Teen Talk” after school program for teenagers to make it more effective
 - Partnered with several agencies to make it more effective and inviting.
 - “Tail gate” a free barbeque and arts and crafts event to kick off the program, was attended by 35.
- Raising Awareness of Services
 - We stock brochures throughout town, and post our phone number in stores and bathrooms.
 - We reach out through collaboration with other organizations, presenting on AVV services.
 - We participate in community events such as manning a booth in the open market, and parades.
 - We have ads on the radio, in the newspaper and high school sports magazine, and the L.A.W. book.
 - As part of a new contract, AVV’s services are shown at the Valdez Civic Center before each film.
- Holiday Projects
 - AVV participated in Valdez’s annual Halloween Carnival.
 - AVV made Thanksgiving food baskets, and also gathered Christmas presents for victims’ children.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- Increase in foreign nationals seeking services during this quarter
 - Some of them were referred to Alaska Immigration Justice Project.
- Four deaths related to domestic violence
 - A mother and her two children ages 5 and 7, died in a car accident while preparing to relocate away from domestic violence in Valdez. AVV staff worked with the hospital clinician and school counselor to debrief school students and staff.
 - A long time victim of abuse and recipient of our services committed suicide.

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

- Tremendous winter storms put stress on Valdez victims and AVV
 - AVV coordinated with the City of Valdez to assist families with limited means.
 - The City of Valdez included AVV on its list to clear snow from the roof and entryways.
- AVV collaboration with OCS on supervised visitation
 - We were also present in most of the CINA to better help the children.

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

□ **Successes:**

□ Over Capacity for 52% of quarter, but able to maintain quality services

- 98% of participants reported that they were treated with respect and care.
- The children’s program had 97% positive rate in all questions including safety, respect, and usefulness of children’s groups.
- 119 people completed Quality Service Evaluations, which we use to improve our services.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- AWAIC worked with local organizations to sponsor a wide variety of awareness activities.
- The state and municipal proclamations were shared with the public and media at the Opening Ceremonies event, featuring video addresses from Senators Begich and Murkowski.
- The successful collaboration between AWAIC and Romig Middle School was honored at the event.
- This month, AWAIC participated in a joint press conference with the UAA Justice Center about their recently completed Statewide Victimization Survey. Afterwards, our ED provided interviews to media about domestic violence services in Anchorage.
- AWAIC’s premier fundraiser, the Silent Nights, Starry Nights Gala, took in \$150,000.

□ Radio interview in response to Anchorage murder suicide

- Our ED discussed our interpreter and multilingual services, and the Immigration Justice Project.

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

□ Homeless Coalition

- The Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness held their annual conference, with 130+ attendees. Our ED is chair. Topics included domestic violence, the SOAR program, Housing First, HMIS, Prisoner Re-Entry, youth homelessness, and the Child In Transition Program.
- AWAIC serves as the point of contact for the Emergency Cold Weather Plan.
- AWAIC also collaborates with Beyond Shelter Steering Committee, and the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Committee.

□ Collaboration with STAR, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, and Akeela

- The group developed an estimate of what it would cost to provide substance abuse and mental health services in an expedited manner to victims as well as address housing needs.
- The group has sent a letters of inquiry to many different organizations about the possibility of developing such a project in Anchorage.

□ Other Collaboration

- The Anchorage Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Caucus completed strategic planning this quarter and began the development of an MOU to include all of the partner agencies.
- The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) started a review on a new DV fatality.
- Covenant House Alaska will contract AWAIC provide dating violence groups and advocacy.
- A second Intake Specialist for the Anchorage DV Prevention Project has been hired.

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

□ **Successes:**

□ Core Services

- A return to more typical numbers seeking services has enabled us to provide better advocacy, and creatively solve housing difficulties, as Alaska housing assistance has slowed down this quarter.
- We've been meeting with many funding sources to look into funding for the construction of a new 6 unit extended stay shelter.

□ Support for Adults and Children

- New art based format helps people process and express feelings that they perhaps can't verbalize.
- Groups help children learn to cope with their emotions, and understand what they can control.
- 9 out of 10 children in shelter completed safety plans and reviewed them with their parent.

□ Prevention

- We hired a new Community Engagement Advocate to engage men and boys in prevention. His areas of focus will be Let Me Run, Coaching Boys Into Men, and Alaska Men Choose Respect.
- Girls on the Run continues to be a great success, with 100 participants and 44 coaches, at 3 local elementary schools and 4 rural towns.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Publicity Outreach Community Involvement

- Staff presented booths on Healthy Relationships at a Women's and at UAS's Health Fair.
- Annual AWAREness Race "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" was a success again!
- Partnered with Karate club to offer a women's self defense class, strengthening women's voices.
- Sponsored showing of DV documentary "Telling Amy's Story" and reception/discussion after.
- Great recognition in the Juneau Empire, including photo of our ED with vice-president Biden, photos and articles about the AWAREness Race, the Victimization Survey, a Grant award, etc.

□ Rural Outreach

- Our Rural and Community Outreach Coordinator traveled with others to Skagway and Hoonah to make critical contacts with rural people and providers, and to provide training for rural GOTR.

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

□ Training with other agencies

- Coordinated training on Coordinated Community Response to DV, including attendees from law enforcement, victim and batterer services, Headstart, CAC staff, Tribal Representatives, JYS, etc.
- Staff learned about complex trauma and got to network at the Juneau Trauma Institute.

□ Collaboration with Other Agencies

- AWARE is working closely with the Crisis Intervention Specialist at JPD. Our relationship has brought victims to our attention who may not have sought us out otherwise.
- AWARE worked collaboratively in many settings including SART meetings, our MDT, DART, and the Juneau Homeless Coalition, with OCS, Law Enforcement, SAIL, and others.
- With support from Alaska Legal Services, AWARE sponsored our first monthly Legal Clinic.

AWIC (Barrow) – Arctic Women in Crisis

□ **Successes:**

□ Improvements and successes with core services

- This quarter we connected eight adult survivors of child sexual abuse with community resources.
- We expect to move to a new facility in February; we're refining security and other features.
- Our Tribal Victim Assistance Grant Project Progress Report was chosen as "Exemplary" and used in the FY'11 Grantee Resource Guide as an example for other grantees nationwide.
- In partnership with STAR, AWIC Coordinator and staff developed a Crisis Line Cheat Sheet specific to AWIC, including helpful statements for answering crisis calls, and mandatory reporting guidelines for AWIC advocates and Safe Home Providers.
- Lucy and Dawn are doing great, and enjoying the extra cold weather. We are just completing our last knitting projects with their wool from last spring.

□ Activities for students

- Katie Tepas participated with the Family Night Group, creating colorful lotus flowers as part of a positive meditation. A workshop at the Kiita Learning Center brought the same activity to students.
- AWIC sponsored a Peace Coloring activity for elementary and middle students in village schools.
- In November, AWIC initiated its bullying education workshops with K-8th grade students.

□ We had Sexual Assault Counselor/Advocate training

- Focus was on crisis intervention rather than long-term counseling.
- SANE Jennifer Meyer and STAR Advocate Erin Patterson taught the two-day workshop to 30 participants from AWIC, Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital, Native Village of Barrow, Integrated Behavioral Health, the North Slope Borough Wellness Center, and NSB PD.
- AWIC hosted six Safe Home Providers who attended the training.

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

□ Collaboration with the North Slope Police Department

- We're working with the hospital and the PD on developing written protocols for SART.
- AWIC and the local PD received Legal Advocacy Training through ANDVSA this quarter.
- Advocates continue to meet monthly with the NSPD to provide village POs with updated VCCB and OVR information and applications.
- With ANDVSA, the Boys and girls club, and the local PD, we recruited 23 students for the "When I am an Elder" campaign. Videos air on local TV, and are available on ANDVSA's website.
- With the local police, AWIC put on a Christmas Craft workshop for 40 children, over two days.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Outreach to community members

- Distributed 1,500 DV Awareness Placemats for local restaurants and flyers for villages.
- We distributed information about the OVR and the VCCB to 50 community members.
- Each quarter, advocates staff a table in the bank lobby and/or local AC store.
- We have formed partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club and with the Arctic Slope Native Association. Each community agency can reach community members in ways the others can't.

BSWG (Nome) – Bering Sea Women’s Group

□ **Successes and Outreach**

□ Training and meetings

- Four staff went to trainings. Violet attended the ANDVSA meeting.

□ Collaborative outreach events

- Two staff members sat at the Community Health Fair. Approximately 600 adults and children stopped by. We did it with the CAC and SART Directors.
- Sgt. Merrill from the troopers and Barb Cromwell the SART Coordinator and Scotty Watkins from Wells Fargo talked at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month open house at the XYZ senior center.

□ Media outreach

- BSWG has PSAs and a weekly ad in the Nome Nugget.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ New kind of violence

- We had a case of “fisting” which caused the victim to have a miscarriage. The perpetrator evidently saw this on T. V.

□ Dramatic increase in use of shelter, and Safe Homes

- 109 safe home nights in the second quarter, 56 in the first quarter, and 23 in FY 2011.
- \$40/night stipend is putting a strain on the budget.

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

□ Cooperation between NEST and BSWG

- NEST has been open during this very cold weather but they are really a “sleep off center”.
- There is currently no place for homeless women with children to go.
- We also had a male with 5 children who could not stay at NEST. NEST and BSWG each paid for a week at a local hotel and BSWG took over food for him. NEST and BSWG are going to try and get continued low rates.

□ SART and CAC both functioning extremely well

- New directors are committed, and all agencies attend regularly, with exception of Nome PD
- There is concern that the almost all new staff of the Nome PD are not doing the forensic follow up.

□ AA and alcoholism

- The Director got AA meetings started again. Unfortunately last week all of our clients were in jail. The problem with alcoholism is not improving.
- Sgt. Merrill says that 98% of all crime up here is alcohol related.

□ Behavioral Health will send a counselor once a week to do support groups at the shelter.

- They tried doing one at the hospital and no one attended.
- The family of the girl that was murdered last quarter feels that they have gotten no help from Behavioral Health here. The family made a disc recording her life from when she was little until her funeral and dropped it off here. BSWG staff has provided most of that family’s support.

CFRC (Cordova) – Cordova Family Resource Center

□ **Successes:**

□ Lead On! Conference

- Youth and E.D. traveled to Lead-on Conference where youth presented at the conference.

□ Executive Director continues making progress on SART

- E.D. continued to provide coordination/leadership on the SART Guidelines committee, attend meeting in Anchorage/Juneau as well as teleconferences.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Education and collaboration in schools

- During Domestic violence awareness month we continued our Peer Helper program meeting 3 times a week. Worked on a presentation with them.
- We provided a Bully prevention presentation at the Elementary school.
- Continued weekly after school art program.

□ Community Education and Outreach

- We Held an Open House for the community, provided information, materials, drawing for our Raffle fundraiser.
- Meet with EMT's on signs of abuse and mandatory reporting.

□ Outreach through Radio, TV, facebook, online community calendar, and newspaper

- We reach out to the community using PSAs on the local radio and on the GCI scanner channel.
- The paper is in print again! We have been able to put information in the paper and have office hours, and contact numbers in the community calendar portion of the paper weekly.
- We also post information on our agency facebook page as well as the online community Calendar.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- We our sad to announce that MuuMuu, the second Alpaca we acquired as part of the AAV grant died of distemper this November. We buried her in the back yard.

□ Turnover at Police station makes working with law enforcement challenging

- We received a new Police who took over in the month of October.
- This is unfortunate; we have had 3 chiefs in the last 1 1/2-2 years.
- It makes things difficult and inconsistent at the local law enforcement level.

□ Changes in school elective schedule still present challenges

- It has been great working with the school district on prevention efforts. Due to the school changing from a block class schedule to a daily class schedule we have lost our elective class.
- We have decided to work with youth one-on-one and at lunch hour to continue the program.

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

□ Collaboration with Churches

- Meet with local church leaders to go over services and needs in our community
- Worked with the Catholic Church to again provide the good touch bad touch training to all church youth and leaders during the month October.

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

□ **Successes:**

□ Individual Success

- A woman came to the shelter with her child after several years of abuse from her partner. She stayed in the shelter for about 3 months and ran into obstacle after obstacle in trying to regain her independence. This woman had cancer and although she was exhausted and beat down she obtained a job and eventually an Alaska Housing voucher. She was turned down by many landlords. A few days before Christmas she got a call that a landlord was going to rent to her. She was reserved as nothing had worked out before. She began moving in Christmas Eve and when she went to begin to move her stuff in there was a decorated Christmas tree in the house. The look of success and pride on her face when she checked out of the shelter on Christmas day was wonderful!

□ Holiday activities provide a sense of normalcy for children

- We provided costumes and trick-or-treating throughout the building during Halloween.
- Christmas was amazing this year due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals.

□ Housing is slow and full, but otherwise the programs are successful

- While there is still a long wait for Alaska Housing but we have still have success helping participants access housing. This takes anywhere from 4-8 months with a DV preference.
- Due to the wait, the shelter remains full most nights and there is still a need for overflow beds.
- Pre-transitional housing is a well utilized program that continues to be full. The individuals in this program are eager to experience success and are utilizing the program to its fullest extent.
- Transitional housing remains continuously full, and individuals served are being successful.
- Permanent supportive housing still has its original occupants and continues to operate effectively.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Town Meeting to present the results of the victimization survey

- Held by the Domestic Violence Task Force, this was attended by member of the CDVSA, representatives of the Governor's office, local mayors, law enforcement, and the general public.

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

□ Success coordinating with local agencies and clinics

- We've had success with helping individuals get into counseling and receive mental health services.
- We've also helped individuals get reinstated at a local clinic after missing too many appointments, by educating about the dynamics of DV.

□ Reinstatement of in-house DV Coordinator through the troopers a great success

- This invaluable resource has enabled victims to receive services that they might have given up on.

□ Inter-Agency Collaboration

- We participated in SART meetings, and in the statewide SART training
- We continue to provide a representative with TDM meetings with OCS and this is a great way to get victims into shelter services, who might have otherwise missed it.
- We participated in the local law enforcement academy, raising awareness of DV and services.

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

□ **Successes:**

- Continuing collaboration with our Community Counseling Center gets much positive feedback.
- KWRCC has successfully been able to meet the rising demand for safe shelter in Kodiak.
- KWRCC completed the final 2 of 4 in our Fall Beginning Advocacy Class that started in September. The class consists of 6 staff members and 4 volunteers.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Green Dot

- KWRCC has been active in the Green Dot campaign to promote early detection and safe intervention ideas possibly preventing violence before it occurs, as part of Turning the Tide.

□ Outreach and media

- Governor Parnell and some staff visited KWRCC and received a tour.
- Coordinators had a table at a Health Fair in the Native village of Old Harbor.
- We continue to provide Weekly PSAs about our services.
- Our ED, along with our DA were featured on a public radio talk show about DV and SA in Kodiak.

□ Community Events

- Paws for Peace event recognized that pets are often targeted in domestic violence
- In November, coordinators had a table at a Kodiak special “Women in Business” gathering.
- Coordinators had an ornament making event at our Local St. Mary’s Holiday Bazaar.
- Very successful annual Prayer Service remembering those who lost their lives to DV in Alaska.
- KWRCC helped coordinate the Kodiak Giving Tree, bringing holiday gifts to 50 families in need.

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

□ Child Advocacy Center coming online

- Statewide protocols are being finalized, and CAC staff is moving into the new building.
- The CAC has started to take on cases.

□ Sexual Assault Response Team almost ready

- Five health providers have begun training, which will conclude in Kodiak in March
- Through a MOU the adult program will be able to use space at the CAC for Adult SART cases.

□ SAFTEE meeting was successful

- In November Kodiak’s SAFTEE team hosted a community provider’s round table discussion to help identify service gaps and needs in Kodiak to best focus these collaborative efforts.
- The 17 participants were a mixture of OCS workers, shelter staff, tribal ICWA workers, behavioral health counselors, and a VPSO.

□ Regular collaborative meetings

- We held our quarterly Intercultural Task Force meeting in September
- We hosted our Monthly multidisciplinary DV task force meetings.
- KWRCC attends the Homeless Coalition meetings

LSC (Kenai/Soldotna) – LeeShore Center

□ **Successes:**

□ Core Services

- LeeShore provided 1140 bednights to 21 women and 16 children during the first quarter.
- Non-shelter services provided to 87 individuals included: 1642 referrals; 103 crisis calls; assistance to 77 individuals with crime compensation information; and 2268 victim-requested safety calls.

□ Individual Successes

- A young woman that had been in and out of our shelter for many years came back to shelter this quarter. She had reported her abuser, who was arrested, charged and is spending the next few years in jail. While in shelter, she was able to secure subsidized housing for herself and children. This was the first time she ever obtained a place of her own. She is happy and thriving.
- Another woman, who had a long and generational history of domestic violence, was able to make some major life changes while in shelter. She too eventually secured subsidized housing for herself, the first apartment she had ever obtained. She is focused on the positive aspects of her life and very happy and excited with the changes that have happened.
- A stalking victim with multiple disabilities came to us for assistance. She needed a personal care attendant part time in shelter but we were able to accommodate her special needs and assist her with legal advocacy, for which she was able to obtain a protection order. With assistance, she was also able to convey the seriousness of her situation to her landlord, who consequently worked on increasing safety precautions at her place of residence so she was able to return home.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Efforts to reach underserved populations

- LeeShore continues to provide community education, public service announcements, and to work collaboratively with multiple community partners.

□ Community Involvement

- LeeShore held its annual meeting November 1st with over 80 attendees. We provided numerous awards during the evening. Attendees were very positive and appreciative of the recognition.
- LeeShore was the recipient of 96 quilts lovingly made by the Kenai Piecemakers for the children residing at our emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities. This is an annual event we look forward to each year and every child residing with us during the year gets to pick out their own keepsake quilt.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- The time required for shelter residents to obtain housing assistance was greatly reduced this past quarter. We saw multiple clients obtain assistance quickly, reducing their length of stay in shelter.

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

- LeeShore co-hosted a local Tribal Forum with Kenaitze Indian Tribe, which focused on domestic violence and sexual assault within the Native community.

MFCC (Kotzebue) – Maniilaq Family Crisis Center

□ **Successes:**

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities a huge success
 - Kotzebue sponsored two dances; teen and adult with door prizes, dinner, and a silent auction.
 - The teens were asked to finish the sentence.... “what does respect mean to you” and the responses were amazing. We had over 150 participants at the two functions.
 - We had a guest speaker, Reggie Joule at the adult function and it was also well received.
 - We had numerous community volunteers and the teens want to do it again.
- We now have a fully functioning sexual assault rotation team at the shelter.
 - This is no longer the function of one or two advocates, but rather a pool. This has provided an opportunity for the group to meet and discuss the effects of this work individually. This has been huge in the overall wellness of the staff.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

- We had participation from many of the surrounding villages as well.
 - Selawik went to the school and spent time with the 6th graders with the troopers, family members, and the teacher
 - Noorvik had an evening function with over 70 participants. The counselor, the village-based workers, and the principal of the school were there and spoke.
 - Kiana, Ambler and Shungnak all held domestic violence awareness events in each of the villages
- Work with outlying villages successful despite loss of outreach advocate.
 - Her work laid the groundwork for us to continue working with the victims in the outlying villages.
 - We now have regular contact with the villages; they call the crisis center; whereas before they weren't certain who to contact.
 - Although it is difficult to measure the improvement in our relationships, we can see great improvement by virtue of their regular contact and questions and responses.
 - We continue to disseminate the safe home information and keep the people informed as to services that are available.
- When I am An Elder video
 - We created our own Kotzebue video using the children from our local middle and high school – “When I am an Elder.” We played this video for the participants of our dances and other community activities and it was very well received.
- Community events
 - “Respect for Elders” Youth cooking and serving elder’s muffins and coffee.
 - 4th and 5th graders participating in drawing safe homes and those drawings are being used to create a calendar.

SAFE (Dillingham) – Safe & Fear-Free Environment

□ **Successes:**

□ Individual success

- We provided safe shelter and extensive medical advocacy for an elderly woman with disabilities who is a survivor of both child sexual abuse and domestic violence as an adult.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ SAFE hosted workshop on the impact of FASD on Criminal and Civil Justice

- Deb Evensen, one of Alaska's best known experts on working with children and adults with disabilities resulting from fetal alcohol exposure, helped lead the workshop.
- While FASD manifests itself in many different ways, one common impact is that people with a FASD are at higher risk of victimization.
- In addition, the secondary impact of FASD can make a person much more likely to be a perpetrator of crime. Estimates are that as many as 70% of young men affected by fetal alcohol exposure will be in some trouble with the law before their 18th birthday.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Bristol Bay Superior Court Judge new appointment

- SAFE's ED and SART coordinators testified about the Court system and DV/SA victims
- Public Defender Pat Douglas was selected. Since she worked for the Police Department, she may have to abstain for several years from hearing cases she had prior involvement with.

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

□ Collaboration with news reporter

- Through our OJP/Rural DV grant, we send KDLG reporter Daysha Eaton to a conference on how to report cases involving domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Eaton will provide presentations on what she learned to advocacy groups and news organizations throughout the state.
- She also provided presentation on things crime victims should know when talking to the press.

□ Bristol Bay Victimization Survey released during Community Justice Alliance meeting

- The presence of the Council members and Commissioners, made the issues up close and personal for the people of Bristol Bay and gave emphasis for action that cannot be diminished or ignored.

□ Bristol Bay Women's Health Study and Native Association Visioning Project Report

- The Visioning Project Report highlighted substance abuse and DV as the two things the people of our region would most like to change.
- These data will inform many of our decisions about victim services and are already helping to improve screening, referrals and collaborations for the benefit of persons in need.
- We are already beginning to see the benefits, including a significant number of women (and some men) who have let us know how this information affected them and asked for ways they can help to change these awful numbers.
- Collaborating on these things with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Rural Tour afforded SAFE an unprecedented opportunity to build and strengthen community relations.

SAFV (Sitka) – Sitkans Against Family Violence

□ **Successes:**

- The Children’s Program Coordinator attended a Strengthening Families training
 - She will be collaborating with Prevention and other members of the TACSEI leadership team in Sitka to provide a small training to those that work in the early learning centers and pre-schools.
 - The TACSEI leadership team consists of many community agency members from various daycare/early learning centers, the school district, SAFV, and the Early Learning Program.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

- Media Outreach
 - SAFV’s quarterly newsletter was sent out to 750 organizations and households.
 - We advertise our crisis line in the phone book and on brochures all over town.
- Choose Respect Mural
 - SAFV introduced part the documentary about the mural at a community entertainment function.
 - SAFV hosted the unveiling of the mural at Blatchley Middle School. Joining us was Katie Tepas.
- Community Involvement
 - The final 5K run was held in December during blizzard conditions. It was heartwarming to see the handful of young boys and the dedicated coaches who braved the weather to come and run.
 - Our Christmas party has turned into one of SAFV’s biggest functions, with 75 attendees.
 - SAFV has been involved in the planning for a designated day in January to provide wrap around services and resources to Sitka’s homeless population.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- We are in transition with the termination of Executive Director. Services have not been interrupted.
- Some of the advocate positions have been temporarily re-distributed.

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

- The DV Task Force, facilitated by SAFV staff, continues monthly meetings.
 - We have regular attendance by the District Attorney Office, Medical Social Services, Public Health, Sitka Police Dept, therapists, OCS among others.
 - The meeting provides a format for agencies to talk about their services.
- SART collaboration is picking up.
 - The Sitka Tribe has begun a sexual assault response and Sitka PD has rejoined efforts.
 - They’ve committed to send an investigator and several advocates to the training in Fairbanks.
- The Sitka Tribe Safe Haven Visitation Center has folded.
 - With a new General Manager at the Tribe reviewing the grant and the timeline, they decided it was prudent to not open at all. We were all very disappointed to hear this as we know the need is great, and we had trained several sets of Safe Haven staff in domestic violence.
- Collaboration with Sitka Tribe Social Services on a transitional housing grant
 - These funds will provide first and last rental money and other money. We hope it will assist in reducing the number of long term shelter residents who are unable to afford independent housing.

SCS (Seward) – Seaview Community Services

□ **Successes:**

□ Core Services

- DVSA Coordinator is enthusiastically pursuing education opportunities for the community and is receiving tremendous support. The program is getting on track and as a result more individuals are seeking services.
- This quarter we organized, decorated, cleaned out, and restored DVSA section and storage closet.
- We researched and organized upcoming women's support group focusing on wellness and women's health and daily living needs.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Outreach

- Did outreach to Providence Seward Hospital, ER, Glacier Family Medical Clinic, Police Department personnel, and Safeway Manager, OCS, Children's Advocacy Center, Chugachmiut, NorthStar, City Council members, Magistrate, ALSC, AWAIC, Leeshore, etc.
- Although there was no Coordinator in place, the SeaView Prevention Director placed 6 boxes of literature and purple ribbons in businesses around town for DVAM. She also had a table at the AVTEC and community health fairs, with information and handouts about Domestic Violence
- Wrote and published DVSA article in Seward Journal signaling new staff in DV program.

□ A Valentine's Day bake sale planned in February

- Purpose is to gain exposure for the program, as well as raise funds for the new quarter.
- This will take place at the local Safeway, and will include educational materials and information.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Resignations and Staff Turnover

- The DVSA Coordinator resigned from her position in July 2011. The new DVSA Coordinator began on November 28th, 2011.
- The previous advocate also resigned in January and has not been replaced. As the position was vacant for several months, outreach and education were not given attention, as the Behavioral Health Director focused on providing crisis intervention in the interim. The Executive Director also resigned in 2011.

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

□ Inter-program coordination

- Contacted key personnel in DVSA Network to help assist with training needs, and input of program data, and case management.
- SeaView has also reinstated its membership with ANDVSA in the 2nd quarter.

□ Other Collaboration

- Met with several health and medical professionals and local high school, government and police personnel to provide exposure to the program and generate new ideas and collaboration for the previously dormant DVSA program.

SPHH (Homer) – South Peninsula Haven House

□ **Successes:**

- Success putting on educational community awareness event.
 - The event included issues of trauma and effects of trauma on child development.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

- Choose respect educational day was well attended by 29 men and women,
 - This included an interactive presentation of In Her Shoes, and Silent Witness. Dr. Linda Chamberland presented concerning the effects of violence on children.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- A Community assessment identified domestic violence as a top community concern.
 - Substance abuse was also identified as such.
- Animal Therapy Expansion Unsuccessful
 - We officially expanded our very successful AAV animal therapy program to include Emus this quarter with the generous donation of three animals, but the program had to be abandoned due to safety concerns.

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

- DV/SA task group
 - A local DV/SA task group meets twice monthly addressing on going issues and community solutions.
 - This group is currently looking at community survey process as they pertain to these issues and assessing possible solutions.
- Haven House staff attends and hosts an MDT meeting
 - The meeting is focused on child victims and system response.

STAR (Anchorage) – Standing Together Against Rape

□ Outreach and Community Education:

□ Media Events

- STAR supported AWAIC's Domestic Violence Awareness Month Opening Ceremony
- STAR participated in a press conference with the UAA Justice Center about their recently completed Statewide Victimization Survey.

□ Outreach

- STAR provided more training on sexual harassment to the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union.
- We did outreach and passed out literature to the Alaska Federation of Natives.
- Weekly educational groups are offered at Covenant House for teenagers experiencing homelessness.
- Outreach efforts occurred on a mostly weekly basis to the Brother Francis shelter and Bean's Café.

□ Areas of Success or Concern with Community Partners:

□ Community Coordination

- In October, a SART team meeting included a training provided by the SARC from JBER.
- In December, a multidisciplinary presentation was hosted by Alaska CARES and Forensic Nursing Services of Providence. This allowed all facets of multidisciplinary responders to meet and share their roles with each other.
- STAR presented at a homelessness conference in October, discussing the increased risk for sexual violence faced by homeless people, and how sexual assault can lead to homelessness.

□ School Personal Safety Presentations

□ Continuing high demand for presentations

- For this quarter, STAR Educators have presented to 236 schools throughout the Anchorage School District (ASD), resulting in 4,940 students being taught skills to help keep them safer!
- For the first time, Anchorage Jr. Academy requested presentations. We presented about STAR's method of teaching personal safety. Presentations for students will start soon.

□ Coordination with school district to address abused children who step forward

- It is not uncommon for a STAR Educator to have a student disclose being abused or sexually assaulted during their presentation.
- With the help of ASD school staff and the experience and training of each STAR Educator a number of students found their voice to speak out about their abuse and ask for help.

□ Progress in high schools

- The quarter revealed a spike in the number of high school sexual assault presentations requested compared to past years. Teachers are reaching out for more information on the subject of sexual assault and healthy relationships, and several high school students have called or emailed the STAR Education Department personally requesting a presentation for their class.
- The students had the option of choosing an issue directly impacting Alaska that they would like to learn more about. Many classes chose sexual assault!

TWC (Bethel) –Tundra Women’s Coalition

□ **Successes:**

□ Quarter Highlights

- A highlight this quarter was the release of the 6 posters/9 radio ads in partnership with ANDVSA and other local organizations and individuals in the Y-K Delta. This campaign is really exciting, and people seem to really respond in a positive way to the final products.
- TWC was the most highly supported rural nonprofit in Alaska in the Pick. Click. Give. campaign.
- Support groups have been successful, and we’ve seen more work with people who have language access needs and elders.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ DV Awareness Month and Holiday Projects

- Several special events for DVAM included the Peacewalk and Potluck, Candlelight Ceremony, awareness tables at the hospital and this year a dancing and drumming event as well.
- TWC’s Children’s Program coordinates a major program called the Giving Tree in December which matches former shelter residents in need with gifts through the holidays. This is a very popular way for community members to support our program and the folks we are working with

□ TAAV is gaining national recognition amongst programs involving tribal youth.

- They went to Washington, DC in October to speak at a national OJJDP conference and have been requested to travel to New Mexico for a similar effort this summer.
- TAAV participated in and presented at the Youth & Elders conference which precedes AFN.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Increased services and budget challenges

- Services were very high in October and November.
- Our budget is an area of major concern and that could effect services in the upcoming months.

□ Possible domestic violence related deaths

- A couple died in a gun-related crime in Kipnuk- no ruling yet on whether this was a double-homicide or a murder-suicide.

□ Volunteer log has lapsed

- Utilization of our volunteer log has lapsed so recording of those activities is minimal.

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

□ Community Meetings

- Sex offender treatment program advisory (3), Elluatmun Prevention (3), SART, etc.
- Things are going well with most community partners- significant creative planning and partnerships and work products!

□ Sex offender safety net meeting

- In October, we assisted with a community workshop for community safety net members for sex offenders who return to their villages or Bethel. It was very successful.

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

□ **Successes:**

□ Flexibility for our staff members

- We were able to allow one of our full time staff members to temporarily switch to part time without major interruptions in service provision

□ Successful raffle raises \$1600

- A piece of art by an Alaskan artist along with a copy of the book in which it appeared was raffled.

□ Increase in services to non-offending family members

- Also an increase in those seeking information about how to help friends and co-workers with DV.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Domestic Violence Awareness Month luncheon attended by 50 people

- There was a panel of representatives from USAFV, Behavioral Health, the school system, public safety, and health care who answered questions and discussed community response to DV.
- The local television station recorded the event and aired it several times later after the luncheon.
- The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive.

□ Dutch Harbor satellite office has increased outreach to underserved immigrant victims

- Many populations in Unalaska are still reluctant to seek services.
- We continue to work with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault & the Alaska Immigration Justice Project to focus on reaching those populations.

□ Bilingual PSAs, and Facebook page successful

- Our bilingual advocate, who was originally hired with the grant received through ANDVSA, continues to make new PSAs that go out over the airways in both English and Tagalog.
- The Facebook page increases contact with youth and underserved groups, and we have 300 fans.

□ **Areas of Concern/Changes:**

□ Wages can't compete

- We have lost several FT staff members over the last few years because they simply could not make enough to support themselves on what we pay.
- Our cost of living here is significantly higher than nearly everywhere else in Alaska, and we are finding it difficult to compete with the City and other employers that offer such excellent benefits.

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

□ The Unalaska Interagency Cooperative

- USAFV continues to take responsibility for organization, advertising, and facilitation
- Meets monthly to bring local service providers together to share information, address issues and problems, and facilitate teamwork. The group met twice during the second quarter.

□ Other collaborations

- USAFV has excellent relationships and is regarded as a leader in human services in Unalaska
- We work with local regional, and statewide providers such as A/PIA, EAT, and the ANDVSA to ensure that all local and regional victims and other clients in crisis have access to needed services.

VFJ (Anchorage) – Victims for Justice

□ **Successes:**

□ Outreach to VOCA underserved victims is successful

- Approximately 70% of our 233 active clients this quarter were VOCA underserved. This includes victims of assault, robbery, arson, human trafficking, elder abuse, bullying, drunk driving, kidnapping, arson, and the surviving family members of homicide victims.

□ We hosted our annual Holiday Open House on December 16th.

- This is an opportunity for victims and survivors of all violent crimes to spend an evening during the holidays with others who have experienced the same trauma, helping each other get through the difficult holidays.
- At this event, guests share a meal and are invited to hang on the tree ornaments with special meaning, some representing loved ones who were victims of violent crimes.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Dramatic increase in demand for services

- At halfway through the year, we have already equaled or surpassed our annual Goals and Objectives numbers in several categories, including systems and legal advocacy for adults; individual, legal, and systems advocacy services to children; assisting families with children with VCCB and VIS; support, systems and advocacy services to non-offending family members; on-going support to families in transitional housing; determining safety status; joining vine network; and the completion of VCCB applications.
- We have experienced a very busy quarter, with more homicides than in all of the 1st 3 quarters of 2011. Most are our cases.
- We had 9 deaths this quarter that are under police investigation and may be related to domestic violence.

□ Budget Constraints

- Because of budget constraints, we had only one advocate working with clients, until we were able to bring on a graduate student intern, who has really helped us keep up.
- Covering the greater Anchorage area and the Mat-Su Valley, our service area includes more than 55% of the state's population. We have been keenly challenged to meet our mandate with sharply reduced funding, and hope that additional funds will be forthcoming in FY 2013.

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

□ Interagency Collaboration

- We work cooperatively with STAR, AWAIC and AK CARES on DV/ SA and CA cases.
- We are working with the other members of the Anchorage Caucus on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse to expand the membership of that group and define a cooperative agreement for all members. We began planning with Task Force members for recognizing 2012 National Crime Victims Rights Week.

WISH (Ketchikan) – Women in Safe Homes

□ **Successes:**

□ Initial preparation for new shelter

- WISH received a \$200,000 grant from SOA for planning and designing a new shelter.
- Work with the Foraker Pre-development program is beginning.
- Susan Christianson facilitated focus groups to assess the needs for a new shelter.
- Relocations in our current office has opened up more residential space in our current shelter.

□ Training

- Two staff attended the second session of the Praxis International Advocacy Learning Center.
- WISH Staff members participated in the Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training.

□ **Outreach and Community Involvement:**

□ Community Events

- Challenge Day dinner with 60 attendees promoted mentoring for older youth
- Prevention and education staff sponsored a Halloween Zombie ball for middle schoolers.
- Lynn Quan was in the newspaper twice, representing WISH at Ketchikan's Top Chef Competition.
- 4th Annual Women of Distinction Dinner was successful, with 200 attendees!
- Support from local organizations assured wonderful holiday dinner and gifts for WISH families.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

□ Increase in men seeking services, service gaps for men apparent

- This quarter WISH has seen a significant rise in male callers to our hotline
- Two men in particular are falling into gaps where they are feeling hopeless and the lack of services available to them are pretty obvious.
- One is 18 years old and does not fit into the local Regional Youth Facilities emergency shelter eligibility requirements because of his age, but would be at-risk if he had to go to our local homeless shelter PATH. This situation has prompted concern over what many young males face if they are forced onto the street. WISH is being very creative in working with this young man and helping him with alternatives to his current situation.

□ Former WISH client found dead on small barge

- Investigation into cause of death underway. The death shook up staff and clients who knew her.

□ In this quarter, women having an easier time finding shelter and employment

- Watching this perseverance and success has been inspiring for other program participants.

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

□ SART training was held in Ketchikan with 50 attendees

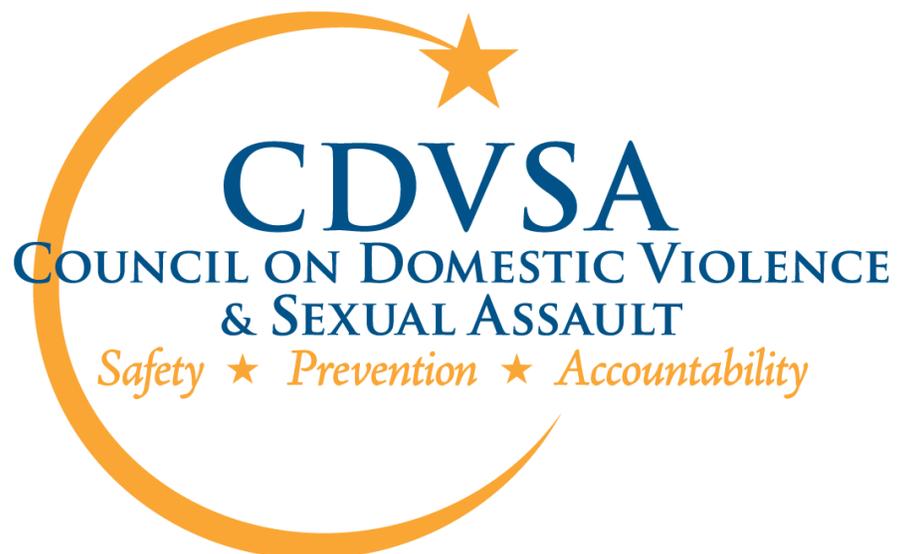
- In response, WISH has received many more calls from hospital staff in response to sexual assaults.

□ Outreach to youth, and people with substance abuse and mental health issues

- Our education specialist has been collaborating with the Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility
- Partnership with the local tribal health clinic offers groups and counseling to our clients, free.

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Batterer's Intervention Programs Community Based



BIP Statistics

BIP- Community FY12 2nd Quarter Statistics October 1 - December 31, 2011	AFS	IAC	KIC	LSC	SPHH	Q2	FY 12
	Palmer	Fairbanks	Ketchikan	Kenai	Homer	Total	YTD Total
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	10	16	1	8	3	35	239
How many written intake assessments were completed?	18	16	2	5	2	41	268
How many participants were accepted into the program?	20	16	2	5	2	43	264
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	4	15	1	3	2	23	178
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	8	40	48	110	27	206	1595
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	6	6	1	1	2	14	94
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	2	6	3	5	1	16	152
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	0	1	0	2	0	3	30
How many were repeat participants during this quarter (defined as someone who has attended intake and some or all of a program before and returned)?	1	2	4	1	1	8	57
How many participants are in continual contact with his partner (victim of the abuse)? (If the participant was counted as in continual contact with his partner during the previous quarter do not count again)	5	10	1	5	5	21	164
How many participants' partners (victims of the abuse) are receiving support services from a victim agency? (If the partner was counted as receiving services during the previous quarter do not count again)	4	9	2	3	1	18	124
What is the total dollars of fees collected?	10,855	n/a	1,105	2,850	1,830	16,640	25,460
What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?	2,580	n/a	1,270	0	unknown	3,850	6,640

AFS BIP (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

□ **Overview:**

- Intakes have remained steady and some groups continue to exceed best practices limits. Adding an additional community group would be optimal, but limited funding and personnel prohibit any added groups at this time. Court sentencing for DV Assault, Status Hearings and OCS referrals contribute to the steady increase of BIP clients.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- FVIP has raised prices on its fee schedule as a means to cover program costs not covered through State grants. Additionally, a few time changes for classes have been made to adjust to staff availability.

□ **Successes:**

- Four clients completed BIP this quarter. Meetings with troopers, DV Task Force, prison PO's and continual contact with OCS, the DA's office and other community resources have been beneficial to the program and provided greater information for services to clients and victims. We worked with one master's level practicum student.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- Law Enforcement – we continue to get good follow through from AST, PPD, and WPD. We maintain contact with the local AST officer assigned to DV follow-up who has been very helpful in working with our identified list of worst offenders.
- Prosecutors – We see ADA's at least monthly in court and maintain frequent phone contact regarding specific court cases and Status Hearings.
- Court System – we maintain contact with our Legal Advocate regarding court hearings and information. Receiving paperwork from the Clerk's office remains a challenge and often requires multiple requests.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital are involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- 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 along with requests for reports, court testimony, and supporting documentation.
- DV Task Force – meet monthly along with local law-enforcement, Alaska Legal Services, Public Health, Mat-Su PH, and Knik Tribal Council.
- Behavioral Health – we have regular contact with the Palmer Mental Health Court Coordinator as well as contact with local mental health providers regarding coordination of services.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – we coordinate with the local DV shelter.

□ **Media/Special Interest Events**

- October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month: a showing of Once Were Warriors followed with a discussion panel was hosted at Mat-Su College, and the Silent Witness Project was utilized to inform the community of current DV statistics. Thanksgiving Baskets were provided to families in need in November, and in December a Light of Hope Wreath Auction was held along with the Wheels of Hope car give-away drawing that provided a refurbished '99 Pontiac Grand AM to a single-mother in need of transportation.

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

□ Overview:

- We trained other service providers in the Fairbanks area including Adult Probation and OCS.
- We continually refer our clients out to many agencies such as Alaska Housing, AA and NA Meetings, Treatment Centers, the Food Bank, Access Alaska and Attorney's to assist with applying for Social Security, FNA for general assistance, Adult Learning Programs of Alaska (ALPA), Traumatic Brain Injuries Support Groups and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

□ Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

- We added an additional men's groups this quarter for group members that have FAS(D), language barriers, and or other learning disabilities; due to these clients inability to keep up with a regular class that tends to go to quickly for them. We are seeing success with this; these clients are participating in class, asking questions and speaking up for themselves.
- We are still seeing clients come back or to class that received the letters we sent out to them.
- We continue offering Orientation sessions weekly, instead of our usual biweekly sessions.
- We had two new interns begin volunteering with us, which has allowed us to expand our services.

□ Successes:

- We continue to see success with clients we referred to the AK Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- We're very proud that many of our clients took the post test this quarter and have completed the program.
- We continue to put tons of effort to have individual sessions with clients, PO's, OCS, and others to address their lack of progress in program; We have found these meetings are proving to be effective.
- We continue to use the ODARA scoring criteria to help us determine if a client is at risk to reoffend.

□ Interaction with Organizations:

- Law Enforcement – We found that we can call AST when we have concerns about DVRO enforcement.
- Prosecutors – We regularly communicate about lethality, safety, and timely intervention.
- Court System – We've invited the Judges to sit in our groups so they can see for themselves the important work we do, without success. We continue to have success in working with court clerks. The court system has begun the Pace Project and we expect them to begin sending these clients to us sometime in January.
- Medical- Occasionally we communicate with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Public Health or a local Mental Health Clinician to assist in obtaining medical and or mental health assessments and to assist in encouraging clients to get back on their regular medications.
- OCS – We attended the DV Task Force meetings this quarter and hope to be able to add in the Family to Family meetings. Patti Larsen will work with OCS to help implement the Family to Family Initiative.
- DV Task Force – We continue to participate in the bi-monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- 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.

KIC BIP (Ketchikan) – Ketchikan Indian Corporation

□ **Overview:**

- We have hired a part-time program facilitator. He is working 25 hours a week, co-facilitates the group with our staff. He is a Tribal member, and is beginning to provide talking circles as an additional option for the participants. Lynn Quan (author of report) is the new “supervisor” of the Tribal Wellness Programs which include the BIP, victim services, and the general assistance program.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- We have had challenges based on the re-organization. Although we have had some success and hired new employees, we are still short-handed. The challenges are exciting however, and the new database will give us the opportunity to learn new ways to implement collection processes for our program that will be accurate and meaningful as we move ahead with our program goals.

□ **Successes:**

- Significant increases in referrals and more consistent attendance indicates that we are continuing to provide a valid service to the community. We are considering adding a daytime group for those that are not currently working and able. Our group size is at a maximum and it works best if we limit size to approximately 10 or less.
- A native woman was found dead in Ketchikan with injuries not consistent with a fall. I am unsure of the details of the investigation, but she had been staying at W.I.S.H. recently and had been receiving services in our department shortly before her death.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

- Law Enforcement –We participated in a S.A.R.T. in Ketchikan, sponsoring the training with W.I.S.H. and interviewed several officers during and after the training on video. We are compiling the interviews and will use it at a Task Force meeting as a training tool.
- Prosecutors –Regular contact regarding offenders status, emails and phone.
- Court System –Phone contact, attend hearings, respond to subpoenas, testifying in cases.
- Medical –weekly meetings, respond when requests from medical for victim support, Trainings for medical staff on screening for DV/SA are planned on a quarterly basis and as part of new employee orientation
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) –Regular contact with OCS regarding compliance of offenders that have open cases with OCS.
- DV Task Force –Monthly scheduled meetings have been challenging considering changes in magistrates and schedule conflicts for various agencies. But we have been encouraged by the interest in the community to continue to lead the meetings and the new year will be scheduled in advance to assure consistency in time and location.
- Behavioral Health – daily contact
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs –W.I.S.H. also participate in the new shelter committee as a volunteer.

LSC BIP (Kenai/Soldotna) – LeeShore Center

□ Overview:

- During the 2nd quarter, 5 new participants entered the program and were provided orientation.
- There was 1 court hearing held to address non-compliance issues: 5 cases were continued to future dates; 2 participants were reassigned to the program; 1 participant was reassigned to an Anchorage program with LeeShore to monitor, and 1 participant's BIP requirement was lifted with 45 days imposed.

□ Successes:

- One participant completed the program this quarter. We are currently working in the Power and Control module. We've completed our annual BIP survey and results will be compiled and shared in our Annual Services Report.

□ Interaction with Organizations:

- Law Enforcement – The BIP co-facilitator attends DV Task Force meetings with law enforcement on a monthly basis. The BIP co-facilitator is hoping to provide training to the Kenai Police Department, Alaska State Troopers and administration staff during the next quarter.
- 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. During this quarter one assistant DA handled non-compliance issues during court hearings. Reports of BIP participant completion or non-compliance are provided to the DA's office monthly.
- 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. Contacts with other court systems are made as necessary, with testimony provided as requested. The October and November court dates were vacated because of travel and power outages. During the month of December, CPBIP received its first referral from the Kenaitze Indian Tribal Court.
- 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 provides information on the agency and programs.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – Interaction occurs as necessary. Regional OCS office director, Bill Galic, provides training twice a year during our Community Awareness Workshop.
- DV Task Force – LeeShore chairs the monthly Domestic Violence Task Force meetings. Trainings on various domestic violence and sexual assault topics are provided every other month.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (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 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.

SPHH BIP (Homer) – South Peninsula Haven House

□ **Successes:**

- Introduction of a reflection tool derived from Naikon Therapy seems to be effective in helping develop empathy as well as accountability. Feedback from the men in the group has been positive.
- Our Beckenbauer ungulate therapy program has expanded this quarter to include alpacas, with help from the AAV (Alpacas Against Abuse and Violence) grant program! Working with these powerful yet gentle animals gives the men in our program opportunities to put into practice the nonviolent nonverbal communication skills they are learning.

□ **Interaction with Organizations:**

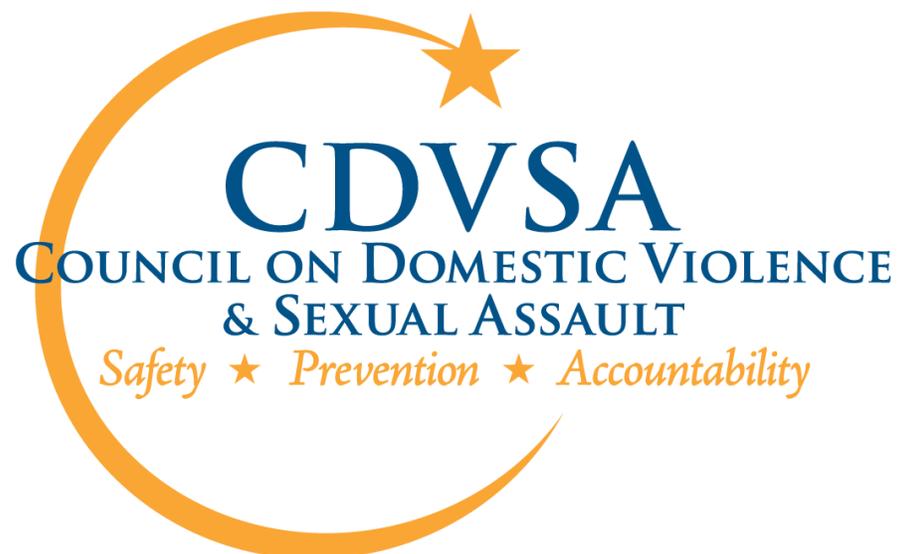
- Law Enforcement – no problems noted we meet regularly.
- Prosecutors – no problems noted. New Da very responsive.
- Court System – Monthly status hearings no problem noted
- Medical – Haven House meets regularly with medical partners through other programs however dvip contact has been nil .
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) –Ongoing positive relationship.
- DV Task Force – For reasons of efficiency, this has been folded in to the multiple disciplinary/ 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

□ **Media and Special Interest Events**

- DVIP program participated with the other Haven House awareness activities.
- Several men from the group attended the effects of children witnessing violence presentation that was part of our Choose Respect Program

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Batterer's Intervention Program Prison Based



PBP Statistics

BIP - Prison FY12 2nd Quarter Statistics October 1 - December 31, 2011	AFS-Prison (PCC)	AFS-Prison (PMC)	AWARE - Prison	IAC-Prison	Q2	YTD
	Palmer	Palmer	Juneau	Fairbanks	Total	Total
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	11	5	3	10	29	47
How many written intake assessments were completed?	11	7	4	10	32	67
How many participants were accepted into the program?	1	7	4	10	22	56
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	1	0	1	3	5	18
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	0	0	1	21	22	43
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	0	2	0	0	2	5
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	2	0	0	1	3	4
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	2	0	1	0	3	8
How many were repeat participants during this quarter (defined as someone who has attended intake and some or all of a program before and returned)?	1	0	1	1	3	4
How many participants are in continual contact with his partner (victim of the abuse)? (If the participant was counted as in continual contact with his partner during the previous quarter do not count again)	0	1	1	5	7	18
How many participants' partners (victims of the abuse) are receiving support services from a victim agency? (If the partner was counted as receiving services during the previous quarter do not count again)	unknown	0	1	5	6	16

AFS PBP (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

PCC

□ **Overview:**

- Intakes have remained steady and groups have exhibited a steady turnover as inmates are furloughed or transferred. Dialogue with PO's has assisted in referrals for inmates most in-need of BIP. Adding an additional group at the Minimum Facility would be optimal, but limited funding and personnel prohibit any added group at this time. Court sentencing for DV Assault and PO referrals contribute to steady attendance for the PCC program.
- Youth Court saw a large class of 15 youth offenders, and two new inmates have been trained to present to the Youth Court teens.
- We maintain continued dialogue and partnership with PCC PO's. We worked with one master's level practicum student, assisting with her understanding of batterers, work within this field, and prison intervention programs.
- Beckenbauer therapy is helping the men develop new levels of respect, empathy, and self control when relating to others, as well as building rapport with the facilitators.

PMC

□ **Overview:**

- Intakes have remained steady and group attendance has increased now that seasonal summer work programs are winding down.
- The group maintains a mix of inmates at varying levels of progress in the program, to include inmates who have completed the program and elect to continue participating as group mentors.

□ **Unusual/Unexpected Changes:**

- Not unexpected or unusual, but the class time changed to an afternoon slot now that seasonal work is completed.

□ **Successes:**

- We maintain continued dialogue and partnership with PMC PO.
- Five inmates who have completed BIP electively continue to attend classes as follow-on participants and mentors.
- Increases in intakes and participation are ongoing.
- We worked with one master's level practicum student, assisting with her understanding of batterers, work within this field, and prison intervention programs.

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

□ Overview:

- During this quarter, the program coordinator continued training with two staff members. New staff began to take the lead sometimes, facilitating discussions on economic partnership and responsible parenting.
- Our program continues to gain visibility within the prison, and Probation Officers are more likely to refer due to our presence at weekly staff meetings.
- Coordination with DA:
 - A man who had been attending the JBAP program in the community last year committed a serious crime of domestic violence against his girlfriend last summer. We proactively communicated with the District Attorney to have JBAP included in his probation requirements. As soon as the deal was entered into the court, he was able to be in class.
- Community Feedback Survey :
 - During this quarter, we crafted and administered a Community Feedback Survey. The Survey was designed to gauge our success in delivering messages about the goal of JBAP, gather information from community stakeholders, and plan next steps in our education efforts.
 - JBAP staff has long advocated that effectiveness be measured by the program’s responsiveness to community need, provision of supportive education that challenges men’s habitual thinking patterns, and accuracy of monitoring for compliance. The ultimate goal of those three measures is to gauge how well the perpetrator is held accountable to the community, not just the program. Unfortunately, many stakeholders continue to use criminal recidivism as the marker of effective programming.
- JBAP staff attended several in-person trainings the quarter.
 - They attended “Children Exposed to Battering” and “Community Coordination” with Ms. Scaia
 - Staff attended a training with CCTHITA and OCS that provided insight into the way different agencies work toward child safety, women’s empowerment and batterer accountability.
 - Also, JBAP staff attended “Undoing Racism” sponsored by CCTHITA.

□ Interaction with Organizations:

- Law Enforcement – LCCC staff- Continued weekly meetings to update staff on status of referrals; screen potential referrals who may not be court ordered.
- Adult Probation - Continue to communicate when needed about the status of referrals.
- Prosecutors – Ongoing meetings regarding specific referrals to the program and status updates.
- Court System – Ongoing compliance and evidentiary hearings for participants.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) - Ongoing communication regarding men referred to the program and men enrolled at LCCC.
- DV Task Force – 1 meeting
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – Received training from Melissa Scaia, author of our parenting curriculum, Addressing Fatherhood With Men Who Batter.

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

□ Overview:

- During this quarter, this agency held groups for men who are abusive once per week at the Fairbanks Correctional Center (FCC).
- We have also participated in trainings in the last quarter, including trainings on other service providers in the Fairbanks area Domestic Violence Trainings; OCS'(Office of Children's Services), Mandatory Reporting, IAC's Services (Interior of Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living), and other Domestic Violence trainings to increase community awareness and understanding of domestic violence and our services.

□ Successes:

- We continue to see significant progress individuals that have attended many classes with us.
- For those who choose to be accountable and change their abusive behavior, this education helps them make progress in their lives and begin to use these new learned skills with their fellow inmates, with intimate partners telephonically and during family visitations making life easier while they are incarcerated. For those that do not choose to make changes and are not appropriate for group we continue to use our screening tools to save the space for the clients that are interested in making changes.
- It is very satisfying to watch how some clients come into class resisting change and blaming everyone but themselves; then, with time, they begin holding new classmates accountable and calling them on the same behaviors they themselves exhibited as they first walked through the doors into class.
- 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.

□ Unusual/Unexpected Changes:

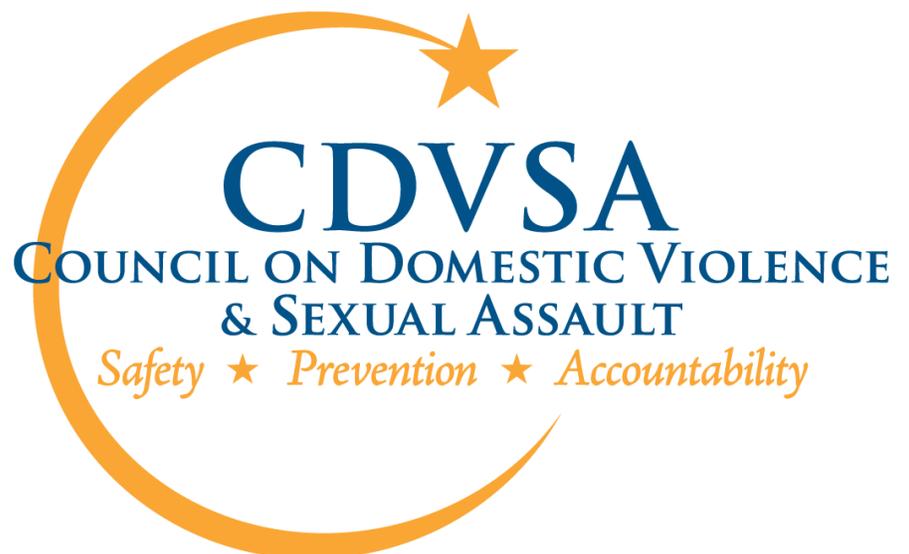
- This quarter we continued with the challenge keeping group size to the regular capacity.
- Elizabeth Eddy is interning from University of Alaska Fairbanks and continues to attend FCC groups.

□ Interaction with Organizations:

- Law Enforcement – We have little contact with law enforcement other than through the DV Task Force.
- Prosecutors – We regularly communicate about lethality, safety, and timely intervention.
- Court System – We are interested in having more interaction but it's an ongoing struggle with our local judges, who see training from local agencies as being an inappropriate deviance from impartiality.
- Medical – We interact with FCC when necessary, with suicidality and assessing cognitive capacity
- OCS – We attended the DV Task Force meetings this quarter and hope to be able to add in the Family to Family meetings. We send monthly progress summaries to Caseworkers of clients.
- 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.

CDVSA 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 18.66.101 “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 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;
- h) over see and audit domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs which receive money under this chapter;
- i) provide fiscal and technical assistance to plan, organize, implement and administer domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs;
- j) 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;
- k) 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;
- l) 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 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;
 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
- (c) **A commissioner or the attorney general or one of their designees may, when circumstances arise causing them to be unavailable for a meeting, appoint a person to attend the meeting in their stead. Such person is expected to be briefed and has the authority to act on behalf of the absent Council member.**

Sec. 2. Term of Membership. Members appointed under Sec. 1(a) serve at the pleasure of the governor for a term of three 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 two [ONE] years. Officers are to be elected at the first Council meeting of the calendar year. Their term of office shall be effective 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 ant 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 meetings 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 in accordance with AS 44.62.310-320; including Executive Sessions.

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. Five (5) members of the Council constitute a quorum for all meetings. The Council may conduct no official business with fewer than 5 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 serrate 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, 12 AAC 95.350 Appeals Procedures, 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 executive 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 to qualified local community entities for domestic violence, sexual assault and crisis intervention and prevention programs in accordance with AS 37.50 and 7 AAC 78.010-320.

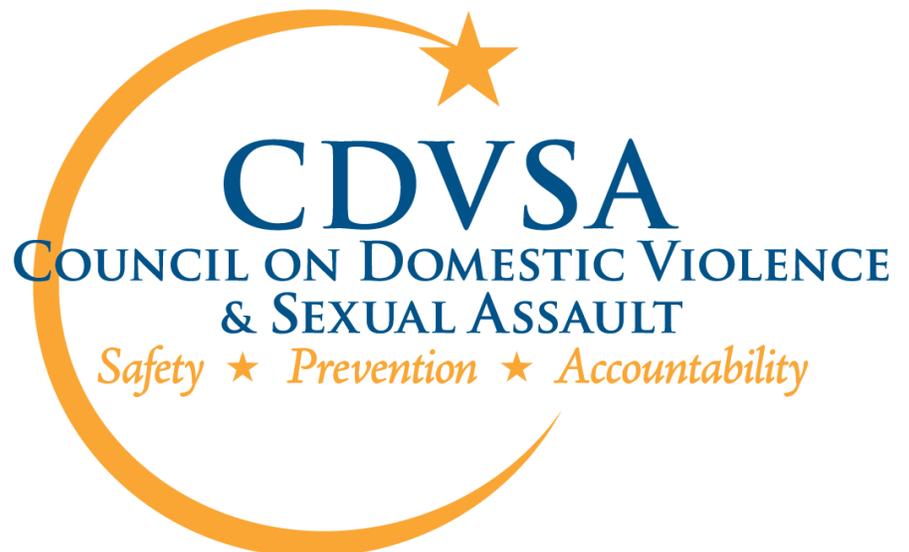
ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These by-laws may be amended by at least five (5) 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.

SART Guidelines

Guidelines for Community Response to Sexual Assault in Alaska – Final Draft



GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ALASKA

I. PURPOSE

These guidelines were created to provide a framework for developing, training, and implementing community sexual assault response in Alaska. Communities are encouraged to use these guidelines as they establish their Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) to fit each community's unique circumstances, resources, and needs.¹

II. COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Sexual Assault Response Team generally includes victim advocates, law enforcement officers, and health care providers. These team members provide a coordinated, efficient, and supportive response to persons who have been sexually assaulted while focusing on victim's needs and choices. The Sexual Assault Response Team is designed to reduce the trauma of a sexual assault by providing victim-centered advocacy, care, and services, and to increase the likelihood that assaults can be successfully prosecuted.

Communities need to identify responses that are reasonable for them.

III. TEAM STRUCTURE

A. Roles of Team Members

Each team member has a unique role. However, circumstances may require flexibility in serving the needs of a victim beyond those suggested below.

1. Victim Advocate (hereafter referred to as "advocate")

Advocates provide immediate and ongoing support to the victim such as:

- listening to the victim
- informing the victim of her or his rights including confidentiality and payment
- answering questions about the SART process

¹ These guidelines are not intended to apply to Children's Advocacy Centers or child abuse cases.

- being present for the victim
- identifying resources and options for immediate needs and long-term support (i.e., child care, food, transportation, safe shelter, and medical and court accompaniment)
- assisting with creating a safety plan
- assisting with all other duties normally associated with victim advocacy

Advocates do **not**:

- participate in the gathering of evidence, fact-finding, or investigating of the assault
- provide an opinion on the merits of the case
- conduct the medical-forensic or law enforcement interviews
- generally testify in court

2. Law Enforcement

Law enforcement officers generally perform the following functions:

- being responsible for the immediate safety needs of the victim
- interviewing the victim
- investigating the crime
- conducting or arranging for a forensic exam of the suspect when necessary
- collecting and preserving evidence
- identifying, arresting and/or referring charges on the suspect
- writing a report
- participating in court proceedings

Law enforcement officers do **not**:

- conduct a complete victim medical-forensic exam
- actively advocate on behalf of the victim

3. Health Care Provider

Health care providers generally perform the following services:

- assessing, diagnosing, and treating injuries and conditions related to the assault
- offering health care information and referrals as needed
- identifying, documenting, collecting, and preserving forensic evidence during the medical-forensic exam in a way to ensure the chain of custody
- testifying in court as needed

Health care providers do **not**:

- investigate the crime
- provide victim advocacy services

B. Training Recommendations

Each team member is expected to have training in their field. It is also recommended that each team member receive general team training, specialized instruction, and practical experience responding to sexual assault.

1. General team training

It is strongly recommended that team members share information regarding their respective roles and responsibilities to ensure a victim-centered, multi-disciplinary team approach. The roles and responsibilities include:

- confidentiality as it applies to each team member
- victim-centered advocacy
- use of the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (*see* description below)
- the forensic interview
- investigation by law enforcement
- evidence collection
- the medical-forensic exam

It is also recommended that each team member learn about the following topics as related to sexual assault:

- the criminal/civil legal process
- responses to impact of trauma on victim
- diversity and cultural awareness

- disabilities
- substance abuse
- mental health
- sexually transmitted infections
- pregnancy
- self-care for team members

For further information about training or assistance in creating your community's Sexual Assault Response Team, contact the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) at (907) 465-4356.

2. Suggested specialized training

Advocates: Familiarity with Alaska sexual assault statutes and civil legal options, support groups, long-term follow up and support, special populations, and ways of providing services without re-victimization

Law enforcement officers: Familiarity with Alaska sexual assault statutes, sexual assault evidence collection, interview/interrogation techniques specific to sexual assault, and pre-planned recorded conversations (*Glass warrants*)

Health care providers: Minimum of 40 hours sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE)/ sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) training and familiarity with standards of practice

C. Sexual Assault Response Team Location

The following are considerations for choosing and preparing a safe and secure location where the team members can come together to assist a victim.

1. Safety

Safety of the victim and team members is most important. Some things to consider are limiting public access and having a plan for potentially dangerous situations (for example, if a suspect shows up, or if a victim attempts to harm themselves). A location that can be secured is best.

2. Physical location

The physical location should meet the needs of the victim and the team. Privacy for the victim is a high priority. Some things to consider are providing for a private entrance, a private interview area, and a private exam room with a limited-access bathroom and shower.

A separate waiting area for other individuals supporting the victim should be considered.

The victim should have priority in receiving services. The location should maintain all necessary supplies and equipment for the exam and for the comfort of the victim. The location should have a plan for responding to medical emergencies. It should also have a secure area for the temporary storage of evidence.

3. Confidential recordkeeping

The medical-forensic records must be maintained and secured separately from the victim's other medical records.

D. Sexual Assault Response Team Management Group

The purpose of the management group is to create a structure that provides for initial and ongoing management of the response team, which includes designating a coordinator. This serves as the structure for addressing any concerns that may arise as the team develops and progresses and also provides case debriefing tools and opportunities.

- Members of the group should include local representative(s) from victim advocacy, health care, law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, and other interests from the community who contribute to a coordinated response to sexual assault cases.
- The group should develop a memorandum of agreement that outlines specific duties, expectations, and shared goals. The agreement should contain a method of quality control that includes team meetings, conflict resolution, and other problem-solving process(es).
- The group should meet regularly to discuss status updates on cases, agency resources, trainings, and other administrative issues such as disabilities, language issues, regional concerns, overlapping jurisdictions, staffing, ages served, and procedures for team debriefing.

E. Confidentiality

Team members have restrictions that prevent them from sharing specific confidential information even with other members of the team. Some of these restrictions are required by law. The team must address how confidentiality affects sharing information:

- within the team such as status updates, follow up, service coordination, and case review
- outside the team such as providing reports to government agencies and facilitating access to other resources

These issues are very complicated and teams are encouraged to contact the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (907) 465-4356 as questions arise.

F. Privilege

Victim's private communications with advocates are privileged and will not be shared except in certain limited circumstances. Victim's communications with law enforcement or health care providers at the time of the medical-forensic exam are not privileged. Contact CDVSA for guidance.

IV. THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM PROCESS

A. Timeline for Examinations

It is strongly recommended that the medical-forensic exam be completed as soon as possible. For the collection of DNA, the exam should be completed within 96 hours of the incident. Suitability for a medical-forensic exam beyond 96 hours should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

B. SART Activation (Call-out)

When a law enforcement officer authorizes a medical-forensic exam, the Sexual Assault Response Team is activated. This activation occurs by contacting a law enforcement officer, an advocate, and a health care provider. All three components of the team must be contacted. This is referred to as a "call-out". The confidentiality issues discussed above do not prevent all team members from being contacted for the call-out.

Procedures must be created to ensure an immediate and coordinated call-out response. The procedures must clearly identify:

- contact information for each on-call team member
- an appropriate response time for call-out
- procedures when all of the team members are not able to respond

C. Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit

The State of Alaska Crime Lab has, in consultation with law enforcement and medical providers, put together a kit which is literally a box that contains many

of the basic materials needed to investigate a sexual assault and assess a victim's immediate medical needs. This kit contains:

- Instructions on how to use the kit including how to collect various types of evidence during a medical-forensic exam
- A standardized consent form for the victim to sign in both anonymous reports and those wishing to include law enforcement
- A standardized outline of all the essential and necessary information to be gathered from the victim by law enforcement
- A standardized outline of all the essential and necessary information to be gathered from the victim by the health care provider
- Anatomical diagrams to document and describe any and all injuries to the victim
- Guidelines for taking photos
- A standardized evidence collection log
- Standardized materials needed for collecting forensic evidence such as sterile swabs for DNA from fingers, hands, genitals, etc.; a scraping tool for scraping fingernails; a comb for collecting hair samples; packaging and "fill in the blank" labels for each type and piece of evidence

Items not included in the Kit that established SARTs *strongly* recommend to have and use include:

- A digital camera
- A ruler for measuring injuries as documented in the photos
- A digital recorder for the victim interview
- A vaginal speculum
- An anoscope
- Toluidine Blue Dye

Items not included in the Kit that established SARTs recommend and find helpful include:

- A colposcope
- A color chart for use in the photos

D. Consent Forms and Notification of Rights

Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits are provided by the State of Alaska through the Crime Lab to local law enforcement. These kits contain an evidence collection consent form which must be used for victims.

In addition, the health care provider shall obtain informed consent for assessment, diagnosis, and treatment in accordance with their employer's policies. Additional agency requirements may include notification of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, release of information, and the rights and responsibilities of the patient.

E. Interview Process

The interview consists of two parts: a forensic history and a medical history. The forensic history is taken by the law enforcement officer and the medical history is taken by the health care provider. All team members are present for the forensic history. The victim chooses who may be present for the medical history.

Prior to the start of the interview, the victim is given the opportunity to speak with a victim advocate who will answer any questions and ensure the victim understands:

- their rights regarding the interview and exam
- the process and structure of the interview and the exam
- the use of digital recordings and photography

F. Exam

It is recommended that health care providers have the following:

- specific guidelines outlining the steps for the medical-forensic exam
- guidelines for follow-up care and referral

G. Before Victim Leaves

Before the victim leaves the SART call-out location, each member of the team has the following responsibilities:

Victim advocate: ensure the victim has the contact information for call-out members and offer safety planning options and resources for advocacy follow up

Law enforcement officer: provide the victim with case number and other investigative information

Health care provider: provide discharge instructions, schedule follow-up medical-forensic exams, and provide health care referrals as needed

H. Chain of Evidence

It is necessary to establish a procedure for forensic examiners and law enforcement to ensure that the chain of evidence is maintained. The local District Attorney's office must be consulted in the development of this procedure.

I. Payment of Services

In accordance with Alaska law, victims must not be charged for medical-forensic exams either directly or indirectly, through health insurance or any other means. To help the victim make informed decisions about health care, the team should make the victim aware of costs of medical services beyond the medical-forensic exam and resources for payment.

J. Violent Crimes Compensation Board

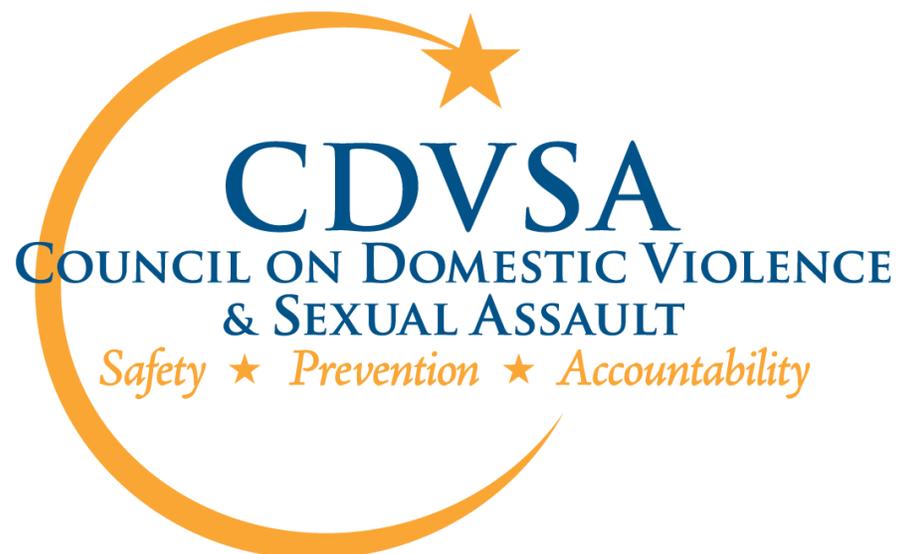
The Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) may be able to help with medical and other expenses resulting from the sexual assault. All team members should provide the victims with Violent Crimes Compensation Board information. Advocates can provide assistance with completing the forms and serve as victim contacts for the reimbursement process.

For further information, contact VCCB at (800) 764-3040.

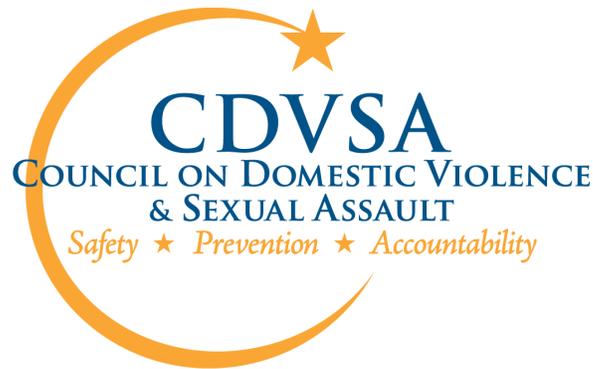
V. RESOURCES

For more information, see separate Resources document.

Possible Meeting Places



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Programs in Barrow, Kenai, Ketchikan and Valdez offered to host Council meetings in the coming year. We also have a standing invitation to meet in Anchorage anytime.

August/September:

Ketchikan

Valdez

November:

Kenai

May:

Barrow

Ketchikan

Valdez