

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting

November 20-21,

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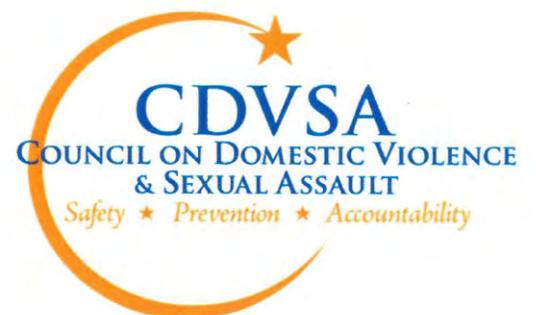
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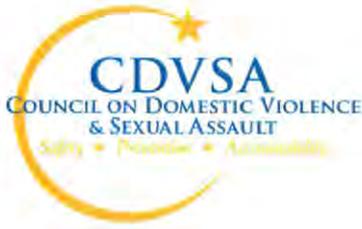
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## DRAFT AGENDA

### Thursday, November 20, 2014

9:30 am	Call to Order-Roll Call, Agenda Review, Conflict Inquiry, Chair Comments	Richard Irwin
9:45 am	Minute Review: May 7-8, 2014 July 23-24, 2014 August 15, 2014 October 9, 2014	Richard Irwin
10:15 am	Executive Director Report Financials	Lauree Morton
10:45 am	BREAK	
11:00 am	ANDVSA Report	Peggy Brown
11:30	Sitkans Against Family Violence	Vicki D'Amico
12:30	LUNCH	
1:30 pm	Meet a Staff Member: Stephen Bower	Lauree Morton
2:00 pm	Council Comments	Richard Irwin
2:45 pm	BREAK	
3:00 pm	Strategic Plan Review: Crisis Management and Intervention	Richard Irwin
4:30 pm	RECESS	
7:00-8:30	Sitka's Comprehensive Prevention Plan	



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Friday, November 21, 2014

9:00 am	STOP FFY14	Lauree Morton
9:30 am	FY 16-17 grant cycle	Lauree Morton
10:15 am	Public Comment	Richard Irwin
10:30 am	National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health	Carole Warshaw Patti Bland
11:30 am	Executive Session- if necessary	
Noon	LUNCH	
1:15 pm	Prevention Update	
1:45 pm	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)-Alaska Data	Pat Sidmore
2:45 pm	BREAK	
3:00 pm	Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council (AECCC)	Shirley Pitts
3:45 pm	Council Comments/Assignments	
4:30	ADJOURN	

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

**Quarterly Meeting  
Valdez Civic Center  
110 Clifton Drive  
Valdez, Alaska  
May 7 – 8, 2014**

**Committee Members Present**

Richard Irwin – Chair  
Rachel Gernat  
Susan Cushing  
Donna Erickson  
Commissioner Folger  
Patricia Owen

**Guests**

Freda Westman  
Mary Beth Gagnon  
Peggy Brown  
Sandy Berman  
Rowena Palomar  
Ed Webster

**Staff**

Lauree Morton – Executive Director  
Angela Wells

**Minutes Prepared by:** Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Irwin, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and roll call was taken.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

There were no issues brought forward regarding the agenda.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY**

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

### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin welcomed Commissioner Folger to the meeting. Richard asked for a moment of silence for personal reflection to think about troopers and families of the Department of Safety, about the impact that violence has on the residents of the state of Alaska, and to remember the motorcyclists who lost their lives and the communities that event affected.

Richard Irwin presented a letter to the Council members expressing his gratitude to be part of the CDVSA team and his desire to further the efforts of Susan Cushing, the former chair, to fulfill the CDVSA assignments that have been entrusted to the Council. He asked the Council members to submit answers to the five questions he posed in the letter related to their relationship to the CDVSA.

### **MINUTE REVIEW – FEBRUARY 26-27, 2014**

After a discussion regarding corrections to the minutes, Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to accept the minutes as amended. Susan Cushing **SECONDED** the motion. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**. (6/0)

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Lauree Morton submitted a written report, which could be found in the board packet. She reported with regards to staffing, they hired Mary Beth Gagnon as the new program coordinator. Linda Hoven retired May 30<sup>th</sup>, and they had advertised for that vacancy. Lauree reported the good news that their administrative officer position is coming back to the Council starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, and also Dianne, who has been on family leave, is returning and will be housed in their office.

### **FINANCIALS**

A financial report was included in the board packet. Lauree Morton reported that they are fairly close to target at the two-month point for expending funds. She explained that the first page is a general overview of the authorizations. The second page is the federal funding, and Lauree noted that they have applied for an extension for the federal FY12 Stop Violence Against Women Act. They have also asked for an extension for federal FY11, although it looks like that will be expended appropriately. Lauree reported that regarding the Grant to Encourage Arrest, they will be asking for a six-month extension, which is usual for the first year of those grants. The grant is shared with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) and the Alaska Justice Project (AJP).

Lauree Morton noted that there would be a more in-depth discussion on the budget at the July quarterly meeting.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Lauree Morton reported that the Council was extended for eight years, which is the maximum extension period. There was a lot of support in the legislature as all 20 senators signed on as co-sponsors of the bill. After the Governor signs the legislation, Lauree Morton will provide a formal written report for the Council members regarding the legislation.

Lauree Morton reported that the Network and the Rasmussen Foundation worked diligently on an effort to secure funding for renovations and repairs for the shelter programs, which is a project that is going to go through the Alaska Community Foundation. They are looking forward to the programs being able to experience the ability to get repairs and updates, work on their security, and address other necessary operating needs.

Lauree Morton reported that there are communities that are ready to choose trainings to participate in. In Juneau, they had 50 people at the SART training, and there were 40 coaches at the Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) training. There were also two faith-based trainings, one in Anchorage and one in Juneau.

Lauree Morton directed the Council members to the Victim's Services report and the Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP) report, which were included in the board packet. She highlighted the following:

- Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV) in Valdez talked about needing statewide media training.
- Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) in Juneau and Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) in Sitka report an increase in the number of groups of girls who want to participate in the Girls on the Run program.
- The programs in Barrow and Fairbanks did Art as Healing projects.
- Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center (KWRCC) has instituted day services as a way to manage the difficulty of finding housing.
- Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFE) in Dillingham has a new director, Marilyn Casteel.
- Seaview Community Services (SCS) in Seward has supplied 34 nights of shelter, which is a significant increase, and they are also dealing with several teen suicides.

Lauree Morton highlighted the South Peninsula Haven House (SPHH) and Lee Shore Center (LSC) successes. She also highlighted the Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (USAFV) report and noted that they are a small program in Unalaska that did some mighty work this past quarter.

Lauree Morton called attention to the Batterer Intervention statistics on the programs that currently receive funding to provide an opportunity for participants to measure their interaction with programs and rate the program performance. The results of the survey

could be found in the Victim's Service Outcome Measures and Behavioral Health Outcome Measures document in the board packet.

Rachel Gernat expressed her ongoing concern related to Alaska Family Services (AFS) reporting. Lauree Morton noted that AFS submitted the same report as before, and AFS was contacted and asked to revise their report, and they sent essentially the same information. Rachel Gernat commented that the AFS report contains no detail and, in essence, says nothing specific. Rachel recommended that it might be time for the Council to take AFS under serious review. Lauree Morton reminded the Council members that AFS is under a more watchful eye as they are a month-to-month reimbursement, but will note the recommendation. Rachel Gernat also asked for more information relating to Maniilaq's reporting.

Lauree Morton highlighted the Talk Now Talk Often materials, noting that they were the first in a series of materials that will be coming out. The materials will address the recommendations that came out of the focus groups that were held to gauge what would be helpful to parents when engaging in conversations with their children about domestic violence, sexual assault, and other difficult topics. Talk Now Talk Often launched a website where parents can download information on a variety of topics.

Lauree Morton highlighted the Green Dot's press release regarding the five pilot communities that launched their Green Dot efforts April 1<sup>st</sup>. The communities challenged each other to look at the number of women who had suffered intimate partner violence/sexual violence in the year prior and replace those red dots with green dots indicating acts of safety. The results were very positive.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Red Dot</u>	<u>Green Dot</u>
• Anchorage	9,070	14,312
• Homer	1,095	1,104
• Bethel	1,209	4,984
• Kenai	1,095	1,860
• Prince of Wales	300	4,822

In the prior year, over 12,000 women suffered these crimes, and in the month of April, those five communities gathered 27,082 green dots, which was an amazing effort.

Lauree Morton reported that the First Lady's Volunteer of the Year Award luncheon is being held in Juneau this year, and two people from their programs are being honored as volunteers of the year; Donene Amodo from the Village of Akhiok for her volunteer work with Green Dot, and Bellanira Deya Imdieke from Dillingham, who had served on the board of directors of SAFE for 18 years. Patricia Owen recommended that Richard Irwin write a letter of congratulations to the winners.

### **VICTIM SERVICE REGULATIONS REVIEW**

Lauree Morton directed the Council members to the Victim Service Regulations Review in the board packet. Lauree reported that they have periodically reviewed the regulations and acknowledged that they were written in the '80s and needed updating.

The Governor executed Administrative Order 266, which requires all state departments and divisions to review regulations annually with a view toward making them more accessible to the public. The plan is to set up a committee of stakeholders, service providers, a Council member, and staff to review the current regulations this fiscal year, and have a draft ready for review by the Council at the November meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Richard Irwin read the Executive Committee report that was included in the board packet.

### **LETTERS OF INTEREST**

Richard Irwin reported that eight programs replied to the letter of inquiry, and they were all recommended for approval. The Executive Committee members reviewed the recommendations, and the successful applicants were:

- AWAIC
- AVV
- AWARE
- CFRC
- SPHH
- STAR
- VFJ
- IAC

The grant award period is from April 21, 2014 to June 30, 2014. The range of disbursements is between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the programs that applied for the funds.

### **NETWORK REPORT**

Peggy Brown reported on highlights of the Network. She stated that she would e-mail a detailed report to the Council. She stated that it was a difficult, albeit successful legislative session. One of the successes is being called The Domestic Violence Deferred Maintenance Funding, which is capital funding, and the oversight committee is starting to form. Peggy reported that there was a pilot survey done in Sitka to look at the scope of the repairs, renovations, and deferred maintenance. She noted that using that pilot process would be helpful with the larger projects, which may start as soon as July.

Peggy Brown announced the unfortunate news that Brittany Luddington is leaving in May.

Peggy Brown reported that the Pro-Bono Program did its Continuing Legal Education training March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The focus of the training was on improving the understanding of how to best represent a client who has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The training was geared towards technology and the abuses of technology. Peggy noted that 96 percent of the attendees rated the meeting as excellent.

Peggy Brown reported that they are planning a rigorous training schedule. In order to facilitate some of the training, they started a webinar series targeting both legal and outreach advocates. She noted that they are moving their university online course from

quarterly to every other month. The course is designed to not only meet the Council's 40-hour requirement, but to also provide more in-depth information to advocates.

Peggy Brown reported that their Facebook page exploded in March. They now have 400 people who follow it regularly. She noted that the Choose Respect March and the release of the National Network to End Violence, which focuses on ending technology abuse, helped to draw people to their Facebook page.

Peggy Brown mentioned that the 12-month webinar series they are doing starting late summer would cover topics such as trauma-informed care, trafficking, advocacy beyond leaving, and safety planning. She noted that they sent approximately 30 people to the Full Lives Conference in April where advocates learned about promoting healthy relationships, cultural diversities, stress management, working with people with disabilities, and community inclusion strategies.

Peggy Brown reported that they had a Compass Training in Ketchikan in April, and there is a statewide Compass Training scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 in Anchorage for Compass pilot participants. The training will focus on male mentors and outdoor leaders participating in mentoring youth. Peggy reported that the Stand Up Speak Up activities include developing more printed materials and doing public service announcements. With regards to the Lead On program, they have an in-person planning meeting scheduled, and she noted that there has been good follow up with the youth working on their community projects.

Peggy Brown reported that the Fourth R evaluation had some preliminary findings and some very positive indicators for gender norms, bystander intentions, and help seeking. The data will be released in a full report at the end of summer. Peggy Brown indicated that they have identified contractors who will develop a story line for the Fourth R that follows the lives of a few students communicating via Facetime exploring the concepts that are imbedded in the Fourth R. A script and a screenplay will be developed and turned into videos for classroom application.

Peggy Brown expressed her appreciation to the Council board members and the Council staff for their support in moving as a coordinated, cohesive entity to address the issues in the state, and encouraged the Council members to celebrate their successes.

### **COMMENTS**

Susan Cushing commented that she used the materials supplied by Haven House in a presentation she made to a class at the Homer Flex High School, and the Talk Now Talk Often cards were part of the materials she used to converse with the students. There were two of the comments from the students that impressed her, "We need to know about this when we are little kids, what to do when something is not good," and "There are kids who trick adults into getting into trouble."

Susan Cushing shared her experience with the Choose Respect March in Homer, and Donna Erikson shared her experience with the Choose Respect March in Palmer.

Donna noted that the Palmer event had the biggest turnout in the history of the march in that area with approximately 400 people in attendance.

Rachel Gernat shared her experience with her visit to the Petersburg program. They did not do a march, but chose to focus on bullying and how to respect each other. They had a showing of the movie "Bully," which was used to begin a dialogue about choosing respect.

### **KIDS' CLUB/MOMS' EMPOWERMENT**

Dr. Sandra Graham-Bermann, who is the developer of the Kids' Club/Moms' Empowerment program, presented an overview of the program that Alaska is looking at as an option to support moms and children who come into shelters. Dr. Graham-Bermann presented a hard copy of the webinar, which could be found in the board packet.

Dr. Graham-Bermann highlighted the history of the Kids' Club & Moms' Empowerment programs and the issues that the programs are designed to address, and gave a description of each program.

Dr. Graham-Bermann noted that there is evidence to demonstrate that these are programs that are based on research of children and families with violence. She explained that the children's program is set up in a group environment and is designed with action and activities so children are engaged. The programs are designed to reduce their anxiety, depression, and aggression.

Dr. Graham-Bermann noted that the Kids' Club program is about one hour, and the Moms' Empowerment program meets at the same time. The moms' program is set up in groups also so it creates a free-flowing environment. The moms' program is about helping moms, empowering them as women and as parents. By helping the mothers around parenting and their mental health and then connecting them to resources and to each other, they are able to further help their children.

Dr. Graham-Bermann noted that the programs are effective for the moms and the children, but when provided together, the effects are even greater for the children. Dr. Graham-Bermann answered questions from the Council regarding specific data in the board packet and wrapped up with an explanation of the evaluation piece.

The Council members had a discussion related to the presentation and the following questions were posed to Council staff:

- Q: Is it a Council decision of whether or not to accept the proposed program?
- A: A combination of the Governor's office and the Council. The staff is recommending that we go with this program for the first couple of years to try it out.
- Q: What other programs are available to compare to this program?
- A: There are not a lot of programs available.

- Q: Have you exhausted all of the known resources of available programs and this is the staff recommendation?
- A: Yes, there are other programs, but not specifically for use in shelters that have the evidence-based backing that this program has, and there are no other programs that allows advocates to carry the work forward.
- Q: Would updating the material for Alaska involve staff in conjunction with the program developers?
- A: There is a cadre of people who are skilled in adaptations for Alaska, and they would be called upon to work with the developer.
- Q: What is the availability of behavioral/mental, trauma-informed health services in conjunction with this program in communities?
- A: We would start with a pilot program of four communities that already have a connection between the program and the trauma-informed behavioral health piece, and paying particular attention to what supports are available is recommended.

Susan Cushing recommended the Council get a better look at the training and program materials and try to project the real cost of implementing the pilot program for the first year. Lauree Morton noted that it would be difficult to project real costs due to the variables, but a rough estimate could be done.

Richard Irwin recommended forming a committee to focus on a detailed look at the program and program materials, and to look at the feasibility of adapting the program for the implementation of a pilot project in Alaska. Richard recommended using an increment step for that goal. Patricia Owen commented that she would prefer not to hesitate too long since the program is an evidence-based project and she sees it as an opportunity to move forward to benefit exposed children.

Lauree Morton noted that there is \$250,000 in general funds that go in the CDVSA base to work with kids in shelters. She asked that if a committee is formed, that they would be able to meet before the July meeting and have a recommendation for the Council at the July meeting.

Richard Irwin finalized the discussion by asking the Council members to think about who would be part of the team to do the assessment and make a recommendation by the July meeting.

### **TOUR OF AVV**

Richard Irwin expressed his appreciation for the tour of the shelter and stated that the Council members enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the staff.

### **ADVOCATES FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

Rowena Palomar, from the Advocates for the Victims of Violence (AVV), gave a PowerPoint presentation of the history of AVV and their current activities. A Women's Resource Group was formed in 1979, and they organized an emergency safe home for battered woman. In the spring of 1981, members separated the Woman's Resource

Group to have a better place for battered women, and the Advocates for Victims of Violence was formed. In January of 1981, they applied for funds from the State of Alaska and committed to continue to do community education, to explore other funding resources, and to work closely with other service providers. In November of 1981, they began to receive state funds. They occupied the office next to the counseling center, and the shelter was housed in the Episcopal rectory. In 1983, they dedicated the shelter. In 1995, the board recognized that the shelter was too small to accommodate the women and looked for a bigger location, which is the current location. The current shelter officially opened in November of 1999. AVV is on their 33<sup>rd</sup> year of operation in Valdez. They provide services to other communities throughout Prince William Sound.

Rowena Palomar reported that AVV provides crisis management and intervention services for adults, children, and non-offending family members including emergency shelter, transportation to safe homes, safety planning, a crisis line, and advocacy with legal, medical, social, and law enforcement. They also provide accompaniment for victims during forensic and medical examination, information, and referrals to ensure the effective utilization of community resources. They provide individual and group counseling to offer emotional support and guidance to help cope with a given situation and determine future goals and actions. The shelter in Valdez partners with stakeholders in other communities, including the tribal organizations, and travels to outlying areas to provide resources and develop a network of support for victims and their families in those communities.

Rowena Palomar noted that they have two staff members who are bilingual, which is valuable in their advocacy work with women. Rowena stated that the reputation of AVV in the community has changed over the years from a "man-hater's club" to become one of the most respected resource agencies in town. AVV has a good working relationship with the Office of Children's Services, and they work together on child visitation appointments. AVV, OCS and the counseling center have shared clients, and they work as a team to achieve the goal of reunification based on the situation. Each agency has outlined their role to best help the clients. They also have a very good working relationship with Valdez Police Department (VPD). There is no formal SART team in Valdez. In a case of sexual assault, VPD will immediately inform AVV and request that an advocate accompany a victim from the time they do the investigation to the time they do the forensic examination in Anchorage.

Rowena Palomar summarized her presentation by outlining the outreach AVV does, the community inclusion piece, and the agency awareness events and activities.

### **PLAN FOR \$1.4 PREVENTION FUNDS**

Lauree Morton directed the Council members to the document in the board packet under Prevention Funds. This funding had previously gone to the rural pilot projects, and they anticipate doing three things with the funds:

- Wind down current projects allowing for a six-month wind down. Evaluate current projects and develop a report to make available to the Council at the November meeting, to the Governor's office, and to the legislature next session.

- Advance community-based primary prevention efforts by developing RFPs for communities that are at a readiness stage and doing prevention work to help further their efforts. The potential grantees will be communities that have sent prevention teams to the prevention summit, and they would be required to demonstrate their readiness and capacity to carry forward the effort. There will be funds set aside to provide technical assistance and to contract with project evaluators.
- Fund ongoing prevention initiatives and integrate the state prevention plans. There will also be funds set aside for start-up funds for communities as they spread Coaching Boys into Men, Green Dot, and Girls on the Run statewide.

At this point, the Governor has not signed the FY15 budget, and they will be working with the Governor's office to get the \$1.4 million to their office in a timely manner so they can start on this work.

### **PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) UPDATE**

Ed Webster briefly reported that PREA is a federally mandated reporting law regarding prison rape that purports that if you are aware or have received a report of prison rape, you must take action and you must help protect the victim. The Department of Corrections (DOC) keeps statistics on allegations and investigations.

Lauree Morton will contact Johnny Wallace and ask for a written update, and she will forward that to Council members.

### **SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT IN DOC FACILITIES**

Ed Webster reported on the DOC activities related to the Sex Offender Treatment in DOC facilities. He stated that there are an overwhelming number of sex offenders in prison. In 2010, they opened the Lemon Creek Correctional Complex Sex Offender Program in Juneau, and that facility currently serves 24 maximum-level sex offenders in an 18 to 24-month therapeutic community that is housed in one mod, and there is one full-time mental health therapist that works with those offenders and one case manager. They hope to expand to another 24-unit mod, but that is contingent on locating a therapist. In May of 2013, they opened the Palmer Correctional Complex program, which serves 29 men in an outpatient program for medium/minimum offenders. There is also the Highland Mountain Correctional Complex Program, which is only open to female sex offenders. The capacity is 15, the most they have had is five, and they currently have two. That program is a 24-month program.

Each sex offender that is released submits a release plan to the institutional probation officer and the officer reviews it to see if it is an adequate and appropriate plan before they release the sex offender. There are also two Ph.D. level treatment providers that go to most of the facilities to do psychosexual in-depth treatment assessments on sex offenders. Those assessments are helpful upon release, because the treatment provider and the probation officer can use them to provide a better treatment plan for release.

Ed Webster reported that their community program activities include seven contracted sex offender therapists in Anchorage that serve approximately 165 offenders per year in a 24-month, outpatient-based cognitive behavioral program. They also have one in Anchorage that offers treatment for men that suffer from major mental illness, mental disability, or FAS spectrum disorders. There is a wait list of 60 to 90 days for entry into the sex offender treatment program in Anchorage. The probation officers who supervise offenders are trained on how to be a sex offender probation officer, which is quite different from the generic caseload. They have one contracted sex offender therapist that travels to Palmer once a week and serves approximately 20 offenders a year. The wait list in Palmer is approximately 90 days. Fairbanks has one contracted sex offender therapist, and she serves approximately 15 offenders. The wait list in Fairbanks is approximately 60 days. Juneau has one part-time Mental Health Clinician III who works at the jail, and she does treatment in the community. She serves approximately 20 offenders. The waitlist in Juneau is over 90 days. The Bethel program has partnered with the Tundra Center, where they can hold 18 persons in the halfway house, and the treatment providers are one full-time DOC employee and one contracted person. The wait list for the Bethel program is in excess of 90 days.

Ed Webster reported that the prison program success rate at Lemon Creek is 75 percent. The community programs success rate is reported to average 55 percent. Ed noted that they have set up a database to follow people for up to five years from release to track recidivism.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public members present for public comment.

The Council members had a discussion on sustaining prevention efforts and retaining funding for prevention. They also discussed the notion of meeting with legislators as Council members with talking points regarding issues of importance to CDVSA.

Lauree Morton gave a brief description of the Interagency Prevention Coordinating Committee meetings with prevention coordinators from the different categorical programs: Suicide prevention, mental health, behavioral health coordinators, adolescent health prevention coordinators, public health improvement coordinators, Dr. Linda Chamberlain and Lauree, and the Office of Children's Services. They are looking at state prevention plans to try to identify crossover in terms of strategies and risk factors, prevention strategies and building protective factors for reducing risk behaviors. They are working towards a white paper on what primary prevention strategy is and why it is important. They are looking at information on the economic and social costs of these problems, and they hope to come up with a consensus of points of priority in the prevention programs that all can benefit from with an emphasis on the adverse childhood experiences as one of the root causes of many of these things.

#### **RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 5:13 p.m.

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

**Quarterly Meeting  
Valdez Civic Center  
110 Clifton Drive  
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May 7 – 8, 2014**

**Committee Members Present**

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Rachel Gernat  
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Commissioner Folger  
Patricia Owen  
Rick Svobodny - telephonic

**Guests**

Freda Westman  
Mary Beth Gagnon  
Peggy Brown  
Patty Folger  
Rowena Palomar  
Peggy Brown  
Cheri Smith  
Lisa Kinsel  
Jackie Hill  
Cathy Stone

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**Minutes Prepared by:** Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., and roll call was taken.

Council members returned the questionnaires from Richard, and the floor was opened for comments related to Wednesday's meeting. Donna Erikson talked about being bothered by the lack of sex offender therapy and counseling in rural Alaska. Rachel Gernat recommended researching the possibility of contracting a roving therapist for rural sites, and Lauree Morton will pass the recommendation to Ron Taylor for consideration.

### **MEETING LOCATIONS**

The Council members discussed the FY 2015 meeting locations document, which could be found in the board packet. The Council agreed on the following meeting schedule:

July 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Anchorage (hosted by AWAIC)
August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Anchorage (hosted by VFJ)
November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	Sitka (hosted by SAFV)
February 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Juneau
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Cordova

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Rachel Gernat commented that she was asked to speak at a Sunrise Rotary Club event in Wasilla. AFS has been doing a four-part presentation on the trends of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Valley and they are looking to implement Green Dot in the Valley. Rachel spoke about the other programs, Coaching Boys into Men and Girls on the Run. Rachel commented that she was invited to be at the Rotary Club meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> where the Governor will be present to talk about his Choose Respect campaign.

### **DASHBOARD INDICATORS**

#### **PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (PRAMS)**

Kathy Perham-Hester, from the Division of Public Health, gave a general overview and methodology of PRAMS. PRAMS is an ongoing population-based survey that currently runs in approximately 40 states, and has been ongoing in the state of Alaska since 1990. The survey includes mothers of newborns with specific criteria, which results in a survey of about one of six mothers who have delivered in Alaska. Included in the variety of survey questions is the question, "During your most recent pregnancy, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any way?" The data shown in the document in the board packet is data from 2009 to 2011. The progress indicated a 25 percent decrease, which translates to satisfactory progress.

#### **CHILDHOOD UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIORS STUDY (CUBS)**

Margaret Young, from the Division of Public Health, gave a general overview and methodology of CUBS. CUBS started in Alaska as an ongoing survey in 2008. CUBS is funded through the Title V Maternal Child Health Grant and is under Alaska control. CUBS follows up three years later with the mothers who responded to PRAMS, and they ask questions mostly about the child, but also some questions about the mother.

Included in the variety of survey questions is the question, "Has your child ever experienced seeing violence or physical abuse in person?" The data shown in the document in the board packet is data from 2009 through 2012. Although the data shows a decline in the previous two years, the violence exposure level is greater than what was reported in 2009; therefore, the progress indicates that improvement is needed.

There was a discussion related to Dashboard Indicator 12, women whose health provider talked to them about physical abuse. The progress has not changed significantly. Kathy Perham-Hester asked the Council how they use the Dashboard, and Lauree Morton explained history and methodology of the Dashboard and noted that the Council uses the Dashboard to monitor the indicators and track the effectiveness of the initiative over time. Susan Cushing commented that as a member of the Council, she looks at the Dashboard as a guide for what programs or sectors of DV/SA they need to focus on and/or search out programs that would positively affect some of the statistics or trends.

### **UPDATE ON EDUCATION**

Patricia Owen began her report by stating that the Fourth R, the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, has had its three-year evaluation, and they are expecting some promising results to come out this summer on the evaluation. The weakness of the Fourth R is that it is just for secondary education students, and they have not identified a similar curriculum for elementary grade students. What has shown to be the best fit for elementary and preschool students is a social and emotional learning curriculum that teaches kids pro-social skills, respect, and character education. A committee has been formed to review social and emotional learning curriculums. There are 13 programs that have been reviewed at the national level and are listed as evidence-based. The committee is an interagency committee with the Network, the Council, Health and Social Services, and the Association of Alaska School Boards. There is the desire to review those 13 curriculums and narrow it down to a recommendation of one to three for Alaska. Currently, there is no funding for that, so they will be starting a white paper on why social and emotional learning is important and how it also improves academic achievement, and how it can provide protective factors for children who have already experienced the trauma of witnessed violence.

With regards to Erin's Law, Patricia Owen reported that Representative Tarr introduced the bill in the House, and it went through the committee process. Senator McGuire introduced a companion bill in the Senate that passed unanimously, and it went back to the House and fell through the cracks. In preparation for reintroducing Erin's Law, Patricia and Ann Rausch will begin to work on a document relating to personal safety guidelines for the school districts, and will prepare to work with victim agencies with training on policy at the local level. The other concerns they will address are related to mandating health education in Alaska school districts and other unintended consequences.

Patricia Owen stated that a comprehensive school health education curriculum is a K-12 curriculum with age-appropriate scope and sequence, and what they currently see in Alaska is varying degrees of health education. Richard Irwin asked how that could be changed. Patricia responded that there is a model that could be promoted called "Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child" for schools, and then try to link prevention programs, education programs, intervention programs with learning. The Department of Education is looking at two grant opportunities, one is a school climate transformation grant, which has an anti-bullying, social emotional learning, healthy relationships, safe and supportive environment focus, and the other one is for mental health services in the schools. Another strategy for children exposed to trauma is school-based health centers.

Lauree Morton recommended inviting the stakeholders of Erin's Law to speak at the November Council meeting.

### **MANIILAQ FAMILY CRISIS CENTER**

Lauree Morton updated the Council members on the status of Maniilaq Family Crisis Center (MFCC). At the February meeting, the Council requested that staff meet with the board chair and CEO of Maniilaq Family Crisis Center to talk about forward progress in being able to provide services to victims in the Kotzebue area. Richard and Lauree met with Guy Adams, the chair of MFCC, Barbara Janitscheck, the interim CEO, Jackie Hill, Linda Hoven, and Anthony Cravalho, the grants manager/planner in Juneau. Lauree noted that it was a very positive meeting with an acknowledgment of the concerns, and then brainstorming about how to move forward. Lauree asked for an outreach plan, which has been included in the board packet, and a description of the ways in which MFCC wants to move forward to increase the visibility of the crisis center. Lauree stated that the decision point for the Council is whether to fund the MCFF in FY15, and if so, how to structure the funding.

Jackie Hill reported that the Juneau meeting was productive and they came to a consensus about what they needed to be doing as a program. Jackie expressed that they are considering a name change, but she believes that it is more a matter of an increased outreach efforts in Kotzebue and in the villages to make people aware of the center. She referred Council members to the handout Outreach Work Plan for Maniilaq Family Crisis Center. She noted that the outreach staff position and some of the outreach activities are funded through a separate federal grant they receive. Lisa Kinsel reported that their focus in the outreach plan is the Kotzebue area. They have been gathering information for the posters, flyers, and doing PSAs on the radio. They are currently working on village visits and working with the school district. The school district would like MFCC to become more familiar with the Fourth R program the schools currently have in place before they do any presentations to the students. They have been ordering supplies for their informational tables to give away, such as bracelets, pencils, and cards. They have found that giveaways are a good tool to attract people to their informational presentations. Their last major outreach was in the Kotzebue school spring carnival, and they had an information table set up. She noted that they would be

working on the outreach work plan and working on collaboration efforts with law enforcement, schools, and other agencies with common interests.

Richard Irwin asked for MFCC's perspective as to what their thoughts were on why there has not been interest shown or people coming to their center or requesting services. Lisa Kinsel explained that in Kotzebue, in events of violence, arrests are made immediately and victims are able to stay home. Most of their clients come from the villages where there is not law enforcement present to intervene. Some victims say that they have reported and nothing has happened, so they would rather just leave the home for a few days and then go back.

Rachel Gernat questioned the timeline of the goals asking if there was a specific timeline or a manner in which they will work through the goals. Lisa responded that the timeline is generally for the rest of the year because of staffing, and they will work on a specific timeline once they figure out staffing. Rachel asked for a description of a day in the life of an MFCC staff person, and Lisa replied that the mornings are spent checking the court calendar and often times appearing in court, and they take calls from clients who need help with protective orders, which sometimes involves going to meet with clients offsite. The outreach coordinator works on coordinating and scheduling village visits. They also have been putting together their outreach products, printing brochures, and making packets for community members. The night shift advocate has been working on the after-hours duties and helping with the outreach packets, and then the daily upkeep of the shelter.

Rachel Gernat asked for data related to how many people they are in court with and are helping with protective orders and SART calls. Lisa reported that in the month of April, they had approximately two court sessions a week, and they had no SART calls. They have had four crisis line calls, and one onsite informational visit to the shelter. Rachel questioned why there has not been a call to law enforcement agencies to set up a meeting. Jackie Hill responded that the Public Safety Commission's public service representative is trying to set up a meeting that consists of the VPSOs, village representatives, the state troopers, and the local KPV, and they are currently trying to coordinate a time for that meeting to happen. Council members continued to question the MFCC staff about their activities trying to assess the low numbers of clients when the need is so high in all of the other shelters. Jackie Hill responded that the outreach piece of their program is lacking, and that it is an area that they will be working on in the immediate future.

Richard Irwin assured the MFCC staff that they are keenly aware of the difficulty of the people that are being served, and they are looking for the best results for what they can do to make a difference for the people in the state of Alaska. The Council recognizes the difficult job they have before them, and the fact that MFCC is willing to step up and be involved is deeply appreciated. He also spoke about the realities of evaluation as part of their responsibilities, and they have to manage the funds from the State of Alaska and make best determinations for those utilizing those funds.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to go into executive session to discuss matters that affect the financial integrity of the organization, **SECONDED** by Patricia Owen. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**. (6/0)

The Council came out of executive session with no business being conducted during the session.

## **UPDATE ON HOUSING**

Cathy Stone, the director of the Public Housing Division for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, presented an update on the Empowering Choice Housing Program, which is a unique collaboration that they have with the CDVSA and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA). She reported that the program is a tremendous success, and when they look at other high-risk, at-need populations with respect to housing, they think about collaborating in the same way they collaborate with this program.

Cathy Stone reported that they had a little bit of a slowdown at the end 2013 because of sequestration. The good news was that Congress got past the sequestration cuts and was able to fund the programs. The current utilization of the 254 units is at approximately 69 percent, because after sequestration it takes some time to get referrals, and finding housing, even with a voucher, can be difficult.

Cathy Stone reported that an interesting characteristic of the program is people still come in at extremely low incomes. In fact, 84 percent of people are at extremely low income, which is at or below 30 percent of the average median income in their community, with the average annual income being approximately \$13,800 per year. Cathy reported that 30 percent of the people come in with some wages, and the rest are coming in with no wages or have other income from either welfare, Social Security, or some other income.

Cathy Stone reported that the average monthly total tenant payment in the program is around \$332 per month, which is not too far off from the statewide voucher program. It is a little lower than the typical voucher program, which is \$395. The average family size is two persons. As part of a legislative request, they have begun to implement a survey that is basically tracking demographic data of new participants coming into the program focusing on how they were doing when they came in, and then how they were doing 1, 2, and 3 years in the program. This anonymous data will be helpful in analyzing the program and enhance pieces of the program that have gaps in either services or training.

The other good news is they requested \$2 million from the legislature to continue the programs, and they were awarded the full allotment. Council members asked the following questions:

Q: Will there be a point at which there will be a re-analysis of which communities have how many vouchers and possibly make changes?

A: It is anticipated that the program regions will be at 80 to 90 percent utilization in a few months. The lull in utilization is in direct response to the sequestration.

Q: Did Kotzebue receive vouchers?

A: No, there is not a program in Kotzebue

Q: Did you run into any situations where there are vouchers, but the issue is there is not housing available?

A: Yes, but not a large number of those cases.

Q: Does Barrow have a program?

A: No, because Alaska Housing does not have vouchers in Barrow.

Q: Does Nome have a program?

A: There are no vouchers in Nome, but there is public housing, so they have given the Empowerment Choice Housing program a preference in Nome.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION, CONTINUED**

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to return to executive session to discuss issues that affect the financial well being of the institution, **SECONDED** by Patricia Owen.

The Council came out of executive session and Richard Irwin reported that no action was taken regarding funds for Maniilaq Family Crisis Center.

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** for MFCC, Maniilaq Family Crisis Center, funding for FY15 as follows:

The funding in regards to MFCC is for FY15 first quarter funding only and will be on a monthly reimbursement basis. In regards to MFCC, we are continuing quarterly funding but only as a domestic violence, sexual assault resource center and crisis line, not as a shelter program. The Council will allow reimbursement up to \$1,250 for monies spent for emergency housing to ensure victims and their children's immediate safety. There must be a change of leadership or restructuring for optimal operation. The leadership must identify the community needs surrounding DV and sexual assault and implement methods to address the needs and serve these community members. The Council supports the MFCC name change. The Council requires MFCC to form an advisory committee with a minimum of three individuals, partnership agencies, or program participants, and to advise CDVSA staff of this committee and its members. Priority shall be given to members of the City of Kotzebue residents, since outreach funding for rural communities is being provided by other sources. Continued funding shall be contingent on all of the above conditions being met.

Susan Cushing **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW**

Richard Irwin tabled the strategic plan review until next meeting.

### **FY15 VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER GRANTS**

Richard Irwin tabled the FY15 Victim Service Provider Grant discussion until next meeting.

### **JULY/AUGUST BUDGET MEETING PREPARATION**

Richard Irwin tabled the July/August budget meeting preparation discussion until next meeting.

### **CLOSING COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin tabled the Council closing comments.

Susan Cushing will send her closing remarks in an email to Council members. See attached addendum.

Rachel Gernat expressed her appreciation to Rowena Palomar and AVV, not just for hosting the meeting, but also for what they continue to do for Valdez and the surrounding area.

Lauree Morton informed the Council members that there is a possibility that an RSA that they entered into with the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health in the amount of \$367,200 may not be available for FY2015. Lauree recommended proceeding as if they will receive the funding and prepare to make the FY15 grant awards at the FY14 amounts. If they are notified that the funding will not be available then a special meeting will need to be called before June 30<sup>th</sup> to decide how the Council would like to handle that decrease in funding to victim service providers.

### **ADJOURN**

Richard Irwin thanked the Council members for their contributions and adjourned the May 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting at 4:27 p.m.

## ADDENDUM

Dear Council:

Due to other business at our last meeting, we tabled several issues including final Council Comments. For the record, I would like to mention a couple of things that will be written into the Minutes:

1. I am grateful to be on this team and as prevention programs continue to gain momentum, hope that the Council continues to be assertive. Public awareness is reaching its saturation point around the State: shelter programs are experiencing high demand and political analysis is occurring in the media. As well, Alaska is getting a great deal of national coverage of our DVSA statistics, programs, etc. As a Council, we need to understand the media impact and our response to "hot topic" issues related to DVSA.

What is the Council's response to certain "hot topic" issues, of which we will be queried, either individually or as a Council? When should the Council respond officially? There are many DVSA cases that appear in the media, but some are more critical and reflect our strength as a Council.

Could there be a screening by staff of hot DVSA issues that reflect the Council's position and reputation for the job we are doing? And we are given a "heads up" or briefing, perhaps in Lauree's Weekly Report to Council?

For example, the Alaska Guard sexual abuse issue is heating up. After seeing the movie, *The Invisible War*, over a year ago, the Council has had two presenters from that sector to shed light on the issue. However, this issue is reaching the tipping point and perhaps the Council should address it and state our stance?

Another example is the series of articles by Sutter regarding DVSA in Alaska. My son sent me the link. Otherwise, I wouldn't have known about it. I do follow the news. Perhaps the Council could be given a heads up on such extensive articles as they hit the street?

Another example is the case in Homer of the assault of a young man allegedly by two football stars, and was recorded by bystanders with cell phones. In March, an author from the *New York Times* was in Homer for ten days writing a story on a community's response to this kind of violence. At the CLE, I was asked by retired Judge Niesje Steinkruger to send her the link. When this article is published (if it hasn't been already), perhaps the Council could be given heads up on it. I will check with Haven House to see if they know when it will be published.

My final comment is to bid a fond farewell to Linda Hoven, who has been dedicated to victim safety and recovery, has given assurance and support to programs that help them to be sustained, and has a kind heart. I wish her well in her retirement, and may her garden flourish.

Thank you,

Susan Cushing

Public Member

## INDEX OF ACRONYMS

AAVP	Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention
AFS	Alaska Family Services – Palmer
AJP	Alaska Justice Project
ANDVSA	Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
AST	Alaska State Troopers
AVV	Advocates for Victims of Violence - Valdez
AWAIC	Abused Women's Aid in Crisis - Anchorage
AWARE	Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies - Juneau
AWIC	Arctic Women in Crisis - Barrow
BIP	Batterer Intervention Program
BSWG	Bering Sea Women's Group - Nome
CBIM	Coaching Boys Into Men
CDVSA	Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
CFRC	Cordova Family Resource Center - Cordova
CUBS	Childhood Understanding Behaviors Study
DBH	Division of Behavioral Health
DHSS	Department of Health & Human Services
DOC	Department of Corrections
GOTR	Girls on the Run
IAC	Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks
KWRCC	Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center - Kodiak
LSC	Lee Shore Center – Kenai
MFCC	Maniilaq Family Crisis Center - Kotzebue
OCS	Office of Children's Services
PRAMS	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
PREA	Prison Rape Elimination Act
SAFE	Safe and Fear Free Environment - Dillingham
SAFV	Sitkans Against Family Violence - Sitka
SART	Sexual Assault Response Training
SCS	Seaview Community Services - Seward
SPHH	South Peninsula Haven House - Homer
STAR	Standing Together Against Rape - Anchorage
TWC	Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel
USAFV	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - Unalaska
VCCB	Violent Crimes Compensation Board
VJF	Victims for Justice – Anchorage
WISH	Women in Safe Homes - Ketchikan

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

**Quarterly Meeting  
AWAIC  
101 West 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska  
July 23 - 24, 2014**

**Committee Members Present**

Richard Irwin – Chair  
Rachel Gernat  
Susan Cushing  
Commissioner Gary Folger  
Patricia Owen  
Ree Sailors  
John Skidmore  
Ronald Taylor

**Guests**

Suzi Pearson  
Marcia McKensie  
Saralyn Tabachnick

**Staff**

Lauree Morton – Executive Director  
Angela Wells

**Minutes Prepared by:** Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

*Thursday, July 24, 2014*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Irwin, the chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., and roll call was taken. He reminded the Council members that they have gathered to take something that may be good and make it best for it to be excellent, and the difference starts with them, individually and collectively.

Council members took a moment for Council comments. Susan Cushing commented that the first day discussions were very engaging, and she really appreciated having new input on the Council. Rachel Gernat commented that it is good to go back and refocus on what the goals are and adjust according to the current state of affairs. John Skidmore commented that he thought yesterday's conversation was a good one, and he's excited about continuing to support the Council's work.

### **TOUR OF AWAIC**

Richard Irwin introduced Suzi Pearson, who is the Executive Director of AWAIC. Suzi Pearson was joined by Emily Davenport, who is AWAIC's board of director's president-elect. Council members introduced themselves and stated their role on the Council.

Suzi Pearson gave the Council members AWAIC's annual report to introduce them to the variety of programs they offer. AWAIC is the only domestic violence shelter in Anchorage.

Suzi Pearson gave a history and overview of AWAIC and their programs, which includes their 54-bed shelter, which is funded with CDVSA funds. Currently there are 64 people in shelter, which is over capacity. This past fiscal year alone they have been at their capacity 67 percent of the year, so the demand for shelter is consistently increasing. Some of the increase in need for services is coming from the public service announcements, helping victims to realize that there are resources in the community.

AWAIC has a diverse funding stream. Suzi Pearson stated that 25 percent of their funding comes from individual, corporate, and foundation donations. The rest of the funds come from state and federal sources. Suzi noted that for 18 years, AWAIC has received funding from the Housing and Urban Development federal program (HUD), and HUD has shifted their method of funding. This past year AWAIC had to change their application and unfortunately lost funding for their Moving Forward Program, which helps people get into safe, permanent housing. The program also receives Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) funding, but that funding is directly connected to the HUD funding. AWAIC has been working on trying to supplement that for this year. They have a foundation involved, so some of their funds are being utilized to carry the program through, and they are also working with the Alaska Mental Health Trust and others to get funding to move forward, along with making an appeal to HUD in order to try and recover the funding.

Suzi Pearson reported that in addition to their shelter program, they have non-residential programs and services that are growing. She noted that they have a 10-bed transitional housing program for women without dependent children. Eighty-eight percent of the women in that program have co-occurring disorders, meaning they have both mental health issues as well as substance abuse issues, and they are facing a lot of challenges and require a lot of work for a full-time case manager. That program is funded through the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), and it has been a successful program that has been operational since 2005.

Suzi Pearson asked Council members to note the space issues AWAIC is having while on the tour. She noted that they have applied for a \$2 million capital grant for expanding the shelter, and they received \$1 million. They expect the project will cost approximately \$3 million, and they intend to start a capital campaign to raise funds. She noted that it's not just about expanding and creating shelter beds, but it is also about creating programmatic space that allows them to have individual confidential meetings. AWAIC has been working with the pre-development program through the Foraker Group, and they will hopefully be helping AWAIC through the process.

### **BATTERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (BIP) REGULATIONS**

Lauree Morton directed the Council member's attention to the draft BIP regulations, which could be found in the board packet. Lauree introduced Marcia McKenzie, who has been working with the BIP regulation revisions group as the drafter. She also is very well known in Council circles as she served as a Council program coordinator from 1990 to 1996.

Lauree Morton stated that there were some changes in the structure of the draft and also the addition of definitions, which was requested by the Council at the last meeting.

Marcia McKenzie stated that the Department of Law's regulations drafting manual spells out the specific formatting for draft regulations, and that is what governed the drafting committee's options. She highlighted the history and challenges of revising the regulations.

Marcia McKenzie and Lauree Morton will meet with the regulations attorney at the Department of Law to discuss the scope of the revisions, because there is a major question regarding whether they can do the process called repeal and readopt, and there are some technical issues in terms of language and format. After a meeting with LAW, the draft BIP regulations committee will be reconvened to finalize the document.

Marcia McKenzie and Lauree Morton opened the floor to questions and comments from Council members. John Skidmore commented that the draft looks like it follows what the committee wanted done. Lauree Morton noted that Rachel Gernat had asked at the February meeting to consider adding criminal activity and civil issues to the intake section, and that was addressed. Rachel Gernat questioned the lack of program non-compliance reporting guidance, and Lauree Morton will recommend that could be added to page 6, discharge. Rachel also questioned the clarity of page 6, program staff relating to waivers for felons and misdemeanants. Ron Taylor commented that the DOC is doing reentry, and this section would preclude felons from reentering, and he recommended a time limit on consideration for program staff. After a brief discussion, the Council members recommended a time limit of 3 years after probation has ended. John Skidmore had questions relating to program staff self-reporting if charged with a crime. Ron Taylor asked what an agency is required to report as far as tracking and outcomes. He recommended being clear that they need to report on the collateral

information from the referral agency. Marcia McKenzie offered to change the wording in .040(b) to remove “descriptions” and add “case documentation and collateral information”, and add to the list “referral agencies” in front of “criminal justice agencies”. Lauree Morton stated that they will make the recommended changes, and she will send it to the Council members for feedback.

Lauree Morton explained that the next steps include meeting with the LAW regulations attorney and make changes if needed. It then goes to the Department of Public Safety’s attorney and the Department of Corrections’ attorney for review. The next step is it goes to the regulations attorney formally at the DOL for a final review, and then it goes out to public comment. After public comment, all comments come back to the Council, and the Council will have an opportunity to consider comments. If substantive changes are made, it has to go back out for public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Saralyn Tabachnick commented that in the past quarter, AWARE has had the busiest quarter on record for shelter stays. They provided over 2,500 nights of safe shelter, which really stretched their resources and staff with the challenge of figuring out how to provide the depth and breadth of services to people needing those services. For the fiscal year, they provided nearly 8,500 nights of safe shelter, which is also a large number for the program in Juneau. She is very proud of the work the direct service staff and advocacy staff has done and continues to do.

Saralyn Tabachnick also commented that their Girls on the Run (GOTR) program is a successful prevention program. This year they were able to bring Molly Barker, who is the founder of GOTR to Juneau and the Southeast Region. While Molly was in Juneau, she met with the community and did a presentation. She also went to the middle schools and spoke to students, and she attended the 5K event they had.

Saralyn Tabachnick updated the Council members on AWARE’s plan for supported transitional housing. She reported that it is moving forward. They had the groundbreaking last Thursday and they are hoping to have it completed by the end of the year.

Saralyn Tabachnick thanked the Council members for their work on the Council.

### **OFFICE**

Lauree Morton directed the Council members to the Office tab in the board packet, which contains the information on the combination of the expended funds and the anticipated expenditures. The first discussion revolved around travel. Lauree commented that travel has become one of the areas in which they spend a significant amount of administrative money. There is specific travel that is funded through the federal STOP funding, Prevention funding, and the RSA with the Governor’s office. Some travel is funded through a combination of federal and general funds.

Lauree Morton explained that since they are administratively supported by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), they have an agreement with them that CDVSA pay a portion of DPS's administrative costs, including a portion of items including building, utilities, electronics, and IT support. The costs for FY13 were \$49,756, FY14 was \$52,641, and FY15 is expected to be in the \$55,000 range.

Lauree Morton reviewed the FY15 authorizations, items that were approved through the budget, and they are authorized to spend up to the amounts under the authorization column in each of the line items. Lauree explained that if there are unanticipated costs in commodities, for example, and they do not do a travel event, they can move money between those items. But if it is something in personal services or grants and benefits, the Council itself cannot make that decision, and they would need the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Lauree Morton reviewed the funding components for the authorizations. She explained that with regards to interagency receipts, there are three RSAs with the Governor's office: \$60,000 for the Pro Bono Clearinghouse, \$400,000 for the Victimization Survey and \$490,000 for Universal Public Education and Marketing. This year the added funds in there are for the \$1.4 million in the Prevention Programming. Other interagency receipts include \$68,000 from DOC, \$98,000 from DOC that is granted out to the prison-based programs, less than \$20,000 from Public Health for Sexual Assault Prevention, and also Division of Behavioral Health funds. The federal receipts include \$1.4 million VOCA funds, \$750,000 FVSPA funds, approximately \$800,000 STOP funds, and approximately \$100,000 Grant to Encourage Arrest (GTEA).

Lauree Morton reviewed the personal services data and noted that the Council is fully staffed this year. She noted that the projected total is above the authorization because the position of administrative officer is a contract in the budget and is reflected in the services line item. At some point, they will have to ask for that to be moved into personal services.

## **GRANTS**

Lauree Morton directed the Council members to the Grants tab in the board packet, which contained information related to the grants managed by CDVSA, including the grant name, start and end date, award amount, and available balance. She noted that they have been working on improving the process of using funds in a timelier manner to avoid having so many grant awards open and asking for extensions. The Council members had a brief discussion related to the process regarding the timing of the disbursement of funds.

Lauree Morton led a review of the Victim Services Programs awards for each program CDVSA supports. She noted that the reason why FY15 is less than FY14 is because they wanted to get the grant award notifications out to the programs so they could complete their paperwork and receive their advances. Some of the programs, particularly the larger ones, carry forward enough of their own money to cover costs

without the advance. What the FY15 awards reflects is the FY14 amount subtracting the \$367.2 million. When they get the \$367.2 million, then it will be added in, and it will bring them up to their FY14 awards. The FY15 award is also missing the increment that the programs receive from the \$287.5 million.

Lauree Morton reported that the Batterers Intervention Program award has been constant through FY13 and FY14, and will continue at that level for FY15. The \$200,000 is the amount of money available for awards to community-based programs for at least ten years.

Lauree Morton explained that the Prison Batterers Program is the money the Department of Corrections RSAs to the Council that they then grant out to the programs that run the Prison Batterers Programs.

Lauree Morton stated that with regards to the Emerging Programs, they are new for FY14, and FY15 will be the second year of the award. The funding that is allocated to Interior Alaska Center (IAC) is to help provide technical assistance to Upper Tanana. Both Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) and Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE) have been volunteer organizations for several years already providing the service, but have not been state funded. Upper Tanana had not been providing the service previously, nor received state funding, so IAC is using some of these funds to help them to develop a process to provide services and work with victims.

## **PROJECTS**

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention to the annual reports where they would find details about the projects that CDVSA supports. She highlighted the following information about the programs:

### ***SART – Sexual Assault Response Team***

The Council has been responsible for facilitating the training for SARTs, and they are now in a rotation where they provide the training the second week of November and the third week of March. Because of the overwhelming response for training in March, another training was added in June in Anchorage. The number of attendees is limited to 50 people. The March meetings are rotated between Anchorage and Fairbanks, and the November meetings are in other communities. CDVSA pays for the trainers, scholarships for participant lodging and travel, and for materials.

### ***SVSEP – Supervised Visitation Safe Exchange Program***

The Council is working with the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, which has a supervised visitation center called Birch Visitation Center. They are in the final year of this grant, and they will need to reapply next fiscal year. The grant is funded through the Office of Violence against Women (OVW) and they spent their first year as a planning year. In Fairbanks they worked out protocols specific under the OVW recommendations and guidelines on how they were going to run the center. The

second year they were able to hire and train staff and started accepting families, and this year it is up and running.

***GTEA – Grants to Encourage Arrest***

The Council works with the Network and the Alaska Institute of Justice where they are working on language access and interpreter issues, and training for victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault in the shelters, and also programs that provide non-residential services.

**INCREMENT REQUESTS**

Lauree Morton asked the Council members to review the information regarding the increment requests the Council has made over the last couple of years and evaluate what they have and have not received. She posed the question: Are those the requests they would like to make for FY16, or are there other things that would be more of a priority to Council members?

**RESEARCH**

Lauree Morton reported that in 2015 they will be looking at conducting the Statewide Victimization Survey, where they intend to survey 2,200 people. They are going to take the regions that were surveyed but didn't have enough respondents to have their own region and include them in the statewide survey.

Lauree Morton reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> R evaluation concluded at the end of FY14. The report will include PowerPoint presentations of the materials and have data in a presentable form to the public. The remainder of the monies will be funneled towards Green Dot and other prevention strategies the Council is supporting.

Lauree Morton reported that there is no other researched planned, but they will have approximately \$50,000 that has not been set on any specific prevention activity. They have provided funds for the four questions for the purpose, for the ACES questions, and there is some interest in doing more work around that.

Patty Owen noted that the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which is every other year, looks to its partners to fund portions of the survey, not for operations, but for actually supporting the school districts to promote the survey. The Department of Education collects the money and gives it out to the school districts that are implementing the YRBS. Patty Owen commented that she's been asked if the Council would be interested in contributing funds towards that survey.

Lauree Morton commented that another survey that will be ongoing this year is the Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs Survey, which will most likely be a mail-out survey to the general population to see what people's knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs are regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

Lauree Morton reported that other research going on in the state includes the Alaska Institute for Justice received a demonstration award from the Office of Victims of Crime to look at how crime victims are able to access the criminal justice system.

### **POSSIBLE INCREMENT REQUESTS**

Lauree Morton led a review of the FY15 increment requests. The two increments they received were \$287.5 million for sustaining current victim services, and \$250.0 million general funds for helping children exposed to violence. Lauree requested that the Council look at the Kids Club curriculum as an increment request, and she would like a directive to move forward and begin to implement the project.

Lauree Morton led a review of the increments they did not receive, but noted that some of the activities have been collapsed into other areas.

The Council members had a discussion related to the importance of the increment requests and how to manage the funding that is available and what will be important to the Council to make increment requests for in the future.

John Skidmore led a discussion related to a program in Anchorage designed to capture all of the conditions from the court as they exit and provide the conditions to law enforcement. The conditions of release are not captured in an electronic format that can be easily distributed. What they've done in the program is to have personnel dedicated within the Anchorage municipal prosecutor's office that enter the data into a database that's available to APD officers, and the officers are confirming the conditions of release. John recommended the Council provide advocacy and support for that type of program. Council members requested that Lauree Morton ask for a presentation of that program.

Patty Owen commented that social emotional learning is important and it should be an increment request.

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** with regards to the received funding for helping children exposed to violence that the Council accept the Kid's Club program, which they heard about at a previous meeting by Dr. Graham-Bermann, as they had previously discussed and held off on. The motion was **SECONDED** by Susan Cushing. Hearing no discussion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion **PASSED. (6/0/1)**

### **COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin asked the Council members to think about the main priorities the Council should fund. Susan Cushing stated the children and parent services will always be her priority. Rachel Gernat requested that there be a taskforce on sex trafficking update on a future agenda.

Richard Irwin requested a future discussion regarding educating legislators as a year-round activity to increase their awareness of CDVSA issues and activities.

Richard Irwin led a discussion related to the possibility of expanding the time of Council meetings by either adding another day to the existing meeting schedule or adding another meeting to the calendar year. Council members weighed in with their preferences, and the discussion will continue at a later time.

Lauree Morton commented that the activities Council members have requested staff provide more information on at the next meeting is as follows:

- Legal assistance for victims.
- The BIP regulations.
- The crisis intervention and the prevention outreach.
- Social emotional learning curriculum materials or ways in which to help communities and schools.
- Home visitation.
- Strengthening families.
- Childcare as it relates to shelters.

### **ADJOURN**

Richard Irwin thanked the Council members for their contributions and adjourned the July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting at 4:27 p.m.

## INDEX OF ACRONYMS

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

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

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

**Quarterly Meeting  
Victims for Justice  
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 103  
Anchorage, Alaska  
August 15, 2014**

**Committee Members Present**

Richard Irwin – Chair  
Susan Cushing  
Commissioner Gary Folger  
Ree Sailors  
John Skidmore  
Ronald Taylor  
Patricia Owen - telephonic  
Rachel Gernat – telephonic for Executive Session

**Guests**

Susan Sullivan  
Katie TePas  
Rachel Gaedeke  
Angie Rosales  
Peg Brown

**Staff**

Lauree Morton – Executive Director  
Angela Wells

**Minutes Prepared by:** Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Irwin called the meeting to order at 11:00, and roll call was taken. He expressed his appreciation to Susan Sullivan for making the VFJ facility available for their meeting.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY**

No conflicts of interest were declared by Council members.

## **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin shared his philosophy of moving from good to excellent. He noted that as a Council, if they are going to be part of changing the culture of Alaska, they must move from a place of status quo to a place of thinking as leaders, as the dealers of hope. He quoted Carlyle, "Let him who would be moved to convince others be first moved to convince himself." He posed the question: Are we people of hope, bearers of hope in whatever sphere of influence we have? Are we people who fundamentally believe we can make a difference?

## **VICTIMS FOR JUSTICE**

Susan Sullivan welcomed the board members and gave a history and overview of Victims for Justice (VFJ) and their programs. She was joined by Angie Rosales and Rachel Gaedeke from the VFJ office. Susan highlighted that they served people who are victims of violent crimes. They cover the whole gambit of violent crimes; assault, aggravated assault, drunk driving incidence, kidnapping, domestic violence and sexual assault, and homicide. They serve approximately 270 people per quarter. Their staff consists of three advocates, and each semester they hire one intern.

Angie Rosales, who works for the city prosecutor's office and serves on the board of VJF, reported on some of the statistics of crimes in Anchorage and how VFJ is impacted. The Anchorage City Prosecutor's office handles 2,000 misdemeanor cases a year, and shows an uptrend with the addition of the state's DV/PO violations to their offices. She noted they serve the rural part of Alaska with an ongoing grant project that allows them to serve any victim with a case that begins in Anchorage, but they live in the village. They also do violent crime compensation referrals through non-profits. Rachel Gaedeke, who has a background in psychology and works for VFJ with surviving family members of victims of homicides, spoke about the services they provide for survivors and services for victims of other violent crimes.

## **UPDATE ON FY2015 BUDGET**

Lauree Morton gave an update on the FY15 federal funds that they had requested extensions for. She stated that those requests were granted and extended for another year. Lauree noted that they may have a new award under Grants to Encourage Arrest, which is a continuation of the Language Access Interpreter project with the Network and IAJ. There has been a delay in receiving any information about the award mainly due a change in personnel of the team who originally applied for the grant, many of whom have moved to other jobs, so they are currently sorting out the discrepancy in contact information.

Lauree Morton reported that in regards to the motion to approve \$250,000 for the children's programs in shelters that was passed in July, they have been in touch with Dr. Sandra Graham-Bermann, and they are looking for dates in September where she can come to Alaska and work on training people who will be implementing the pilot.

Lauree Morton reported that in regards to the \$1.4 million prevention funding from the Governor's office, they received all of their reimbursable services agreements from the Governor's office and are disbursing the money out to the different areas. \$600,000 of that was set aside for communities to work on their prevention plans and strengthen communities that were ready and engaged in moving forward with their plans. The RFPs are in draft form, and they are hoping to get those finalized in a few days. Patty Owen, who is a Council member and works for the Department of Education, had agreed to be part of the Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC), so Patty; Kate Reilly, from Health and Human Services and Public Health; and CDVSA staff will form the PEC. They will review the applications and make recommendations to CDVSA board for the disbursement of those funds.

Lauree Morton stated that with regards to the \$287,500 increment, which was the increment for victim's services that the board held off doing anything with because of the uncertainty of receiving the \$367,200 from the Division of Behavioral Health, they have been assured that the \$367,200 will be received, and she believes they can feel confident to move forward with disbursing the \$287,500. She recommended prorating it out to the programs, which is something they have done in the past when they've received increments within a continuous grant cycle, or they could do a special letter of interest of inquiry, which is what they did in April with funds they received. Lauree noted that Maniilaq turned in their grant award conditions and forms and a budget, which shows some forward progress for that program.

After a short discussion, Council members asked questions as follows:

Q: What was the original intent of the \$287,500?

A: It was for the agencies to help with increased costs of utilities, rising fixed costs, and transportation.

Q: How is the proration figured?

A: They look at the allocation as a whole and a program got the same percent as they do of the overall budget.

Q: What was the intent for the \$367,200?

A: Reimbursable services agreement with Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) to provide shelter and services for women and their children who are or at risk of violence due to alcohol/substance abuse.

Q: Are these one-time increments?

A: The \$367,200 is year to year. DBH has indicated that they are not going to provide it in FY16. The \$287,500 is in the base funding.

Susan Cushing **MOVED** to prorate the amount to all of the programs with a consideration for their larger expenses related to transportation and utilities depending on their location tied to their existing percentage. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ron Taylor. During discussion the Council members discussed holding back a percentage of the funding as emergency contingency funds for programs, which was decided to be

unnecessary in light of the accountability for programs according to the grant. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION/WORKING LUNCH**

Patty Owen **MOVED** that the Council go into Executive session after the break to discuss something that is an exception to the Open Meetings Act, which is the finances and personnel of a program that could impact the integrity of their organization. The motion was **SECONDED** by Donna Erickson. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

The Council resumed regular session and Chair Irwin stated that no business conducted during the executive session. Ree Sailors **MOVED** that the decision by the Council in its May meeting related to Maniilaq be added as an attachment to the existing grant and that those conditions extend until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Ron Taylor **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

### **POSSIBLE FY2016 INCREMENTS**

Lauree Morton led the Council members through a review and brief discussion on each of the FY16 budget increment requests submitted. The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP), Alaska Network for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) for legal assistance for victims, The Collaborative for Academic, Social Emotional Learning (CASEL), and sustaining the current victim services' requests could be found in the board packet. The Council members asked questions that clarified each of the programs. The following comments were notable:

#### *BIP Request:*

- Rick Svobodny recommended that after the conference, they add to study the efficacy of the program going forward.

#### *Legal assistance for victims:*

- Rick Svobodny requested a copy of the screening criteria used to choose which DV/SA cases are approved for legal assistance for victims.

#### *Social emotion learning (SEL):*

- Ree Sailors requested Alaska-based data relating to performance of the current programs.
- Council members would like to continue the discussion relating to expanding SEL for preschool-aged children and families and also the fundamental family unit.

#### *Sustaining current victim services:*

- Council members ranked the requests in order of priority. The following is the members' consensus:
  1. \$367,500 – Transfer from Behavioral Health
  2. \$ 45,000 – BIP training and evaluation
  3. \$300,000 – Outreach and education
  4. \$150,000 – Crisis intervention/emergency transportation

5. \$100,000 – Legal assistance
6. \$600,000 – Social emotional learning

Donna Erickson **MOVED** to approve keeping the five priorities areas that are identified in the order in which they were discussed. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ron Taylor. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED. (8/0)**

**CONTINUE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW**

This agenda item was not taken up at this meeting.

**CRISIS MANAGEMENT & INTERVENTION**

This agenda item was not taken up at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Victim Service Program Reports

### AFS – Alaska Family Services – MAT-SU

#### SUCSESSES

- Nearly three fourths of AFS shelter residents were placed in permanent housing.
- Good turnout at sexual assault awareness booth at Mat-Su College.
- AFS co-presented with CDVSA (Rachel Gernat) to the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club.
- Outreach at the Chickaloon Health Fair.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

- Two AFS advocates sent to SART training in Anchorage.
- AFS is developing PSAs for SART.
- The DVSA Task Force is interviewing for community readiness assessment.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AFS reports no concerns for this quarter.

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### AVV-Advocates for Victims of Violence - VALDEZ

#### SUCSESSES

City Council did a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. AVV displayed Pinwheels for Prevention in Valdez and had the Blue Tree for Child Abuse Prevention. AVV staff went into every classroom in the elementary school. Participated in the National Blue Sunday of Prayer for Abused Children. AVV hosted the Walk A Mile In Her Shoes for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in which men, male athletes and boys participated.

Bayside Church and AVV partnered for a father daughter dance, called "A Daughter's Heart of Alaska. Also, an instructor hosted a free dance workshop.

AVV upgraded the heating system with \$22,000 from Rasmuson Foundation and \$30,000 from the State Legislature.

AVV hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY14 CDVSA meeting. AVV used the Small Grant Opportunity for new beds, beddings, towels, and dressers.

AVV summer camps this year included a kayaking trip, hiking, scavenger hunt and children were introduced to different cultures, including Hawaiian and Japanese.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AVV collaborated on prevention campaigns with City of Valdez employees, City Council, Police Department, schools, Providence Hospital and Behavioral Health, churches, and local businesses. AVV helped United Way of Valdez raise \$500 with a Mother's Day "Cupcake Gram".

Held AVV Annual Meeting at a restaurant. It was well attended. Board elections were held and volunteers recognized.

Collaboration is occurring with the Valdez Native Tribe. Their new Executive Director is receptive and AVV sees more referrals and staff are invited to attend their functions and meetings.

AVV helped the City of Valdez with clean-up day. AVV partnered with them for the Snow Town Ice Classic which will start February 2015. Alaska gaming laws requires legislation to allow the permit. We asked Representative Feige for assistance and HB 268 passed the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AVV works with many women from foreign countries married to Americans. Some of these women do not categorize their experiences as domestic violence though what they describe is.

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### AWAIC-Abused Women's Aid in Crisis - ANCHORAGE

#### SUCSESSES

During Sexual Assault Action Month AWAIC's Prevention and Education Department had an unprecedented number of requests for presentations in middle and high schools. AWAIC's Community Education Coordinator provided healthy relationship and bystander intervention training at every area high school including those in Girdwood and Eagle River.

AWAIC partnered with the Alaska Institute of Justice Immigration Justice Project as an MOU partner on an OVC Services for Trafficking Victims Grant. AWAIC received the grant with services expected to begin in October 2014. Through this award, AWAIC will provide contracted victim advocacy, crisis intervention, shelter and transitional housing to victims of trafficking.

AWAIC partnered with Anchorage Community Mental Health Services and submitted a proposal to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for a Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services Grant. The proposal was funded and will result in an on-site behavioral health clinician at AWAIC for 30 hours per week. The clinician has been hired and is now on-site at AWAIC providing clinical services to participants and training and consultation to staff.

AWAIC's Shelter Manager continues to work with United Way and the Anchorage Beyond Shelter Steering Committee to administer the Emergency Cold Weather Plan (ECWP). The temperature was still cold enough in April that ECWP shelter was provided more than half the month, when it was below 45 degrees at night. Several new churches are working to get approved by the Municipality of Anchorage. The ECWP currently only serves families with children and a gap for area youth. The services this fall will include at-risk youth ages 18 to 24.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWAIC has taken a leadership role in the launch of Green Dot in Anchorage, dedicating our AmeriCorps Prevention Specialist to act as a liaison between participating agencies, assist with scheduling and communications with partners.

AWAIC was notified that the Municipality of Anchorage was successful in a request for funding from the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for the continuation of the Anchorage Domestic Violence Prevention Project.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AWAIC's Executive Director Suzi Pearson provided interviews to every major television news outlet in Anchorage in response to two high profile domestic violence incidents in Anchorage. Both incidents involved the use of guns to seriously injure or kill female partners. Both incidents happened in a private home and it appears that both alleged perpetrators had documented histories of domestic violence including either past protective orders or arrests for domestic violence assault.

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### AWARE-Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies- JUNEAU

#### SUCSESSES

During this quarter, AWARE served a high number of families and individuals, making this one of the busiest quarters on record. AWARE provided 2,535 nights of shelter for 53 women and 40 children. Overall, AWARE provided 8,451 shelter nights for 146 women and 94 children in FY14, by far our busiest year to date.

During Q4, AWARE received approval to rezone a portion of a lot located on Glacier Highway for transitional housing. Upon receiving the final approvals from the city, AWARE and the development partner moved quickly to submit building plans to the City and Borough of Juneau for permitting. A beautiful set of drawings, designed by AWARE board member Robin Gilcrist with input and suggestions from AWARE staff, is currently working its way through the CBJ engineering department. AWARE plans to host an official ground-breaking in mid-July after securing the grading permit necessary to begin site prep in earnest.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter, AWARE has had expanded contact with the Juneau Police Department. Together, with other members of the DV Task Force, partnership was piloted to reach out to victims of domestic violence. The JPD policy states that officers will ask all victims of domestic violence if they'd like an AWARE advocate to contact them to create safety plans, process their experience, and provide additional information. Last quarter AWARE received contact information for four women, and this quarter received contact information for six women. Due to this policy, JPD officers are calling AWARE and talking more with advocates as they pass along information. With increased connection, officers are now willing to call to brainstorm other situations as well, including what we can do together to help safety plan for victims.

The Spring Girls On The Run (GOTR) season ended in May with a 5K running event. The season-end was made especially inspirational by a visit from the founder of Girls on the Run International, Molly Barker. This spring's 5K event was bigger and better than ever, with over 125 girls from the seven teams in Juneau, as well a team who traveled from Haines, and a team of past GOTR participants from Yakutat. In addition to the 5K, Molly Barker was featured at a community fundraising event celebrating, inspiring, and empowering women. GOTR coaches and volunteers, AWARE staff, and other community members came together to celebrate the success of GOTR locally and nationally, and to meet Molly Barker. This event was attended by over 100 people and generated an increased excitement and connection to GOTR for many in attendance.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

During this quarter, AWARE sheltered 6 teenage boys at once. The AWARE Shelter has always been open and welcoming to teenage boys in shelter. However, an unusual situation that involved intimate contact between a nearly 18yr old youth and a woman in shelter resulted in the need to address the safety concerns and protect those needing protection. This situation taught staff that they cannot generalize about teens in shelter, or even teen boys in shelter- and the need to be prepared to listen and build connections with youth separate from their mother.

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### AWIC-Arctic Women in Crisis-Barrow

#### SUCSESSES

During the 4th quarter, Arctic Women in Crisis (AWIC) provided residential services for a total of seventeen women and twenty-seven children, and provided 1,285 safe- bed nights. The Crisis Line responded to 131 crisis calls.

Telephonic training was provided for Safe Home Providers on April 7: *Entering the New Phase* from Lundy Bancroft's book *Should I Stay or Should I Go?* On May 12, from the same book- the chapter entitled *Why Your Growth May Bring More Answers than His* was sent along with a packet of information about making meaningful connections and keeping families strong. In June 5 *Steps to Protecting Our Children* from ANDSVA's *Talk Now Talk Often* campaign was provided. Twenty-four boxes of food and other necessities to Safe Home providers.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWIC welcomed Dr. Edwards of Green Dot to Barrow on March 4 and 5. Dr. Edwards inspired the students at Ilisagvik College, Barrow High School, Hopson Middle School, and the Kiita Learning Center with her violence intervention message-encouraging the students and faculty to reflect on how Green Dot can be used in their own lives and at their respective schools. She re-energized the audience, as she reminded them that "One green dot is an action, a choice, a moment of time. Green dots are individual choices that meet in a shared vision creating the momentum of a social movement."

On April 14-16, 2014 AWIC helped the North Slope Borough Department of Health and Human Services (NSB DHHS) and Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA) to plan the first ever North Slope Healthy Living Summit. The Conference was held at Barrow High School. Pam Karalunas, of the Alaska's Children Alliance, facilitated the opening plenary session on Wednesday, April 15-*Responding to Victims of Physical & Sexual Abuse: How & Why*. Li Morrow, AWIC Counselor III, presented information about bullying; three classes of high school students attended Li's interactive presentation along with community members. The conference is unique in that it brings together students, public health officials, clinical staff, Tribal leaders, and government employees to learn and discuss issues that are facing the North Slope community. The next North Slope Healthy Living Summit is being planned for this fall.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

In forming the Barrow multi-disciplinary team (MDT), there continues to be a number of issues with OCS and the DA's Office lack of participation. The Northern Region Supervisor from OCS asked the Barrow MDT to participate in a teleconference with Stevie's Place on March 28.

SART: AWIC's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is leaving her position. AWIC has worked with her for the past five years, and she has been instrumental in the success of the Barrow SART. Nicole Thomason, RN, has been working with the SANE in an on-call capacity and has agreed to continue providing this crucial service pending approval from the hospital.

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### BSWG – Bering Sea Women’s Group - NOME

#### SUCCESES

Meet with University of Alaska –Fairbanks

Behavioral Health Training – executive director, lead advocate

Meet with Office of Children’s Services – executive director, lead advocate

North Star Behavioral Health Services training – all employees

A monetary donation received from the Norton Sound Health Corporation Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Department to be used for advocates to receive \$2.00 per hour for on-call SART advocacy.

The Legal Advocate went to the majority of the local community meetings before she resigned in May 2014. A newly hired legal advocate started June 10; she is already helping our participants with protective orders, court accompaniment, court watch, etc. She has a work history as a Nome Police Department dispatcher and a Village Public Officer in Elim, Alaska which has been a plus for her to work as a Legal Advocate.

Renovation of the State Building has begun and should be complete by April 2015. Some of the available housing is being used by the company construction employees.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The gold miners are back.

BSWG staff have been working and meeting with local agencies to coordinate how best to serve our participants on an as needed basis. No one is identified unless the participant signs a Release Of Information form.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Resignation of Legal Advocate – pursue master’s degree in social services

Resignation of Lead Advocate – stress at home and at work providing direct services

Resignation of Rural Outreach Coordinator – higher pay

Resignation of BSWG board president and board secretary

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### CFRC –Cordova Family Resource Center - CORDOVA

#### SUCCESES

CFRC SART team traveled to Seattle for SART training. We secured a room in Cordova and a back-up room for exams and are in the final stages of developing our community protocols.

Raised \$2800 with 100+ donated baskets at CFRC's Annual Easter Basket Auction. CFRC helped with the Cordova Health Fair with over 300 participants, 70 + youth and over 120 blood draws.

CFRC has counseling services through the DHSS/MOA with our mental health agency, 9 participants this quarter that meet at CFRC and are able to have 10 sessions at no cost to them.

This quarter: CFRC provided services to 29 DV/SA clients and 61 non-clients. We often find that non-clients will seek services once they can build trust with staff. We had 1 SART call and 1 Safe home participant. We also had a total of 21 help line calls.

Received additional funding to bring Green Dot to Cordova. We originally had a total of 25 participants signed up but had a few cancelations. Cordova held a 2 day youth summit with 15 youth that participating, even over the summer.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

CFRC works with Sound Alternatives, Public Health, School District, Native Village of Eyak (NVE), and Alaska Children's Trust to coordinate services for parents and youth when affected by OCS.

CFRC and the NVE successfully collaborate to continue monthly SART meetings working on policy and procedures for a SART team.

Staff participated in an Assist training and Community culture week in the school system (our Latin speaking Staff). CFRC worked with the library on Window-between-Worlds art with youth for 2 months, twice a week.

CFRC held weekly meetings with the B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care) peer group at the school with 48 students.

CFRC held 2 men's group/trainings through the Alaska Men Choose Respect grant, and are very excited that men in our community participated.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

CFRC continues to work with OCS worker located in Valdez who covers Cordova. We are still concerned that youth and families are falling through the cracks. Some concerns are addressed through the contract CFRC acquired from DHSS/OCS and the constant communication and collaboration with our worker.

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### IAC - Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - FAIRBANKS

#### SUCSESSES

Shelter nights have decreased slightly for IAC this quarter. After a long period without one, IAC hired a new Legal Advocate. She is very busy, working closely with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) and Alaska Legal Services to assist clients. IAC has been able to staff a tutor 4 nights a week to assist kids with school work. The kids were able to go on field trips this quarter to the library, Calypso Farms, the Children's Museum, the Morris Thompson Cultural Center and the park.

During this quarter, IAC has begun partnering with the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to serve as a community representative on the Team Decision Meeting, (TDM) serving children within OCS care. This involvement has had two positive outcomes: IAC has been able to outreach to victims who may not seek their services on their own, and it has improved relations between IAC and OCS.

Although DV Vouchers are available, it has been difficult to find landlords that will accept them. IAC Advocates have been working directly with landlords, which has led to an increase in successful housing placement.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter, IAC worked cooperatively with community partners to host several activities:

- Family Advocacy Program: presented the film, *Miss Representation*.
- Tanana Chiefs Conference: Take Back the Night.
- Ft. Wainwright SHARP: A Mile in Her Shoes.
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski for Women.
- Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption: co-facilitated the Street Outreach Advocacy Program.
- UAA Center for Human Development: presented at the Full Lives Conference.

All of these activities served to increase community awareness of IAC and its services, as well strengthening ties with existing community partners.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

IAC reports no concerns for this quarter.

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### KWRCC-Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center-Kodiak

#### SUCCESES

KWRCC continues to perform core services providing for the safety needs of victims. There were no clients this quarter denied admittance to shelter due to lack of bed availability. KWRCC has successfully been able to meet the rising demand for safe shelter in Kodiak. Furthermore, KWRCC has started a new program called Day Services. In efforts to provide better follow up care to clients who have moved out of shelter, nonresident clients can come into shelter during day hours and use the facility. They can do laundry, take a shower, have a cup a tea and visit with an advocate. In this way KWRCC has been able to keep on going day-to-day support for clients who are rebuilding their lives after being in Shelter. This program also allows KWRCC to prioritize beds for high lethality cases, while still being able to fully serve clients who still need support but are not in a current high risk situation.

This quarter, KWRCC hired their first off -site Advocate to work in the village of Old Harbor. This has allowed KWRCC to join forces with the village community and offer access to direct services, as well as provide community safety planning, prevention work, and broadens collaborations. Old Harbor has been doing significant work on behalf of family violence prevention and is working with the shelter to bridge gaps in services.

In collaboration with Sun'aq Indian Tribe, KWRCC restarted the Native Women's Advisory Committee. This group will work with natural leaders in the Native community to address ideas on addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in the native community.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Kodiak was chosen as one of 4 sites across the state to receive funding to build a collaborative effort for addressing domestic violence and sexual assault. The project is titled "Turning the Tide". This will be the final year of this grant, and programming will come to a conclusion. Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) will still receive some close-out funding for this grant through December 2014, which we will be used by KWRCC to keep their assigned therapist from Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center (PKICC) to meet with clients.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

At the end of December, KWRCC had a small fire in the shelter kitchen, causing damage that resulted in limited use. Repair was done this quarter and they are back to being fully functional with a newly remodeled kitchen.

In April, KANA presented liability concerns in regards to allowing SART to use their Child Advocacy Clinic for adult SART exams. They closed down access to the room until SART advocates could register as KANA volunteers and complete background checks and drug screening to meet KANA liability insurance needs. All Advocates have complied with screenings and use of the room for Adult SART cases has resumed.

KWRCC lost two key employee's this quarter due to medical and family needs. This has left the agency short staffed looking to hire one more full time advocate.

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### LSC-The LeeShore Center-Kenai

#### SUCSESSES

A woman with two children who immigrated to the US from the Philippines after marrying a local Alaskan man came to LSC for assistance following ongoing domestic violence at the hands of her new husband. They were married for less than one year when it was necessary for her to flee for safety. She had limited use of the English language in spoken and written forms. Her children had a better command of the English language but were not appropriate interpreters for their mom in this situation. LSC was able to obtain an interpreter to assist, and found there were many obstacles for this family to overcome. She needed immediate safety that the shelter could provide. She was also in need of legal assistance for obtaining a divorce and to assist with multiple immigration issues that developed. She found out that her husband had never filed for her citizenship; she lost her work visa and had no green card. LSC staff were able to connect her with Alaska Immigration Justice Project where she was given all the assistance she needed to work through multiple layers of legal and immigration issues. Agency staff worked closely with the client and the Justice Project staff throughout the 18 month process. The family was unable to obtain any type of financial assistance during this time nor was the mother able to work. Local medical providers assisted with the required shots and physicals needed to complete the immigration paperwork. While in residence, the children attended local schools where they maintained Honor Roll status and were involved in sports and community projects. The adult client provided countless hours of volunteer services to the shelter, the local food bank, and to other charitable agencies in the Kenai community. They were finally able to obtain legal status to remain in the U.S., all three family members have work permits, a divorce was granted, mom is employed full time, and the family was able to secure an apartment without any rental assistance.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The LeeShore Center had a very successful Green Dot launch during the month of April. The goal of 1000 Green Dots was set for the Central Peninsula, and at the end of the month the total was 1860! LSC continues to educate the public about Green Dot and what they can do to help stop intimate partner violence in their community.

LeeShore's Community Awareness Workshop on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault was held the second week in April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. LSC was presented with proclamations from the Borough and the Mayor's office.

LeeShore's board of directors had their first ever board retreat in Homer in May. They received training and collaborated with member of Homer's Haven House board of directors as well.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

One issue that continues to be problematic is the lack of a Prevention Coordinator staff position at LSC. This results in limitations regarding what can be provided around prevention and LSC is not able to develop further prevention efforts within the community due to staffing. An increase in operational funds to hire additional staff is a critical ongoing need, particularly around prevention.

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### SAFE – Safe and Fear Free Environment - DILLINGHAM

#### SUCCESES

Probably the most outstanding 'story' for SAFE in 2014 has been the transition of Executive Directors from Ginger Baim of 24 years to Marilyn Casteel, a former President of SAFE's Board and longtime volunteer. Marilyn assumed the ED duties on April 1, 2014. Ginger works under contract and is helping open up a new fiscal year and close out the past one. Over the next three years SAFE will be able to keep village based services and safe homes intact.

SAFE received the 2014 "Soupie" Award for Respect from the Stone Soup Group in recognition of outstanding work of our direct service staff with victims of violence who also cope with physical and mental challenges and/or traumatic brain injury.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The SAFE Board hosted a community reception with the new ED Marilyn Casteel and sister agency staff and managers along with visiting dignitaries here for the start of the fishing season.

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski visited SAFE and our community in June.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SAFE continues with physical plant challenges (septic system failed, tandem boilers seized up at maximum heat production and had to be closed down pending repairs, etc.).

Dillingham and our sister agencies continue with high turnover in key staff that impacts them as well as us and the people we mutually serve. SAFE's entire facility staff quit late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with short notice to go fishing and left many critical projects undone, including the entire shelter kitchen dismantled and lying in the middle of the floor. The Dillingham Police Department and BBAHC Behavioral Health staff have several vacancies and we have only one SART trained nurse on staff at the moment (although two new ones are due to arrive in August.)

SAFE applied for but did not receive the MOMS/FASD prevention grant for this successful program in place for over a decade. The Behavioral Health grant substantially changed in scope in FY15 and no longer fit our program. Additionally, we received less than 15% of the continuation funding to help close out the CANDU project leaving SAFE unable to support the Dillingham City School District's Youth Program or the legal advocacy services through Alaska Legal Services. We had to terminate these programs abruptly and SAFE continues to work to salvage/keep/sustain what we have with what resources we have.

The unexpected jump in shelter nights SAFE experienced that started late in FY13 continued throughout FY14, although it has slowed considerably. Half way through FY14 we had already provided as many shelter nights as we did in all of FY13 and it now appears that we will finish out the year with about 30% increase from FY13.

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### SAFV – Sitkans Against Family Violence - SITKA

#### SUCCESES

GOTR finished its sixth season with a Tutu Trot on May 11. 36 girls completed their 5k goal thanks to volunteers, running buddies, and cheer leaders. Over 120 people attended! Molly Barker, the founder of GOTR, joined the 5K and hosted a school event. SAFV and AWARE partner on the Boys Run program set to pilot at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School this fall. November 8 is their 5k.

The Youth Development Specialist held a six-session 4<sup>th</sup> R program for Blatchley 8<sup>th</sup> graders on human growth and sexuality.

The first Alaska Men Choose Respect (AMCR) Compass toolkit training was this spring. SAFV's prevention staff participate on the statewide development team and helped coordinate the first mentor training. A second statewide training for mentors is planned for December 2014.

SAFV held its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Honoring Women banquet and auction with four wonderful honorees that raised the highest amount of any other SAFV banquet.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Pathways to Prevention Program hosted two community conversations: one with ANDORE- Alaska Native Dialogues on Racial Equity with 15 community leaders, the other with Jordan Nigro from SAIL, Southeast Alaska Independent Living with 30 community members. SAFV reviewed the prevention plan at the Pathways Retreat and agreed to update it. SAFV's annual community/volunteer training was well attended.

April Child Abuse Awareness Month, SAFV joined the first ever statewide 'GO BLUE DAY' to raise awareness about child abuse. SAFV invited banks and credit unions to participate. A K-8 poster contest with an "I Matter to Sitka" theme was held and posters displayed at restaurants, cafes, and the Kettleon Library. SAFV Family Fun Fair teamed with the Hames Center during one Family Day and displayed information about Child Abuse Prevention.

SAFV and Sitka Tribes of Alaska provided a 6-week "Positive Indian Parenting" class with an elder. SAFV, the Police Department and several other agencies are revitalizing a united response for children witnessing DV. SAFV is partnering with Braveheart, a non-profit, bereavement, end of life and chronic illness support services. Allen Marine Cruises invited SAFV on a Sitka Chamber Cruise to talk about SAFV's services.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SAFV is concerned about their collaboration with Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) Social Services who are experiencing high turnover. SAFV met with STA General Manager and Social Services Director about resuming delivering services cooperatively to those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

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### SCS – SeaView Community Services – SEWARD

#### SUCSESSES

The Poker Run fundraiser event provided SCS excellent media exposure, increased awareness of SCS services, and generated additional volunteer hours. Since this was the first year of the event, the startup costs prevented SCS from making as much money as they had planned; however, they are confident that the momentum generated from the event, and the fact that they will not have those startup costs next year, will add to the profitability of the event in 2015.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Since SCS has only one dedicated staff member for DVSA, there was no time this quarter for community involvement outside of the Poker Run.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

There was a sexual assault in the community this quarter. Seward does not have a SART team. The victim was transported to Kenai, where she was met by an Advocate. SCS has been unsuccessful in communications with the Seward Police Department to generate any movement towards building a SART team, and could benefit from assistance of CDVSA and ANDVSA to do so.

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### SPHH – South Peninsula Haven House – HOMER

#### SUCCESES

SPHH has shared in the successes of many survivors this quarter, such as:

- SPHH was contacted by a former shelter resident who reported that she has thirteen months sobriety, is now living independently, and has regained custody of her son.
- A shelter resident was placed in her own apartment and obtained part time work, despite her multiple physical and mental health challenges. SPHH was able to successfully work with other community partners to obtain these much needed services.
- A stalking survivor has recently obtained a full time job with benefits and moved into transitional housing. She continues to access SPHH classes, and is actively working her safety plan.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Several activities occurred this quarter, including:

- *Green Dot*: Homer achieved its goal of 1095 dots in one month.
- *Lead On*: hosted a Bonfire by the Bay event to provide youth skills for dealing with stress, anxiety, and depression.
- *Girls on the Run*: another 5K run.
- *Wellness Retreat*: for SPHH staff, to deal with our everyday stresses.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

The shelter has operated at capacity for many nights, and resources are spread thin. Alaska Housing's waitlist has been closed for over a year, severely limiting long term housing options. SART call outs were down, but there was not a decrease in incidents. Communication between team members must be improved.

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### STAR-Standing Together Against Rape-Anchorage

#### SUCSESSES

This quarter, STAR was able to start disbursing funds from the Alaska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Intervention Project directly to clients in need, for securing safety and shelter.

Amber Chambers has been hired by Anchorage Community Mental Health Services to provide free therapeutic counseling to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their loved ones. She has an office at AWAIC and will see STAR clients either at AWAIC or come to the STAR office. She will begin seeing clients in July. STAR is very excited to have her on board, and to have this resource available to program participants.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) began with the Anchorage Green Dot Kick Off event at Humpy's downtown. There were a large number of people in attendance, and several questions related to power-based violence were included on Humpy's Pub Quiz. People who wanted to learn more about Green Dot were encouraged to speak with staff and ask questions, receive GD memorabilia, and get their pictures taken in a photo booth. The Pub Quiz was especially rewarding, since everyone in the audience was so informed about recent statistics around violence in Anchorage, and very well versed.

April 11<sup>th</sup> STAR sponsored "Trusted Adult Superhero Day", to recognize those adults in the community who are mandated reporters and those who have taken a stand for the well-being of children. STAR was honored at Highland Tech, where students presented their teachers and STAR staff members with capes and thanked them for being positive role models and looking out for their safety.

AWAIC and STAR were contacted by a national presenter to provide a free workshop on Organizational Trauma. AWAIC hosted it at their conference room and STAR staff members were able to attend. Shana Hormann is a vibrant and well-researched speaker who provided a lot of insight into recognizing organizational cultures that could be problematic and suggested ways of intervening and healing.

Walk A Mile in Her Shoes was another great success. The event took place again at the University Center Mall, and KFAT Radio was in attendance with a live feed covering the event. The largest group represented was Alaska Department of Corrections, followed closely by the State Troopers. Attendance remained high this year, and energy was out of the roof.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Joshua Almeda, 23, was charged in the murder of his girlfriend, Breanna Moore, 20, on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He is held on \$1.5 million bail.

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### TWC – Tundra Women’s Coalition - BETHEL

#### SUCSESSES

TWC hired Jamie Hinz to cover the Outreach Coordinator position, and she is now working on TWC’s news article. Also she was in charge of the Choose Respect March peace walk, TWC believes it was a success, more people walked then over the years. Also one of our Deputy Directors coordinated one of TWC’s fundraisers known as the Yukduk, and auctions were successful.

TWC successes include high collaboration, relatively stable staffing, high level of services, top-notch efforts with Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) and other projects, inclusion of youth, elders and engaging men in our work, securing more than 20 funding sources. And, with left over money bought a new Xerox machine that is essential for the day to day operations at TWC.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

TWC continues to have many positive partnerships, especially with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) and Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) with their Healthy Families programs and groups that are held. TWC provides childcare for women/men who attend these groups/meetings.

A few TWC staff attends the SOC meetings System of Care project that is being done through ONC, and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Also a few of TWC staff partner with the community about Homeless Prevention issues.

TWC fundraised for Yukduk for TWC’s general funds.

TWC had the March Choose Respect Peace walk which was a success.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

TWC lacks adequate leadership staff for administering 20+ grants effectively and providing good leadership and direction to the staff. Much of the grant administration has been re-tasked to the new ED, which had new built in Deputy Directors and Managers take over some of the leadership with everything else brought to the ED.

Costs of doing business in rural Alaska - TWC needs a full-time facilities person. TWC needs a prevention/collaboration-dedicated staff to help provide adequate time and energy to all the relationships and work that we’re doing in those areas and that funders and the public’s expectations have us doing more and more, managing the demand for services, for prevention work, for all our efforts- without financial resources for adequate staffing (or to pay them adequately). Completion of stage one of a 2-stage sewer pipe replacement project with pipe that is from the 1980s that hooks into our new building, had a minor issue this past winter where it leaked into the neighbor’s property, but has been resolved in the cleaning process.

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### USAFV-Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence -Unalaska

#### SUCSESSES

Shelter nights were down in the fourth quarter, which was fortunate as a full-time staff person was unavoidably gone for several weeks. During the fourth quarter, USAFV was able to hire a Rural Outreach Advocate through a special grant with the ANDVSA. This position will focus on sexual assault response and prevention. USAFV sent two staff members to SART training, and the Executive Director attended training on Batterers' Intervention.

As stated above, shelter nights were down in Quarter Four, but this is considered a success for those who are working to educate people on healthy relationships and working to prevent violence. In previous quarters USAFV has reported seeing an increase in the number of people living in abusive relationships, and those persons are seeking out USAFV's services before the abuse becomes physical, or soon after it does.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter, USAFV staff held two screenings of the film "The Spitting Game," which is about binge drinking and sexual violence on college campuses. One parent attended the parent screening, and three teens attended the screening for teens.

USAFV's student advocate, with supervision of the Program Services Advocate, organized a week-long, island-wide scavenger hunt for ten teams comprised of 20 adults and 25 teens. The purpose of the scavenger hunt was to "increase youth and adult engagement and to have community members learn more about their resources on the island," and to help teens and adults engage in cross-generational relationships, an important community factor that promotes nonviolence and healthy communities. The Student Advocate put together over 100 activities that would get the teens not only to seek out their local resources but also to spend time together volunteering at a local event or agency, donating items to a local charity, and exercising together. The teams enjoyed food and beverages donated by Alyeska Seafoods and the Grand Aleutian Hotel during both the opening and closing events. Due to the success, another scavenger hunt is being planned for next year.

USAFV worked with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) to arrange for two City of Unalaska staff members and one USAFV staff member to attend a training on the Compass program, which is a resource for adult male mentors working with young men ages 12-18 in outdoor subsistence, athletic, and cultural programs in Alaska. COMPASS promotes meaningful conversations to encourage healthy identities, build positive relationships and strengthen communities. USAFV is hoping to bring a Compass trainer to Unalaska to increase training for teachers, coaches, and clergy members.

Lastly, USAFV held thier annual SOUP-OFF fundraiser and membership meeting, which was very well-attended and raised over \$16,000 for the program.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

No concerns, USAFV continues to nurture supportive and cooperative relationships with all the other services providers in our community and region.

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### VFJ – Victims for Justice – ANCHORAGE

#### SUCSESSES

VFJ assisted a mother with two children to relocate away from a very dangerous perpetrator to the east coast.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

VFJ continued its many coordination activities this quarter, which involved Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, the ANDVSA Legal Project, the Office of Children's Services, Behavioral Health Services, the DV Task Force, Violent Crimes Compensation Board, and the Juvenile Justice.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

At the request of the DA's office, VFJ is collaborating to develop a form that a prosecutor could sign that includes all necessary information for our Homicide Monument database.

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### WISH-Women in Safe Homes -Ketchikan

#### SUCSESSES

With tourist season in full swing, spring and summer has brought many successes for program participants. Many job opportunities opened up, and many women were successful in landing employment. Numerous women moved into permanent housing and into a safe and sustainable home. As a result of women and children transitioning out of shelter, day service (non-residential) numbers have remained steady and advocates continue to offer resources and continuous support during transitional periods. However, Ketchikan still lacks enough low income housing for the need of the community.

Several WISH advocates were approved to take an on-line advocacy course through University of Alaska Southeast and the ANDVSA titled: "Understanding Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault." This training will help to reinforce the main cornerstones of advocacy that are so important to the victims served and to WISH's philosophy.

Weekly women's groups were implemented this quarter, and are being held twice a week. Group topics include: peer support anger and stress management, inner personal sexual violence, young adult, respite care, safety planning, and Job / Apartment search. The Family Resource Advocate obtained a new curriculum from the sanctuary model for women's groups called SELF (Safety, Emotion, Loss, and Future). This curriculum is a trauma -informed, psycho- educational, cyclic material and is a great addition to services.

WISH was awarded a grant from American Seafoods Company, which Prevention is using to create new educational brochures.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

On April 25-27<sup>th</sup>, "The Vagina Monologues," hosted a play performance in Ketchikan. All proceeds from the play production were presented to WISH. WISH staff were asked to attend the performance and participate on an educational panel titled, "Our Women, Our Community: Effective Approaches to Preventing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Ketchikan". The educational panel was designed to introduce community members to DV/SA situations, educate them on how to better access services, and ultimately feel more informed about how to handle a DV/SA situation.

Ketchikan hosted Molly Barker at the Girls on The Run 5K event on May 12, 2014 at Ward Lake. Approximately 67 girls participated in the 5K run. There were 50 plus volunteers and running buddies to help with the event. Local youth from Ketchikan High School were also in attendance to help. There were approximately 245 people in attendance.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Homelessness continues to impact the families in Ketchikan, causing an even greater need for mothers and their children. While these program participants initially identify as homeless, most of the women disclose a history of domestic violence and sexual assault. There has also been an escalation in the number of program participants suffering from long term substance abuse. Their situations are complicated by the domestic violence or sexual assault they have experienced.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (BIP)

### AFS – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program – MAT-SU

#### OVERVIEW

The 26 slots of the BIP program remain full, with several men waitlisted. There were 9 completions this quarter.

#### SUCSESSES

IAC is continuing to work with Adult Probation and Parole (APP) via the PACE program, with excellent results. (Zero re-offenses.) APP is trying to assume management of the PACE program from the DAs office, which IAC believes will assure the continuation of this much needed program.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Through the CCR and DVTF, via the Community program. IAC has also had constructive communication, especially with the Alaska State Troopers (AST).
- Prosecutors – IAC maintains regular contact with the DA by providing affidavits of non-compliance monthly, providing feedback, and responding to requests for information, in addition to regular contact through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – IAC participates in weekly ongoing status hearings for offenders with Judge Seekins. IAC also provides information on client status to him, when requested.
- Probation/Parole – IAC has maintained excellent communications with APP for over 15 years. Currently, IAC provides them training on DV offenders. IAC engages in case conferences, works with the PACE program, and provides insight and suggestions on the conditions of probation.
- Medical – IAC has regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services (FNS) through the CCR meetings. There is a crossover of offenders who are in jail due to assaults that have required medical treatment for victims and who get into the community program. IAC talks with FNS on these cases, whenever possible.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – IAC makes regular reports of harm when such information is disclosed or obtained. IAC participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress (or the lack of), and receives ongoing referrals from OCS to BIP.
- DV Task Force – IAC attends the DVTF meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – This quarter, IAC contacted VCCB to obtain funding for a non-physical male offender, with unusual circumstances, that is at high risk for inflicting harm.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – N/A
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – IAC's director has regular contact with programs throughout the country and the state regarding transfers of offenders to and from our program, as well as to exchange information regarding program best practices.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (BIP)

### AWARE – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program: JCAP - Juneau

#### OVERVIEW

During this quarter, JCAP's primary facilitator resigned from the program. She had been with JCAP for several years, and managed the office, provided communication with stakeholders, facilitated groups, and provided oversight and training for the co-facilitator. During this time, the program grew from a one-track 48 week course with roughly 10 participants per year to a two tiered program, offering better options for tailored intervention, for nearly twice as many participants (19 participants attended class this year). This position has been filled and JCAP continues to improve programming and program complexity.

#### SUCSESSES

The past quarter, staff worked to focus the groups on honesty and accountability. Staff recognized that accountability does not have a universally accepted definition among participants, and many continued to maintain that their own "victim" stance even after prosecution. The group wrote hypothetical letters to their victims, accounting for their violent acts, their intentions, their beliefs about women's roles, and their commitment to change. These letters generated many uncomfortable feelings, although in the end, the finished products turned out to be insightful and heartfelt.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement –Staff contacted JPD staff to better facilitate the process of receiving police reports for JCAP participants. Staff is currently working with JPD to resolve the timing of submitting an ROI to JPD and receiving police reports in a timely manner.
- Prosecutors – Staff communicates regularly with prosecutors regarding participants and potential participants (orders of compliance).
- Court System –Staff met with one of the District Court Judges to discuss having a program participant utilize Therapeutic Court as an alternative to compliance hearings. JCAP agreed.
- Probation/Parole – JCAP staff meets weekly with probation officers and other community-release program staff at Lemon Creek to provide updates to other organizations and receive feedback on participants
- Medical –N/A
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) –Staff has contacted OCS staff in regard to safety concerns of participant's children. JCAP staff has contacted OCS in regard to one participant who has not shown up for orientation twice this quarter
- DV Task Force – N/A
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – JCAP works regularly with Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc. (JAMHI) and Gastineau Human Services (GHS). JCAP collaborates on any participant who indicates a current mental health or substance abuse issue at intake.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – Staff is currently monitoring one participant who is participating in a BIP in Oregon. Our new coordinator is scheduled to attend the Duluth Model training at the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project in July, 2014.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (BIP)

### IAC – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program - FAIRBANKS

#### OVERVIEW

The 26 slots of the BIP program remain full, with several men waitlisted. There were 9 completions this quarter.

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- Medical – IAC has regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services (FNS) through the CCR meetings. There is a crossover of offenders who are in jail due to assaults that have required medical treatment for victims and who get into the community program. IAC talks with FNS on these cases, whenever possible.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – IAC makes regular reports of harm when such information is disclosed or obtained. IAC participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress (or the lack of), and receives ongoing referrals from OCS to BIP.
- DV Task Force – IAC attends the DVTF meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – This quarter, IAC contacted VCCB to obtain funding for a non-physical male offender, with unusual circumstances, that is at high risk for inflicting harm.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – N/A
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – IAC's director has regular contact with programs throughout the country and the state regarding transfers of offenders to and from our program, as well as to exchange information regarding program best practices.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (BIP)

### KIT – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program - Ketchikan

#### OVERVIEW

Ketchikan Indian Tribe (KIT) has undergone some restructuring, and is looking forward to a new facility. The new facility is expected to be completed and ready to move into the beginning of FY15.

#### SUCSESSES

This quarter, two participants graduated with flying colors. Prevention and education efforts continue. Two staff members attended the Duluth Curriculum training in Anchorage. The new edition of the curriculum has been updated, with a positive reception from participants. In effort to facilitate a more interactive group experience, technology is being integrated using an iPad mini and projector.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Ketchikan local police chief has joined our Disability Abuse Response Team (DART).
- Prosecutors – Currently, KIT is discussing mutual clients with the District Attorney.
- Court System – KIT is continuing to file affidavits monthly. This is aided by helpful court staff, one of whom also sits on the bench as a magistrate and also attends the DV TASK FORCE meetings.
- Probation/Parole – KIT continues discussing shared clients.
- Medical - KIT staff continue to be called up to our medical floor, sometimes as often as weekly, to respond to a victims' request for counseling and support.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – There was one teleconference this quarter to discuss the progress of a mutual participant.
- DV Task Force – Three meetings were held this quarter.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health – N/A
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - Weekly discussions continue in regards to native clients/residents providing services. These services include financial aid, relocation, food, personal needs, etc. Individual counseling is also provided.
- Other, explain – N/A

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (BIP)

### LSC – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program - KENAI

#### OVERVIEW

During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, four new participants entered the program and received orientation. There were three court hearings to address non-compliance issues and eleven cases were heard.

#### SUCSESSES

Two participants completed BIP this quarter. LSC is currently working through the Power and Control module. It is successful when the facilitator's observe the longer-term participants in the class mentoring the newer participants by helping them understand some of the concepts covered. This demonstrates increased knowledge and application.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Local law enforcement from Kenai, Soldotna and AST attend DVSA Task Force meetings held every other month. Kenai KPD participated in our semi-annual Community Awareness Workshop (CAW).
- Prosecutors – A representative from the Kenai District Attorney's office attends the DVSA Task Force.
- Court System – The BIP co-facilitator attends monthly court hearings to testify on compliance issues. One issue that continues is the request by defense attorneys to re-adjudicate those assigned to BIP who have placed in non-compliance to Anger Management programs. Currently, several cases have been continued for months because of the request. The BIP co-facilitator is tracking criminal charges filed with the ensuing sentences by the court system. To date, information was provided to Lauree Morton in March during the Director's quarterly meeting.
- Probation/Parole – Kenai Adult Probation has referred several clients to CPBIP. Compliance issues area addressed on an as-needed basis. Results are varied in attendance from AP clients, but the officers are always willing to speak to us about compliance issues.
- Medical – Staff from Kenai Public Health and the Kenai SART clinic attend DVSA Task Force meetings. One of the SART nurses presented at our Community Awareness Workshop in April.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) –When there is an OCS referral, the case worker and BIP co-facilitator maintain communication about compliance issues.
- DV Task Force – The Task Force meets every other month in Kenai.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – All LeeShore clients are offered VCCB information.
- Behavioral Health – Kenaitze Indian Tribe held a grand opening in May of their new Den'aina Wellness Center. The facility houses Behavioral Health, Medical and Dental components. LeeShore's ED and BIP co-facilitator attend quarterly Tribal Council meetings.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – LSC coordinates with other victim service agencies and BIP's on an as-needed basis.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (BIP)

### SPHH– Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program – HOMER

#### OVERVIEW

During this past quarter we did not receive any clients who have previously attend a BIPS program. All clients have maintained compliance status.

#### SUCSESSES

This quarter all clients have attended and have not re-offended.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATION

- Law Enforcement-We continue to meet and communicate with local law enforcement officials regularly.
- Court System – Status hearings continue to occur smoothly, no problems noted.
- Probation/Parole - Homer currently does not have a probation officer appointed to our area. We currently do not have any clients on probation.
- Medical - Haven House meets regularly with medical partners to ensure quality services to victims.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) - We have an ongoing positive relationship with our local OCS agency. Communication and collaboration with OCS continues on an as needed basis.
- DV Task Force - For reasons of efficiency, this has been folded into the multiple disciplinary team meeting. This meeting is held monthly.

<b>BIP - Community FY14 4th Quarter Statistics</b>								
<b>April 1 - June 30, 2014</b>								
	<b>AFS Palmer</b>	<b>IAC Fairbanks</b>	<b>KIC Ketchikan</b>	<b>LSC Kenai</b>	<b>SPHH Homer</b>	<b>aware Juneau</b>	<b>FY14 Total</b>	
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	4	6	1	4	4	5	24	
How many written intake assessments were completed?	8	6	2	7	4	13	40	
How many participants were accepted into the program?	8	10	1	7	4	6	36	
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	3	10	8	3	2	3	29	
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	28	54	30	41	2	120	275	
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	3	9	1	2	0	3	18	
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	5	3	6	7	0	12	33	
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	0	1	1	1	1	3	7	
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	1	1	1	0	2	6	
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)	6	4	1	5	1	4	21	
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)	1	10	2	3	0	2	18	
What is the total dollars of fees collected?	\$7,974	\$0	\$1,630	\$2,075	\$800	\$1,109	\$13,588	
What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?	\$0	\$0	\$1,167	\$0	\$278	\$1,706	\$3,151	

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prison Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (PBP)

### AFS –Prison-Based Batterers Intervention Program – MAT-SU

#### OVERVIEW

AFS has worked on updating the curriculum for the Batterers Intervention Program (BIP). They have been training staff members on the new updates to the curriculum and getting feedback from the program participants.

#### SUCSESSES

Three participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – AFS has worked with AST officers assigned to DV follow-up. They have assisted in helping victims of program participants.
- Prosecutors – AFS has worked with a few ADA's this quarter during status hearings.
- Court System – The FVIP staff attends monthly DVIP hearings and provides individual client statuses to the DA and the court. AFS maintains contact with their Legal Advocate regarding court hearings and information.
- Probation/Parole – AFS has had a slight increase of their program participants that have Probation/Parole Officers. They have provided status updates on a regular basis to the individual officers.
- Medical – Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – OCS has sent FVIP referrals to conduct intakes on their clients for placement in FVIP classes.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – AFS has regular contact and collaboration with local mental health providers regarding coordination of services.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – AFS maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. They have worked with a lot with the Men and Women Center in Anchorage this quarter to coordinate the services of their mutual clients.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prison Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (PBP)

### AWARE – Prison-Based Batterers Intervention Program: JCAP - JUNEAU

#### OVERVIEW

During this quarter, JCAP staff collaborated with LCCC staff to change the meeting time. In previous quarters we had to flex the time around to accommodate prior schedules in LCCC. JCAP staff has worked with LCCC staff to ensure that their meeting schedules are upheld while re-securing our meeting time. This creates parity between our LCCC and community group meetings. JCAP staff sees this as beneficial for program participants, many of whom transfer to the community program. This eases that transition for program participants.

#### SUCCESES

The past quarter, staff worked hard to focus the groups on honesty and accountability. Our newest facilitator noticed that PBP participants in LCCC are more open to discussing their abuse and are often more willing to be accountable than others in the community program. We believe this to be a consequence of feeling more vulnerable in prison, and feeling more motivated to make changes to better your life and the lives of your family members. Prison staff is also quite beneficial to the success of this program. They work with the participants to promote participation and closely work with JCAP staff to ensure that behavior and attendance policies are monitored and addressed. Staff has also collaborated with facilitators in class to ask probing questions, and facilitators have benefited from LCCC staff knowledge of the offender.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement –Staff contacted JPD staff to better facilitate the process of receiving police reports for JCAP participants. Staff is currently working with JPD to resolve the timing of submitting an ROI and receiving police reports in a timely manner.
- Prosecutors – Staff communicates regularly with prosecutors regarding participants and potential participants (orders of compliance).
- Court System –Staff met with one of the District Court Judges to discuss having a program participant utilize Therapeutic Court as an alternative to compliance hearings. JCAP agreed.
- Probation/Parole – JCAP staff meets weekly with probation officers and other community-release program staff at Lemon Creek to provide updates to other organizations and receive feedback on participants
- Medical –N/A
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) –Staff has contacted OCS staff in regard to safety concerns of participant's children. JCAP staff has contacted OCS in regard to one participant who has not shown up for orientation twice this quarter
- DV Task Force – N/A
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – JCAP works regularly with Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc. (JAMHI) and Gastineau Human Services (GHS). JCAP collaborates on any participant who indicates a current mental health or substance abuse issue at intake.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - JCAP is monitoring several participants in other programs, including the state of Oregon and Ketchikan.

## FY14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prison Batterer's Intervention Program Reports (PBP)

### IAC – Prison-Based Batterers Intervention Program - FAIRBANKS

#### OVERVIEW

The 12 slots of the PBP program remain full. Expansion is not currently possible, due to space limitations. Marie Taylor moved out of state, and Laquawna Baker took her position. The relationship with the Fairbanks Correctional Center (FCC) remains very good.

#### SUCSESSES

Laquawna is meeting with mental health providers biweekly to educate them on the PBP program and generate additional referrals. She is also meeting with in-house probation officers to educate them on the ODARA screening tool.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Through the CCR and DVTF, via the Community program. IAC has also had constructive communication, especially with the Alaska State Troopers (AST).
- Prosecutors – IAC maintains regular contact with the DA by providing affidavits of non-compliance monthly, providing feedback, and responding to requests for information, in addition to regular contact through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – IAC participates in weekly ongoing status hearings for offenders with Judge Seekins. IAC also provides information on client status to him, when requested.
- Probation/Parole – IAC has maintained excellent communications with APP for over 15 years. Currently, IAC provides them training on DV offenders. IAC engages in case conferences, works with the PACE program, and provides insight and suggestions on the conditions of probation.
- Medical – IAC has regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services (FNS) through the CCR meetings. There is a crossover of offenders who are in jail due to assaults that have required medical treatment for victims and who get into the community program. IAC talks with FNS on these cases, whenever possible.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – IAC makes regular reports of harm when such information is disclosed or obtained. IAC participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress (or the lack of), and receives ongoing referrals from OCS to BIP.
- DV Task Force – IAC attends the DVTF meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – N/A
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – IAC's director has regular contact with programs throughout the country and the state regarding transfers of offenders to and from our program, as well as to exchange information regarding program best practices.

**FY14 4th Quarter PBP Statistics**

	AFS Palmer	AWARE Juneau	IAC Fairbanks	TOTAL
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	9	1	6	16
How many written intake assessments were completed?	23	6	15	44
How many participants were accepted into the program?	23	1	12	36
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	0	0	0	0
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	22	18	0	40
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	2	0	5	7
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	0	1	2	3
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	1	0	1	2
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)?	0	2	3	5
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)	2	1	4	7
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)	0	0	2	2

Outcome Measures FY14 4th Quarter

Service	Number of participants this quarter	Number of surveys completed	(1) Yes to Safety	(2) Yes to Resources	(3) Yes to Services for Children	(4) Yes to Feel Less Isolated	(5) Yes to Understanding Crisis/Trauma	(6) Yes to Legal Rights	(7) Yes to Understanding Justice Process
Shelter	587	274	227	232	169	204	225	212	195
Non-residential Support and Advocacy	1622	253	211	228	166	216	208	208	194
Counseling	174	19	17	19	15	13	15	9	10
Non-residential Support Groups	474	151	126	129	113	128	120	108	106
TOTAL	2435	705	581	608	463	560	565	548	504
(N/A) Not applicable			14	9	127	19	23	44	48
Neutral			91	66	80	87	92	94	119
% Positive Responses			84%	87%	80%	82%	83%	83%	77%

## Behavioral Health Outcome Measure Progress Report FY 2014

Service	Number of Participants this quarter	Number of Surveys completed	(1) Yes to Motivated to stop	(2) Yes to Affect of alcohol/ drug abuse	(3) Yes to Knowledge about alcohol/ drug abuse	(4) Yes to Referral
Shelter	131	55	33	34	31	25
Non-residential Support and Advocacy	142	12	5	10	10	5
Counseling	134	1	0	0	0	0
Non-residential Support Groups	134	3	3	2	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	541	99	58	65	60	50
(N/A) Not applicable	0	0	15	5	7	13
Neutral	0	0	2	1	3	2
% Positive Responses			71%	70%	67%	60%

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Victim Service Program Reports

### AFS – Alaska Family Services – MAT-SU

#### SUCSESSES

This quarter the AFS shelter saw a significant increase in clients. Out of the clients that left the shelter this quarter 84% left for permanent housing.

AFS has completed half of the Community Readiness Survey and should have the results by the end of October 2014.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The Governor's Picnic took place in Palmer. AFS provided staff to help man the "Choose Respect" booth.

During this reporting period, AFS had limited contact with the Mat-Su Borough Schools due to their summer break which made difficult to have regular contact with youth. There has been an increase from our community partners for more youth outreach and education. We have experienced a lot of success in connecting with other agencies that work with youth and have allowed us to present to their clients.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AFS provides numbers regarding protective orders (PO) filed and whether they are granted or denied at the ex parte stage as well as the long term stage. With the changes in CourtView listings, certain cases that are dismissed at the initial hearing for lack of evidence or because of an error in the charging document are removed from CourtView under Administrative Rule 40(a)(3)-(9), as amended effective August 1, 2014. If a petition is denied for both long term and short term at the ex parte stage, the PO gets delisted after 5:00pm on the day it was filed. When we put the case number in CourtView, it comes up blank. The Palmer Courthouse is also open on Saturdays so POs can be filed then. This will leave holes in AFS data, so they have created a new category as *unknown*. AFS currently has four *unknown* in Long-Term category.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Victim Service Program Reports

### AVV-Advocates for Victims of Violence - VALDEZ

#### SUCCESES

AVV provided services to many walk-ins with varying and unique needs. We are fortunate our staff have different areas of expertise and are flexible. AVV is a popular resource agency.

AVV's Youth Program summer camps were a huge success whose objectives are to teach children and youth the value of leadership, healthy choices, and self-esteem through outdoor activities.

Participated in Gold Rush 2014 Celebration, a five -day event in which businesses and care providers raise money for non-profits and scholarships. AVV won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for best non-profit.

A woman we've helped since 2012, wife of a US citizen, came to the US with an immigrant visa. AVV helped her with a protective order, and we referred her to Alaska Immigration Justice Project for immigration status. Because bank statements, rent agreement did not show her name the process took longer than she expected. AVV's Executive Director provided an Affidavit to support her application and explain the pattern and behavior of both the victims and the perpetrators. Seven months after her application was submitted, she received her Green Card that is valid for 10 years. She plans on giving back and helping other non-immigrant victims of domestic violence.

AVV was honored by a visit by Senator Lisa Murkowski who spoke with shelter participants, staff and board members.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AVV staff and shelter participants sponsored Sarah Davies from 100 Stone Project, a public art installation of 100-lifesized figures made from and by those who struggle with conditions such as mental illness, trauma, and grief, and those who know and love them. The key objective is activating those who experiencing isolation as a result of it through creative engagement. Visit their website: [www.100stoneproject.com](http://www.100stoneproject.com).

AVV spoke about domestic violence and AVV's services, afterschool programs, and the upcoming Woman of Distinction 2014 on the local radio station.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Many transient people sought services from AVV. Once summer ends jobs are very limited and the cost of living is high, problems such as domestic violence start rising.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Victim Service Program Reports

### AWAIC-Abused Women's Aid in Crisis - ANCHORAGE

#### SUCCESES

AWAIC's Moving Forward program in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, did not receive HUD funding. The decision was successfully appealed. Nationwide, AWAIC had the only successful appeal.

AWAIC was awarded a \$157,000 community based prevention grant from CDVSA.

AWAIC is excited to be partnering with Anchorage Community Mental Health Services to have an onsite clinician. This arrangement helps eliminate barriers to access critical mental health care for survivors of domestic violence.

AWAIC tracks services provided to underserved victims by administering an optional Quality Service Evaluations to all program participants. AWAIC is able to identify the types of crimes and provide information and Education and Support groups and House Meetings.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWAIC continues to partner with other shelters in the community as well as local churches for the Emergency Cold Weather Plan. AWAIC's role in the ECWP is to provide a 24-hour hotline for families facing a night sleeping outside, and to refer them to the shelter operating for that particular night.

AWAIC has been continuing to build our Anchorage Coalition for Violence Prevention and this quarter added two new members, Covenant House Alaska and the YMCA. We hope these new youth serving members will help to broaden the scope of our community wide prevention programming.

In September a video of Baltimore Ravens football player, Ray Rice, hitting his fiancé, Janay Rice, in the head and knocking her unconscious caused a great deal of outrage nationally and locally. Local media interviewed AWAIC about the cycle of violence, signs of an abusive relationship, why victims stay, and how to help a friend. It was a great opportunity to dispel some of the myths around domestic violence and challenge peoples judgment and placing blame on victims.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Two deaths due to domestic violence or sexual assault.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Victim Service Program Reports

### AWARE-Aiding Women from Abuse and Rape Emergencies - JUNEAU

#### SUCSESSES

During the first quarter, AWARE's emergency shelter was at 100% bed capacity. FY14 was a record high for the number of bed nights provided, and the first quarter of FY15 continued that trend. AWARE sheltered 58 women and 48 children this quarter, for a total of 2943 nights of safe shelter. Their success lies in our response to this need. . When the prior staffing pattern could not meet demand, AWARE adjusted their shelter coverage advocate job duties to compensate for increased need from participants. Hours were increased for shelter staff who wanted them (including OT as needed), and administrative staff also covered shifts as necessary.

In July-September 2014, AWARE, working in conjunction with Sitkans Against Family Violence in Sitka, completed the curriculum, recruited coaches, and began a pilot launch for "Boys Run: i toowú klatseen," a program for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Through running, discussion, and cultural activities that honor Southeast Alaska traditional values, participants work towards gaining the skills they need to build healthy relationships and create a community of respect for self and others. The nine week, 18 lesson program will finish its inaugural season in November with a community-supported 5K fun run.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWARE staff partnered with the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) in several ways this quarter. AWARE staff trained student resident advisors and student support staff on the dynamics of sexual assault. The training preceded the university's Title IX training, which was presented by the U of A Title IX investigators and counsel, and mandatory for all faculty and staff. UAS and AWARE are currently working on a memorandum of agreement to provide a framework for collaboration, including additional outreach and training. AWARE was also featured in a radio news story from KTOO regarding the University's efforts to educate students about consent and increase reporting. Staff also presented part one of a workshop on Healthy Boundaries to freshman at UAS at the end of September. This workshop was well attended, and helped establish an AWARE presence on campus among freshman.

AWARE was also featured in a Juneau Empire and KTOO news story about the groundbreaking for the new 12-unit housing. Staff also presented information on the development process for the new facility at the annual Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness conference in Juneau in late September.

In August and September 2014, AWARE staff successfully facilitated Girls On The Run (GOTR) training for 13 new coaches and staff. These trainees included a new, temporary GOTR Advocate, one staff member from WISH who will help coordinate GOTR in the Ketchikan service area, two new Petersburg coaches, and 9 new Juneau coaches.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

This year, AWARE's Jesuit Volunteer chose to return to her home in September, unable to complete her commitment. This has left AWARE short-staffed and an additional financial burden.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Victim Service Program Reports

### AWIC-Arctic Women in Crisis – BARROW

#### SUCCESES

During the 1st quarter, AWIC provided residential services for a total of twenty-four (24) women and thirty-seven (37) children, providing 1599 safe- bed nights. On-call counselors responded to one (1) SART call; and the Crisis Line responded to one hundred and three (103) crisis calls.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

On August 16, AWIC advocates participated in the *Kindergarten Round Up* at the North Slope Borough Health Department (NSBHD) Wellness Center. Counseling Technician Lilian Merrill and Office Specialist Christine Coll painted the faces of children who participated in the school physicals, and distributed AWIC informational cards to the children's parents.

Li Morrow, AWIC Counselor III, was invited to speak to the Barrow High School Football Team at their pre-game dinner on September 12 about non-violent, non-abusive relationships. Li handed out information about the *Choose Respect* initiative and discussed the qualities that make up healthy relationships such as open communication, deep caring, and a joint desire to build a healthy relationship. Li discussed how these qualities take time and nurturing to develop and must be accomplished mutually. On September 13, an AWIC Advisory Board member, Pastor Duke Morrow spoke with the BHS Football team about healthy relationships. His discussion with the students was interactive and engaging and the young men were responsive to his message.

AWIC held their *A Light in the Window Campaign* on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. In partnership with the NSBHD and the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church, community members and agencies displayed flameless votive candles in their windows to express their continuing solidarity toward ending domestic violence on the North Slope.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

In forming the Barrow Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), there continue to be issues with OCS, the Native Village of Barrow, and the Barrow DA's Office lack of participation. This has a negative impact on the success of the MDT in providing comprehensive services to families on the North Slope. There is now a new DA in Barrow, and he has attended our SART meetings; it is hoped that he will continue to attend.

Outreach and Education Counselor, Li Morrow, will be on extended family medical leave—this impacts outreach with the NSB schools. The bullying prevention and healthy relationship classes will need to be conducted at a further date.

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### BSWG – Bering Sea Women’s Group - BETHEL

#### SUCSESSES

BSWG hired a Legal Advocate, a Rural Outreach Coordinator, and four Relief Lead Advocates. BSWG also has a new member on the BSWG Board of Directors.

Four protective orders sought and four granted.

No complaints this quarter and no domestic violence or sexual assault deaths reported.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

BSWG met with Violent Crimes Compensation Board on October 3 at the BSWG office.

The BSWG Rural Outreach Coordinator went to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Teller Cultural Festival with a volunteer on September 27 to recruit a Safe Home/ Representative for the village of Teller. Well received by the participants. No one expressed interest that day to be a Safe Home/Representative. However, a Teller community member explained to us that when someone needs help she lets victims stay at her house until things calm down.

BSWG staff met with Alaska Crossings on September 4.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

BSWG had a member of the Board of Directors resign, but were able to fill the vacancy.

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### CFRC –Cordova Family Resource Center - CORDOVA

#### SUCCESES

CFRC held two youth summer camps that were full to capacity. We also partnered with the Forest Service to take the youth on a hike and fishing trip on Eyak River Trail.

Another success was our summer lunch program with a total of 82 summer lunch art classes; we worked with the school to provide the youth with free lunch.

B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It or Not I Care) youth group has been meeting weekly at the High school during homeroom. We have six youth from this group attending the upcoming Lead-On Conference.

CFRC has ads and public service announcements (PSAs) through radio and GCI scanner channel, and newspaper. We use Face Book to get out the information about CFRC activities. We have and are still working on our Webpage. Information is also distributed via the local bulletin boards around town and in local businesses.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

CFRC and Sound Alternatives are still working together and providing CFRC clients counseling at the CFRC facility. This partnership has been a great resource for our clients.

SART team is ready to provide services to Sexual Assault victims. We just signed all of our Policies and Procedures.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Some concerns we have are with the Sound Alternatives program. Some CFRC program participants cannot afford to continue counseling even though they might need the services. It has been difficult to get clear direction about how to help our participants gain long-term counseling after they receive the initial counseling. Over time CFRC received different answers for the reasons for this.

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### IAC - Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - FAIRBANKS

#### SUCSESSES

Due to the growing demand for services, IAC has restructured to allow for continued growth. The restructure involves the Client Services Director, the Victim Services Administrator, and a Lead Advocate positions. The new structure will allow for quicker decision making, provide managers with more autonomy, and promote a more trauma informed approach to staff self-care.

IAC's Legal Services Advocate (LSA) has worked with 72 individuals this quarter, assisting with services such as: protective orders, divorce, child custody, immigration, court accompaniment, law enforcement, military entities, and the occasional out of state legal systems. The LSA has established great working relationships with the Statewide Pro Bono program, as well as our local Legal Services program.

IAC has opened 2 permanent supportive housing complexes which have a combined total of 16 units. Some shelter residents were transitioned to these units, showing a slight dip in shelter nights for the quarter. IAC continues to work closely with Alaska Housing and advocating with landlords to be able to assist those seeking shelter in locating safe and secure housing. We have found that direct negotiation with landlords can be helpful in obtaining housing options for IAC clients.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

UAF administration gave the approval for the start of the Green Dot Program on the campus. This program is also being presented throughout the community, with an expected community training to take place in December.

The Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition partnered with Fairbanks Native Association and gave away items at their annual homeless BBQ. Volunteers gave away over 150 backpacks that included socks, hand and feet warmers, hygiene kits, clothes and winter gear in September.

During this quarter, the Prevention Coalition was formalized and the Fairbanks Primary Prevention Plan was completed in September. There have been over 20 members who have signed MOA's for this coalition. The coalition will begin formally meeting next quarter.

IAC attended the Access Alaska Disability Fair that took place at the Tanana Valley State Fair.

IAC has been working with the community of Tok to assist them in setting up a hotline.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

IAC has no concerns to report for this quarter.

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### KWRCC –Kodiak Women’s Resource and Crisis Center - KODIAK

#### SUCCESES

KWRCC continued to perform core services providing for the safety needs of victims. There were no clients denied admittance to shelter due to lack of bed availability. KWRCC has successfully been able to meet the rising demand for safe shelter in Kodiak.

KWRCC hired their first off -site Advocate who works in the village of Old Harbor in FY14 Q4, and outreach continues. This has allowed KWRCC to join forces within the village community in order to build in village access to direct services, as well as provide community safety planning, prevention work, and broaden collaborations. Old Harbor has been doing a lot of work on behalf of family violence prevention and it is exciting to have them as a direct part of the KWRCC team.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

KWRCC, in coordination with Sunaq Indain Tribe, has restarted the Native Women’s Advisory Committee and continues to meet into this fiscal year. This group will work with natural leaders in the Native community to discuss ideas on addressing domestic violence and sexual assault within the native community.

This quarter, KWRCC participated in a language access training that took place in Kodiak. The goal of the training is to identify and train potential interpreters in the Kodiak community, as well as educate the service provider agencies on the importance of building language access plans into their agency policy and procedures.

The KWRCC Outreach Coordinator was a presenter at the Women’s Wellness Retreat hosted by Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) in August. This retreat was part of Native outreach efforts. The presentation was on agency services, domestic violence, and healing. The Outreach Coordinator was very well received, and a lot of positive feedback came to the agency as a result of this outreach, such as a new board member, and two new volunteers.

KWRCC has been working with OCS and KANA as part of the SAFTEE project.

This is a state wide project working on bridging collaboration between the Office of Children’s Services (OCS) and DV Shelter programs. The local collaborative efforts have been going very well. This has helped KWRCC to better understand each other’s roles in working with victims. Sun’aq Tribe has agreed to be a part of the project, bringing the tribal representation back to the table.

In August, Kodiak’s local State Fair and Rodeo took place. KWRCC had a booth and promoted “Kodiak Chooses Respect” themes. The table had games such as the Wheel of Kindness, where participants spin the wheel, and either answer questions regarding their ideas on ways to prevent violence in Kodiak, or they could be asked to perform random acts of kindness and collect a prize. “Kodiak Chooses Respect” sweatshirts were given away to those who participated in the events.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

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### LSC – The LeeShore Center -KENAI

#### SUCSESSES

LSC started FY15 with a beautiful new outdoor play area for resident children thanks to a Legislative grant. The new play area has made a wonderful addition to their facility.

This quarter, LSC's Youth Outreach Coordinator has made exciting progress in the local schools. She has been working to expand her presentations into as many school locations as are available. This year she has been invited into two schools that she has not had access to before, so LSC is very excited to be reaching an underserved segment of the area's school districts.

In regards to service delivery, a participant that LSC has served many times over several years has again come to the shelter for help. In the past she only stayed in shelter for a very short time (a few days, maybe a week) and then would discharge or just not return to shelter. In the past she always returned to the abusive relationship she can to shelter from. This time, she has not returned to the abusive relationship, has stayed longer than ever before, and is working diligently to establish a safe and stable environment for her to discharge to so that she is not dependent on others. LSC staff can see a shift from victim to survivor this time and reports it is exciting to be a part of.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

LeeShore hosted its 27<sup>th</sup> annual Kenai Peninsula Run for Women in August. There were 139 runners, 52 volunteers, staff, board members, and community members – there was an estimated total of 275 event participants. Additionally, Channel 2 News, a long time sponsor and supporter of the Run, was represented by evening newscaster Mike Ross, who shot footage of the event and reported the results on that night's newscast.

LeeShore also held its 26<sup>th</sup> KSRM/LeeShore Radiothon fundraiser in early September. Included this year was a raffle, and the raffle drawing was hosted by the Kenai Peninsula Brown Bears hockey team at their Brown and Gold Game. There was also a "Green Dot Trot" donation activity where one person won an IPAD. A portion of the proceeds from Radiothon will be used to build a new outdoor animal kennel at the emergency shelter.

Colonel James Cockrell, Capt. Andy Greenstreet and Randi Breager (DVSA Coordinator) with the Alaska State Troopers stopped by for a visit with the director and were provided a tour of the facility.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

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### SAFE – Safe and Fear Free Environment - DILLINGHAM

#### SUCCESES

SAFE received a 2014 “Soupie” Award for respectful services to victims of violence impacted by disabilities from the Stone Soup Group.

Recognized and thanked by the Dillingham Imagination Library for donating over 1,000 books from Ulla’s Place Thrift Shop. The books were distributed at the Summer Youth Services Program, Culture Camp and/or MOM’S FASD Prevention Program.

SAFE hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tony’s Run, a 26 mile marathon from Aleknagik to Dillingham. Over 100 people participated as runners, walkers, riders and/or volunteers.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Our SART Coordinator and team assisted a PHD student prepare information for the Internal Review Board and for strategies for contacting, interviewing and working with sexual assault victims while protecting safety and confidentiality for his thesis on rural sexual assault victimology.

SAFE’s Prevention & Outreach staff and Curyung Tribe organized and hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth and Elders Conference with nearly 150 participants. Most of the wild foods harvested and preserved during Summer Youth Services (SYS) and Culture Camp are given to elders at the conference by youth who prepared it at the Camp. The SYS is funded by SAFE.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SAFE changed from a small one bedroom to a much larger two bedroom apartment to house the Baywest Shelter in King Salmon, funding provided through a federal VAWGO Rural DV grant.

Challenges are with personnel and plumbing issues and our community partners have been helpful in working through the obstacles. SAFE received assistance and cooperation from the City of Dillingham as we seek to put a more permanent fix on our plumbing problem.

Personnel issues are a constant, usually centered on being short-handed and difficulties in recruiting and retaining trained staff. SAFE experienced short-staffing when a family medical emergency affected several staff. The close ties that define our community present challenges to managing an effective workforce.

Half way through the quarter the Prosecutor requested victim advocacy and support services for family, friends and witnesses to a trial in the Naknek court of a young woman charged with murder/manslaughter when her male passenger was killed in a DUI four-wheeler crash. The trial lasted over a week and SAFE’s King Salmon Advocate provided support services to six individuals.

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### SAFV – Sitkans Against Family Violence - SITKA

#### SUCCESES

A woman using SAFV services and shelter for fifteen years received legal representation for a divorce and custody of her children and was able to procure affordable housing and with SAFV donations, completely furnish it.

SAFV's Community and Volunteer Training had 22 regular attendees, representing 11 agencies. One began attending the DVSA Task Force meeting. In addition to SAFV presenters we had Sitka Police Dept. (SPD), OCS, Mt. Edgecumbe High and Christine Pate from the Pro Bono Project.

The SPD hired a community-policing Lieutenant who is active on the DVSA Task Force.

SAFV's Facebook page is gaining "likes" 747 from 700 last quarter and folks are "sharing".

SAFV allocated all five of Alaska Housing's Empowering Housing Choice Vouchers this quarter.

The world renowned Sitka Summer Music Festival developed a partnership with SAFV. The director and several musicians from around the world come to the shelter each Friday in the summer to play in the shelter. SAFV has program/prevention information in the reception area.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SAFV began a partnership with UA Sitka. They planned the Clothesline Project with SAFV for October Domestic Violence Awareness Month, several UA staff attended our community training and helped with "Private Violence." Four new advocates complete the UA 40 hour online course.

The Direct Services /Legal Advocate and Child Advocate were both trained to use the program: A Window Between Worlds (AWBW) that uses art projects as tools to heal.

Sitka School District (SSD) and SAFV coordinated a social/emotional learning training for SSD.

SAFV and All Alaska Pediatrics Partnership offered a Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) training- a healthy parenting toolkit designed for healthcare providers and social service providers.

The pilot season of Boys Run started. Boys Run I toowu klatseen is a program co-created and authored by Prevention staff at SAFV and AWARE. It is a running program for boys that teaches healthy relationship and lifestyle skills with an emphasis on cultural, traditional values.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

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### SCS – SeaView Community Services – SEWARD

#### SUCSESSES

This first quarter at SCS has been quiet. In July, ANDVSA was in Seward for their summer network meeting.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

There is activity to report for SCS for this quarter.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

In August, there was a situation with a sexual assault victim who was not being transferred to Kenai for a SART exam. After talking with the trooper, victim and hospital staff, the SCS Advocate discovered that the victim did not want to file a report, so the trooper refused to transport her to Kenai. The SCS Advocate drove the victim over to Kenai, where she spent 6 hours in the ER.

The SCS Advocate followed up with ANDVSA on this case and a formal letter was then sent out to AST, CDVSA, and many others. As a result of this letter I met with AST to talk about my program and the services we offer, we also talked about how we could partner with one another to both serve victims in our area. We also have a SART (except for a nurse) going to Anchorage for training in November. I am pleased with the outcome of this meeting and look forward to a better working relationship with AST. Copies of these responses have been sent to Lauree Morton.

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### SPHH – South Peninsula Haven House – HOMER

#### SUCCESES

There have been several successes at SPHH this quarter, including:

- SPHH has been working with a young mother and her newborn. This participant has been at SPHH off and on since she was seven years old. During these many years, she has established relationships with SPHH staff that have affirmed that it is place she can trust. She is maintaining her sobriety, while coming to understand that she is unable to rescue her family or her partner. She is working on her GED and taking parenting classes.
- A long term resident in our shelter was finally able to access sustainable affordable housing in our community. This was a huge accomplishment for her that she felt was unobtainable. When she was exiting from shelter she said, "The advocates here made me feel needed, trusted, wanted and loved."
- A young shelter resident, with no support system, felt a level of comfort and trust that allowed her to ask an advocate for assistance in navigating the community mental health system. With that advocate's guidance, she was able to access these much needed services. The resident is now receiving mental health services, as well as support on a weekly basis, and is better able to access other needed services.
- A long term client received legal advocacy for a criminal DV case and was able to testify in court, which was a huge personal accomplishment for her. She was able to access funding from the Alaska Mental Health Trust for significant dental work. She continues to reach out for support and speaks with an advocate on at least a weekly basis.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the quarter, SPHH continued its Prevention Activities in the community thru Green Dot. Trainings, workshops, and lunches were provided to educate the community, businesses, law enforcement and city hall employees.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SPHH is deeply concerned about the lack of education and/or the utilization of information concerning trauma and DV survivors as case witnesses; ***especially once this information has been shared with the prosecution prior to trial.*** SPHH could use assistance on making prosecutors aware of the effects of trauma, and how this understanding could possibly change the outcomes of these cases.

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### STAR – Standing Together Against Rape - ANCHORAGE

#### SUCSESSES

STAR was able to send all staff to a recent training on traumatic stress in Anchorage. The two-day conference was well attended by service agencies throughout the community and provided insight and new ideas in responding to victims of trauma.

STAR's program participants who have qualified for the Alaska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Intervention Program (ADVSAIP) have had increased stabilization from the use of emergency client assistance funds. The committee review process for this program and direct access to client assistance funds has been the biggest change for STAR in the last two quarters.

STAR has been selected to lead the Anchorage DART for the upcoming fiscal year.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

A clinician with Anchorage Community Mental Health started seeing clients at AWAIC in July. She accepts referrals from both STAR and AWAIC. This provides another much needed resource for clients with chronic trauma and mental health crises.

The District Attorney's Office and STAR met to discuss the challenges of informing STAR about upcoming victim/witness interviews, and a plan was reached to make sure that STAR is informed as the norm, even if the victim is not sure they need an Advocate at the meeting. The default plan will be to notify STAR and give the victim a choice at the interview, rather than defaulting to not contacting STAR.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

The Alaska National Guard scandal erupted all over the news in September, and the investigation is ongoing, with fallout expected to continue for those in power who did not appear to respond responsibly to the chronic complaints. There has been a large concern regarding National Guard cases, and this issue is being covered by multiple media reports. It appears that the Anchorage Police Department is currently reviewing cases which may be referred to the District Attorney for charging.

Media coverage and press releases have also been cause for concern and has generated a great deal of discussion between STAR, the DA's Office, and the Anchorage Police Department. Alaska State Troopers have also noted dismay at media coverage of sexual assaults of minors this quarter. STAR generated a formal complaint against a media station and specific reporter here in Anchorage over misrepresentation of statements.

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### TWC – Tundra Women’s Coalition - BETHEL

#### SUCSESSES

TWC received approval to get a new truck (used) for the everyday uses for helping women staying in shelter move in and out, and for collecting freight from the airlines or the barges since everything is shipped to Bethel.

Support groups, systems advocacy and the crisis line are ways for underserved victims to participate in services; another way is by receiving services from TWC’s contracted clinician.

34, 20-day domestic violence protective orders were filed and 28 were granted. One 20-day stalking and one 20-day sexual assault protective order were filed and each of these two was granted.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

TWC continues to have many positive partnerships, especially with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) and Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC). The ONC hosts their Healthy Families programs and groups at TWC. Also TWC provides childcare for women/men who attend these groups/meetings.

A few of TWC staff has been attending the System of Care (SOC) meetings. The SOC project is being done through ONC and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC).

Also a few of the TWC staff are partnering with the community about Homeless Prevention issues.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

A young woman, 19 years old, in Chevak, Alaska was raped and murdered.

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### USAFV – Unalaskan’s Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - UNALASKA

#### SUCCESES

USAFV staff members were fortunate to receive additional training this quarter, made possible by the Rural Outreach grant through the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) which paid for most of the costs and travel. USAFV sent two staff members to the "Cultivating Possibilities in Rural Sexual Assault" conference in St. Louis, MO. Additionally, USAFV was able to send two staff members to the National Network on Domestic Violence advanced hotline training. ANDVSA paid for the majority of these costs as well.

USAFV was also able to send two staff members to the Alaska DV/SA Outreach & Education Coordinator training.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

USAFV staff moderated a radio show on suicide and depression featuring local behavioral health providers.

USAFV staff did a presentation to seven staff members at the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department about the Compass program, which is a program that promotes healthy masculinity and non-violent communication.

USAFV posted numerous educational flyers, articles, and news on our Facebook page.

USAFV staff held a "Girls' Night Out" event for girls 6th through 12 grade, to talk about what girls in the community are concerned about, how girls and women are represented in the media, and the importance of self-care. 10 girls attended the event, and a behavioral health volunteer also participated.

USAFV staff held a "Storytellers' Café" event, which was attended by about 25 people. The event brought together people of all ages to hear from two individuals who had hiked from one side of the island to the other over a period of several days. Hosting this through USAFV helps to gain awareness of USAFVs services and role in the community.

Though USAFV does not receive funding through VOCA, during the first quarter USAFV reached out to local law enforcement, state troopers, regional VPSOs, medical and behavioral health providers, tribal organizations, and others to inform them of their roles in sexual assault cases and to increase awareness that USAFV is available to assist those impacted by crimes.

USAFV continues to nurture excellent relationships with community partners to identify community trends, explore opportunities for collaboration, and improve the quality of life in the Unalaska community.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Services are down from last year after a very busy FY14; this is believed to be simply indicative of the unpredictable nature of service provision.

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### VFJ – Victims for Justice – ANCHORAGE

#### SUCSESSES

A victim with traumatic brain injury transferred from hospital to assisted care facility, successfully applied for VCCB funds to help with recovery expenses.

VFJ assisted many clients to find counseling for PTSD.

VFJ helped with airfare so family could attend a funeral in Bethel.

VFJ assisted a refugee recover from an assault.

VFJ helped multiple homeless clients who were victims of assault with temporary housing while their injuries healed.

Through a municipal grant, VFJ has been able to provide immediate financial assistance to victims in crisis, funds that were not previously available on an emergency basis. This new funding source has expanded our ability to provide some safety and services to clients we could not serve through other funding sources.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Three television stations covered our ceremony at the Homicide Monument in July, attended by about 100 people. This event, held at the Homicide Monument at Hostetler Park, features the reading of names of Homicide victims by a select group of readers, and a social event after. This year we particularly appreciated the networking of survivors, law enforcement, and prosecution and court personnel.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Building a strong coalition of partners through the Municipal Health Department.

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### WISH –Women in Safe Homes- KETCHIKAN

#### SUCSESSES

A woman with a severe disability due to domestic violence contacted one of the area community partners (SAIL) and was in turn referred to WISH. When WISH was contacted, the participant was on the verge of eviction, Alaska Housing was raising her rent, and she was unable to access any resources due to a speech impediment that caused people to hang up on her before she started speaking. A WISH advocate assisted her over the course of three weeks, accessing all resources necessary to move into a new and more reasonable home, get her housing costs reduced, access financial help from Love in Action, and get a job. It was a powerful moment for Advocates in shelter as every door that had been closed on this very capable woman was now opened.

This year WISH relocated an elderly woman to Ketchikan from one of the outlying communities. In July she was able to obtain long term sustainable housing on her own. This survivor worked hard and pushed through the personal limitations associated with a debilitating mental health diagnosis.

Wish also assisted a survivor to access treatment and encouraged that survivor follow through with treatment services. This survivor is a lifetime survivor of childhood sexual assault and abuse and has been coping with her trauma through self-medicating. It was a testament to her strength and courage that she identified being substance free as her goal, and it was an honor for staff to be with her as she finally accessed the resources she needed. We have been providing services for this survivor off and on for the last five years, additionally; she stayed in shelter as a child.

A positive growth was established in the number of legal advocacy efforts. As the knowledge becomes established in the community that participants are welcome at the shelter, legal services are given, and understanding has increased we have received partnering agencies/groups reaching out to us more frequently.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

At the Coast Guard new family orientation, WISH met with families in rotation to Ketchikan. Awareness of WISH services was promoted through collaboration with partner agencies also participating in the event, informational materials, and making connections with families.

Promoting Respectful Relationships now will meet every other week to enhance collaboration. This Task Force is comprised of: WISH, Ketchikan Indian Community, Akeela Gateway Behavioral Health, SAIL, the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, and Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility. With the participating partners the group is able to access other agencies that promote healthy relationships.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

This quarter reflected change in the overall organizational structure. WISH has a new Executive Director, new Board Members, and several new staff members. This is a positive change though has taken some adjusting as all learn their roles at WISH.

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### AFS – Community- -Based Batterers Intervention Program – MAT-SU

#### OVERVIEW

During this quarter, AFS has seen a slight increase of clients that are coming to the program presentence. The majority of the clients stated that their attorneys recommended that they start the program before their trial date.

#### SUCSESSES

Five participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – AFS has worked with our AST officer assigned to DV follow-up. They have assisted in helping victims of our program participants.
- Prosecutors – AFS has worked with a few ADA's this quarter for assistance in filling petitions to revoke probation for clients that for some reason were not making it to the court calendar.
- Court System – AFS continues to get timely information on clients that are court ordered to the program. AFS maintains contact with their Legal Advocate regarding court hearings and information. The FVIP staff attends monthly DVIP hearings and provides individual client statuses to the DA's office and the court.
- Probation/Parole AFS has provided status updates on a regular basis to the individual officers.
- Medical – Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – OCS has sent FVIP referrals to conduct intakes on their clients for placement in FVIP classes.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – AFS has regular contact and collaboration with local mental health providers regarding coordination of services.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – AFS maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. They have worked with a lot with the Men and Women Center in Anchorage this quarter to coordinate the services of their mutual clients.

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### AWARE/JCAP– Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program –Juneau

#### OVERVIEW

JCAP had an extremely busy quarter. At the end of FY14, it became clear that even with the addition of a second community group, demand for JCAP services exceeded capacity. Q1 started with each class full and approximately 6 men ready to enter the class, and others who had been referred and not yet completed intake. Currently there are 22 men on the waitlist, and JCAP is exploring options for another class but are constrained by staff capacity, insufficient funding, and space.

#### SUCSESSES

During this quarter, a man completed JCAP who had been enrolled several times before. In his prior engagement with the program, he continued to use drugs, and expect little out of the group. During this course, he was motivated by external and internal factors to make changes. His new partner was pregnant, and they decided together to give up substances, including alcohol. This man had been using and dealing drugs since he was 15 years old. He noted that his resistance to the program in earlier years was primarily due to avoidance- he did not want to feel ashamed of the things he'd done, so he worked to avoid thinking about them. This time around, he became our "go to" participant, who was willing to share and start off conversations. During his exit interview, staff asked him what had changed. He replied, "I came to see that the effort I put into fighting the program was more than it took to just listen. And as I just listened, I could feel that even though I regret what I've done, I don't have to be that guy anymore".

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – JCAP connects with law enforcement to request and receive police reports, and to exchange information when a participant has a warrant out.
- Prosecutors – JCAP works weekly with prosecutors to report participant progress to court, make recommendations about interventions, and to collaborate on ineligible participants.
- Court System – JCAP appears weekly at compliance hearings for the court, and meets periodically with court personnel and/or judges to receive feedback on program outcomes.
- Probation/Parole - JCAP meets weekly with probation officers to assess needs, report progress, and coordinate interventions.
- Medical – JCAP meets periodically with medical/mental health personnel to assess eligibility of participants or to monitor progress in counseling.
- OCS(Offic of Children's Services)–JCAP meets as needed with OCS when they are exploring a referral to the program, or when staff needs to report progress on a referred participant.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB): N/A
- DV Task Force –JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE's Direct Services Manager (responsible for oversight and supervision of JCAP)

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### IAC – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program - FAIRBANKS

#### OVERVIEW

The 26 slots of the BIP program remain full, with several men waitlisted.

#### SUCCESES

We continue to have a standing weekly status hearing with Judge Seekins. This has resulted in offenders being held accountable for their order to complete a BIP. It has also greatly reduced the ability of the offender or public defender's office to triangulate or manipulate the offender from having to take responsibility for his choices to abuse.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Through the CCR and DVTF, via the Community program. IAC has also had constructive communication, especially with the Alaska State Troopers (AST).
- Prosecutors – IAC maintains regular contact with the DA by providing affidavits of non-compliance monthly, providing feedback, and responding to requests for information, in addition to regular contact through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – IAC participates in weekly ongoing status hearings for offenders with Judge Seekins. IAC also provides information on client status to him, when requested.
- Probation/Parole – IAC has maintained excellent communications with APP for over 15 years. Currently, IAC provides them training on DV offenders. IAC engages in case conferences, works with the PACE program, and provides insight and suggestions on the conditions of probation.
- Medical – IAC has regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services (FNS) through the CCR meetings. There is a crossover of offenders who are in jail due to assaults that have required medical treatment for victims and who get into the community program. IAC talks with FNS on these cases, whenever possible.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – IAC makes regular reports of harm when such information is disclosed or obtained. IAC participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress (or the lack of), and receives ongoing referrals from OCS to BIP.
- DV Task Force – IAC attends the DVTF meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – This quarter, IAC contacted VCCB to obtain funding for a non-physical male offender, with unusual circumstances, that is at high risk for inflicting harm.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – N/A
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – IAC's director has regular contact with programs throughout the country and the state regarding transfers of offenders to and from our program, as well as to exchange information regarding program best practices.

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### KIC– Ketchikan Indian Community – KETCHIKAN

#### OVERVIEW

The Domestic Violence Program at KIC has been moved out of the Behavioral Health Department to a newly developed KIC Social Services Department. KIC moved across town to a new building in August from Tongass Avenue to 615 Stedman St. The programs that make up our new Social Services department are General Assistance, Elder Services, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and Domestic Violence. KIC is able to work closer with these programs and this change is proving to be beneficial to both the program and the participants.

#### SUCCESES

KIC has seen an increase in direct contacts with the victims of BIP participants and have started a new women's support group. This has been well-attended.

This quarter, KIC also increased prevention activities and are more involved in the community than ever before. Monthly events are being held, and are creating more attention and awareness within the community regarding DV/SA. The KIC BIP program is not just a part of it, but even more than that, they are leaders within the community.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – The Chief of Police sits on several collaborative task forces, including the Disability Awareness Response Team (DART) and the Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF).
- Prosecutors – No report on prosecution
- Court System – KIC receives client referrals and monitoring.
- Probation/Parole – KIC discusses participants frequently with probation officers.
- Medical – KIC did a staff training for KIC medical-nursing staff on screening for DV/SA in the health care setting.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – KIC is working with mutual ICWA clients and OCS regularly.
- DV Task Force – Monthly meetings are being held, which KIC steers.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – No Report.
- Behavioral Health –KIC accepts and sends referrals to the Behavioral Health Department, and staff collaborates on individual cases weekly at a multidisciplinary team meeting which including medical, behavioral health, ICWA and Social Services.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – KIC maintains regular contact with WISH and SAIL.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Batterer Intervention Program Reports

### LSC– Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program – KENAI

#### OVERVIEW

During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 8 new participants entered the program and received orientation. There were 3 court hearings to address non-compliance issues. 8 cases were continued to future date; 3 participants were reassigned to The LeeShore Center's BIP, 1 case was closed (with jail time imposed), 1 bench warrant issued.

#### SUCSESSES

BIP participants completed the Empathy and Compassion module and are currently working in the book Men and Anger as part of the Emotional Intimacy section of our manual. Men are required to write a letter of responsibility to their partner (but not to give it to the partner), and these letters are read during class. Several had to re-write the letters after reading them as their method of taking responsibility included denial and blame. It was interesting to watch this process as older class members were able to interject and help newer members through the process.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – LeeShore takes part in the DV Task Force at which LE attends. During this quarter the shelter had visits from the Alaska State Troopers. LSC was also visited by the new DV investigator and DARE officer.
- Prosecutors- the CPBIP co-facilitator meets with prosecutors monthly during compliance hearing. In addition she maintains contact with the DA regarding a spread sheet she has developed, following DV charges through the court system.
- Court System – the CPBIP co-facilitator attends monthly compliance hearings at the Kenai Court system. One growing concern with the judges and magistrates at Kenai court is the number of defendants who are ordered to attend Anger Management classes as part of their sentence after a DV crime. Others are assigned to a "DVIP" program, but with the caveat that a MH evaluation must be done first, after which the court will decide if Anger Management is more appropriate. These concerns are the reason the co-facilitator is keeping the spread sheet mentioned above. Lauree Morton has been provided a copy of the spread sheet, as has the DA. Ms. Morton has spoken with the head of the Juneau Public Defender office with these concerns.
- Probation/Parole – several participants are referred by Adult Probation. LSC maintains open dialog with that department in order to file non-compliances in a timely manner when needed.
- Medical –A SART nurse and a representative from the Child Advocacy Center are speaking at our upcoming Community Awareness Workshop. A Public Health nurse meets quarterly with LSC to plan and facilitate Green Dot activities.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – some CPBIP participants have been referred by OCS. Conversations regard compliance.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – shelter advocates help clients to contact VCCB on an as needed basis. The CPBIP co-facilitator speaks about VCC during the Community Awareness Workshop.

BIP - Community FY15 1st Quarter Statistics								
July 1 - September 30, 2014								
	AFS Palmer	AWARE Juneau	IAC Fairbanks	KIC Ketchikan	LSC Kenai	SPHH Homer	Total	
a	How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	2	3	5	3	3	18	
b	How many written intake assessments were completed?	12	3	3	3	8	31	
c	How many participants were accepted into the program?	12	0	8	3	8	33	
d	How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	5	4	13	3	5	30	
e	How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	25	18	51	41	31	166	
f	How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	5	1	2	2	0	11	
g	How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	3	5	5	3	12	28	
h	How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	2	2	0	0	2	7	
i	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)?	2	4	4	0	2	12	
j	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)	32	7	8	0	2	49	
k	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)	0	8	13	0	2	23	
l	What is the total dollars of fees collected?	\$8,129		\$0	\$2,933	\$4,050	\$1,275	\$16,387
m	What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Prison Batterer Intervention Program Reports

### AWARE/JCAP– Prison Based Program –Juneau

#### OVERVIEW

JCAP conducted 11 groups in LCCC this quarter, for a total of 72 contacts with participants. JCAP had another 21 contacts with men who attend the community group, but are under supervision by the Glacier CRC or community probation. Most of these men are felony-level offenders, and staff continues to work with their case workers or probation officers.

#### SUCCESES

During a recent class, one of the members of the prison group took some time to reflect on his experience. He noted that he had “never learned how to be in a relationship” and disclosed witnessing violence as a child. He drew connections between the vulnerability of being in prison with how it must feel to be afraid of the person you love. He processed these ideas in front of the other men, which was both courageous and brave role-modeling. The majority of the men in the group commended him on his reflections, and JCAP staff could see that he was proud of taking the risk of sharing.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – JCAP connects with law enforcement to request and receive police reports, and to exchange information when a participant has a warrant out or there is information about the commission of a new crime.
- Prosecutors – JCAP works weekly with prosecutors to report participant progress to court, make recommendations about interventions, and to collaborate on ineligible participants.
- Court System – JCAP appears weekly at compliance hearings for the court, and meets periodically with court personnel and/or judges to receive feedback on program outcomes and policies
- Probation/Parole - JCAP meets weekly with institutional probation officers to assess needs, report progress, and coordinate interventions.
- Medical – JCAP meets periodically with medical/mental health personnel to assess eligibility of participants or to monitor progress in counseling.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) –JCAP meets as needed with OCS when they are exploring a referral to the program, or when staff needs to report progress on a referred participant.
- DV Task Force –JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE’s Direct Services Manager (responsible for oversight and supervision of JCAP)
- Behavioral Health-see Medical
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB): N/A
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – JCAP coordinates with other BIP programs to monitor progress of referred participants to report back to Juneau Courts

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Prison Batterer Intervention Program Reports

### IAC – Prison-Based Batterers Intervention Program - FAIRBANKS

#### OVERVIEW

The 12 slots of the PBP program remain full. This quarter IAC transferred two clients from the FCC program into LEAP upon their release from jail. They got credit for the intake, orientation, and classes they completed while incarcerated.

#### SUCSESSES

We have continued to update our curriculum in order to do our best to address the tactics used by abusers to hurt their victims, to target the irrational beliefs they used to justify them at psychological, emotional and spiritual levels, and to teach them why it is important to change these parts of them and how to do it.

#### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Through the CCR and DVTF, via the Community program. IAC has also had constructive communication, especially with the Alaska State Troopers (AST).
- Prosecutors – IAC maintains regular contact with the DA by providing affidavits of non-compliance monthly, providing feedback, and responding to requests for information, in addition to regular contact through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – IAC participates in weekly ongoing status hearings for offenders with Judge Seekins. IAC also provides information on client status to him, when requested.
- Probation/Parole – IAC has maintained excellent communications with APP for over 15 years. Currently, IAC provides them training on DV offenders. IAC engages in case conferences, works with the PACE program, and provides insight and suggestions on the conditions of probation.
- Medical – IAC has regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services (FNS) through the CCR meetings. There is a crossover of offenders who are in jail due to assaults that have required medical treatment for victims and who get into the community program. IAC talks with FNS on these cases, whenever possible.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – IAC makes regular reports of harm when such information is disclosed or obtained. IAC participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress (or the lack of), and receives ongoing referrals from OCS to BIP.
- DV Task Force – IAC attends the DVTF meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – N/A
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – IAC's director has regular contact with programs throughout the country and the state regarding transfers of offenders to and from our program, as well as to exchange information regarding program best practices.

**Prison Based Batterers Program (PBP) FY15 1st Quarter  
Statistics  
July 1 - September 30, 2014**

	AFS Palmer	AWARE Juneau	IAC Fairbanks	TOTAL
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	6	2	1	9
How many written intake assessments were completed?	8	5	12	25
How many participants were accepted into the program?	8	5	12	25
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	0	2	0	2
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	2	9	0	11
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	4	1	1	6
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	0	1	4	5
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	8	0	1	9
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)?	4	1	6	11
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)	2	0	9	11
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)	0	2	9	11

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Emerging Programs Reports

### EMERGING PROGRAMS 1st Quarter FY15 - Freda

#### HOPE-Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies – CRAIG, Prince of Wales (POW)

##### SUCSESSES

HOPE experienced growth in after-crisis services through a partnership with Petersburg Mental Health for a trauma-informed support group for victims of violence via a telehealth platform. HOPE is discussing with a local behavioral health practitioner about providing a women's wellness talking circle in two communities, Craig and Klawock, on Prince of Wales Island.

We recruited three volunteer victim advocates, all of whom will begin the on-line training offered by ANDVSA in October.

HOPE began building capacity to launch a hotline for POW.

##### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

HOPE worked on outreach to the outlying communities of POW in conjunction with the POW Behavioral Health Coalition. We have had informational meetings in Kasaan and made connections with community leaders in Thorne Bay and Naukati Bay.

Our new volunteer coordinator has made connections in Coffman Cove and provided information about HOPE services at the annual Seafood Festival.

HOPE continues to spearhead the Green Dot efforts on POW and has provided Green Dot trainings to two restaurants, one bar and two community groups. Additional trainings have been scheduled with one bar, two grocery stores, and two restaurants.

HOPE is an active member of the POW Behavioral Health Coalition, POW SART, and regularly attends the POW Interagency meetings. These relationships have built awareness of HOPE services with other providers and built capacity to offer services in different communities on POW.

##### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

With the increase in services offered and corresponding foot traffic in the HOPE offices, space is a continual challenge. The HOPE board is exploring the possibility of new facilities for the HOPE offices.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Emerging Programs Reports

### UTWC-Upper Tanana Wellness Court - TOK

#### SUCSESSES

Two people completed our first advocacy training and we are looking at taking two additional trainings in the near future.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Discussions with IAC in Fairbanks about additional trainings and working with the Tok Area Counseling Center and Tanana Chiefs to discuss additional trainings.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Getting into the villages has been the challenge. We are getting calls but are not getting victims to leave the situation they are in.

## FY15 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Emerging Programs Reports

### WAVE –Working Against Violence for Everyone - PETERSBURG

#### SUCSESSES

WAVE has been advertising!! We put business cards in local bars. It has been great seeing them disappear and refilling them. Each business card has our contact information and includes safety tips on the back. WAVE also has an ad at our theater before the movie starts.

We are now holding monthly advocate trainings during lunch, thanks to a small grant from Petersburg Community Foundation, lunch is provided.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

WAVE developed a great partnership with Petersburg Mental Health Services (PMHS). They have been a great asset to our development in the community. We are working together on Trauma Informed Care Grant. They provide counseling support to our clients and lead our weekly support group.

WAVE is using a program called Vsee, a HIPPA-compliant video conference program that allows us to connect with HOPE in Craig, expanding our support group to reach more people. We also connect weekly with HOPE and PMHS to discuss ideas and see how we can continue to grow and do better.

#### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

We contracted with Angelia Trujillo, Erin Sexton-Patterson, and Gayle Garrigues for SART training. We learned a lot during this meeting. Having a full-on SART team might not be an attainable goal in the near future but we can now focus on smaller goals and making sure Petersburg is ready and able to handle a report of a sexual assault. Though, not currently in our budget, WAVE now has a new goal of bringing Angelia here to work with the hospital and law enforcement for photo documentation, evidence collection and training on strangulation.

FY15 1st Quarter Outcome Measures

July 1 - September 30, 2014

Service	Number of participants this quarter	Number of surveys completed	(1) Yes to Safety	(2) Yes to Resources	(3) Yes to Services for Children	(4) Yes to Feel Less Isolated	(5) Yes to Understanding Crisis/Trauma	(6) Yes to Legal Rights	(7) Yes to Understanding Justice Process
Shelter	668	273	217	223	172	189	210	199	189
Non-residential Support and Advocacy	1604	275	168	178	106	171	148	159	153
Counseling	179	30	28	28	21	24	24	21	20
Non-residential Support Groups	349	165	143	140	128	147	141	124	126
TOTAL	2701	743	555	569	426	533	521	503	484
(N/A) Not applicable			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neutral			11	12	117	23	21	42	43
% Positive Responses			87	62	81	76	100	98	109
			76%	78%	68%	74%	72%	72%	69%

**Behavioral Health Outcome Measure Progress Report FY 15 Quarter 1**

Service	Number of Participants this quarter	Number of Surveys completed	(1) Yes to Motivated to stop	(2) Yes to Affect of alcohol/ drug abuse	(3) Yes to Knowledge about alcohol/ drug abuse	(4) Yes to Referral
Shelter	151	48	25	28	23	14
Non-residential Support and Advocacy	159	12	5	10	10	5
Counseling	83	2	2	1	2	1
Non-residential Support Groups	83	1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	476	74	44	50	46	30
(N/A) Not applicable	0	0	12	12	11	20
Neutral	0	0	10	6	8	10
<b>% Positive Responses</b>			<b>71%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>56%</b>

# PREVENTION

**What is Prevention?** Prevention of interpersonal violence is defined as a systematic process that promotes healthy environments and behaviors and reduces the likelihood or frequency of violence. Prevention activities can focus on stopping violence before it occurs (primary prevention) or to keep violence from reoccurring. Prevention works to modify or entirely eliminate events, conditions, or exposure to risk factors that result in violence. It is critical to recognize a tension inherent in prevention funding. Successful prevention is cost effective in the long term, but it can be difficult to dedicate funds for a long term outcome when the short term needs are so acute and literally affect life and safety.

## Goal 1. Coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault prevention efforts in Alaska.

Objective 1A - Promote education and programs to prevent future incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Objective 1B – Identify and adopt evidence-based measures to ensure effective prevention programming.

Objective 1C - Increase community awareness of the need for prevention activities.



*Bethel residents march for peace at home.*

Objective 1D – Work to shape public policy and attitudes to reduce tolerance for interpersonal violence.

## Goal 2. Obtain funding dedicated to prevention programs.

Objective 2A - Develop a plan for prevention programming.

Objective 2B - Determine scope and cost of viable, measurable projects.



DRAFT Changes to the first section of the Strategic Plan  
Submitted by Rachel Gernat and Patty Owen  
11.2014

The Council promotes the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault and provides safety for Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault through a statewide system of crisis intervention and support, and by demanding perpetrator accountability

*What is Prevention?*

Prevention of interpersonal violence is a systematic process that stops violence from occurring and promotes healthy environments and behaviors to eliminate or reduce the likelihood or frequency of violence. Prevention strategies focus on stopping violence before it occurs (primary prevention) or to keep violence from reoccurring. Prevention works to modify or entirely eliminate events, conditions, or exposure to risk factors that result in violence. It is critical to recognize a tension inherent in prevention funding: Successful prevention is cost effective in the long term, but it can be difficult to dedicate funds for a long term outcome when the short term needs are acute and literally affect life and safety.

# CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND INTERVENTION

**What is Crisis Management?** Crisis management is the immediate response to domestic violence and sexual assault. It may be a response to a threat of violence or an immediate response after the violence has occurred to deal with the consequences in the short-term.

**What is Intervention?** Intervention is the long-term response after violence has occurred, following the immediate crisis management response. Intervention deals with the lasting consequences of violence.

## **Goal 3. Provide immediate, appropriate crisis response, intervention and shelter.**

Objective 3A - Obtain a realistic picture of the operational costs of domestic violence/sexual assault programs.

Objective 3B - Seek adequate funding for victim service programs to ensure safety and services are available for all in need.

Objective 3C - Increase the knowledge and skills of Alaska's first responders (law enforcement, medical providers, child welfare, etc.)

Objective 3D - Ensure immediate law enforcement response.

Objective 3E - Enhance the ability of the justice system to keep perpetrators away from victims.

Objective 3F - Ensure funded programs' compliance with CDVSA regulations and grant conditions.

Objective 3G - Increase access to resources for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are moving through the civil and criminal justice systems.

*"Though I may say it often, this is one official "thank you" for being a very amazing group of people I could not formerly imagine existed in such a setting as this especially. Thank You for restoring much of the hope & faith I often times now have. Thank You for helping me imagine strength & safety could be built by these tattered hands of mine."*

*- thank you letter written to staff of an Alaska shelter*

#### **Goal 4. Build public awareness and support for crisis management and intervention services.**

Objective 4A - Enhance understanding of the scope of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

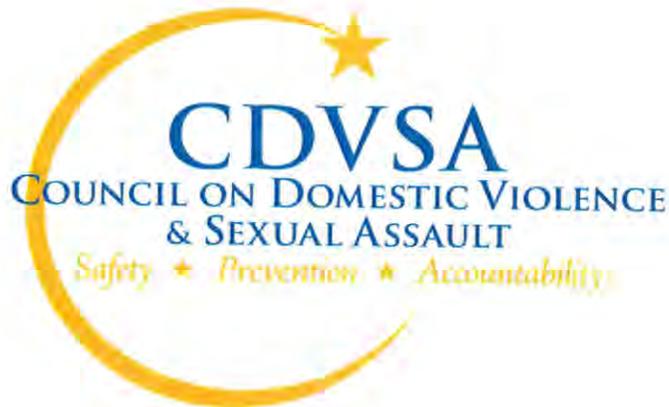
#### **Goal 5. Develop crisis management options that allow victims, if they choose to do so, to stay safely in their homes while perpetrators are removed.**

Objective 5A - Analyze the conditions and factors required to create successful programs that allow victims to stay safely in the home and remove the perpetrator.



*Crisis management and intervention services in Alaska are provided locally by community-based shelter and non-residential domestic violence and sexual assault programs with the support of grants provided by the Council.*

*The shelter pictured above is the Tundra Women's Coalition located in Bethel.*



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### Briefing:

US DOJ Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Awards to States and Territories  
**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP)**

Action Required: Review and acceptance of a timeline documenting steps to meaningfully consult with Alaskan tribes; consultation must include the contents of the state's three-year implementation plan

### Background

First enacted in 1995, the VAWA was reauthorized in 2005 and recently in 2013. A foundational grant program of VAWA, funding through STOP provides resources to strengthen victim services, and improve the justice system response by allocating funds for law enforcement, prosecutor and court purposes. Each state receives a base amount of \$600.0 and funds over that amount appropriated by Congress are distributed through a population formula. Alaska annually receives between \$725.0-825.0. There is also a tribal set aside that provides opportunities for tribes to apply for funds independent of any state's application.

VAWA requires 30% of the award be made available to strengthen victim services, 25% be made available for law enforcement purposes, 25% for prosecution, 5% for judicial purposes, 15% is discretionary for the state to divide between the above areas and up to 10% of each purpose area can be used for administration of the grant. The Council is Alaska's STOP State Administrator.

Even though a formula program to states; annual applications must be made to access the award. In addition, every three years an implementation plan is to be submitted. The process for crafting implementation plans has changed with each VAWA reauthorization. Most recently, VAWA 2013 instructed states to meaningfully consult with tribes in developing their implementation plans. Historically, Alaska included STOP tribal grantees in plan development as well as tribal representatives from Native Associations not due to any federal requirement but because it is necessary to good victim service provision.

VAWA 2013 required states to consult with a broader array of tribes. Guidance put out by OVW during the application period allowed for consultation with consortia of tribes and in good faith, the Council accepted that guidance and developed the FFY2014-2016 Implementation Plan with

various stakeholders including the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, the Alaska Native Justice Center, the Association of Village Council Presidents, the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, and the Yupik Women's Coalition. The Alaska Federation of Natives was invited to participate in plan development but a representative did not attend any of the planning sessions.

Months after submitting the application, the Council was notified that consultation with consortia was not the same as consulting all tribes and we would be required to meaningfully consult with the 228 tribes in Alaska prior to being able to draw down any of the FFY 2014 award. A post card notification was suggested as a way to meet this grant award condition. The Council rejected the suggestion because such notification is not meaningful and the Council is not willing to jeopardize the good will/partnerships we have with many Alaska Native villages and tribes by agreeing to send post card notification and calling that meaningful consultation.

After much discussion, during which Council staff informed OVW of our work involving villages and tribes and our plans for setting up teleconferencing opportunities for groups receiving federal domestic violence and/or sexual assault funds to discuss ways of working together, OVW suggested the Council develop and submit a timeline for when the teleconferences would take place and submit the timeline prior to November 25<sup>th</sup>. OVW will accept the timeline as evidence that the Council is working to meaningfully consult with tribes.

What happens if Alaska is not awarded the FFY14 STOP grant?

There will not be an adverse impact to programs or projects. There is enough funding in open STOP grant awards to carry partners through state fiscal year 2015.

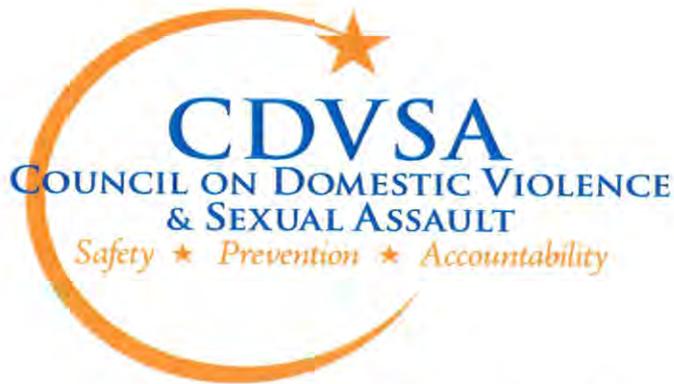
We will continue to provide consultation opportunities to tribes regardless of whether or not we receive the grant.

We will continue to work with OVW on the consultation issue until it is satisfactorily resolved.

Alaska will still be eligible to receive future STOP grants, when the consultation issue is resolved.

Future

Explore possibilities already available to the State to notify tribal entities of opportunities to comment on documents-- i.e. 30-day public notice, others



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### Draft FFY2014 STOP Consultation Work-plan

The Council will by May 30, 2015, provide an opportunity for all federally recognized Alaskan tribes to review and make comment on the State of Alaska's FFY 2014-2016 Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Implementation Plan.

Attached please find a timeline which includes milestones to be completed in order to meet this goal.

Council staff will place tribes into regional groups of approximately 45 each, in order to ensure the teleconferenced consultation opportunities are manageable in size and each tribal representative will have an opportunity to comment. Groups of 45 meeting monthly will allow the Council to provide the consultation opportunities to all federally recognized tribes in approximately four months.

Invitations will be sent to tribes to participate in the consultation teleconferences. Invitations will include an explanation of STOP, the STOP solicitation and work done to date on the STOP Plan, the Plan itself and a written description of the consultation process.

Attendance will be taken at each teleconference and OVW will be informed of such attendance after each monthly consultation.

Feedback will be discussed and may be incorporated into the current plan during the consultation period. The Council will then submit the revised plan (or current plan if no revisions are made) for a thirty day public comment period (during which time interested parties including tribes may comment) after which the Council will review all public comment and finalize the STOP Plan.

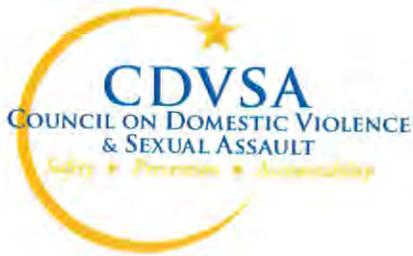
The Council, during a public meeting held in May of 2015 will approve the plan and submit it to the Office on Violence Against Women by May 30, 2015.

In follow-up to the consultation and in preparation for consultation in subsequent STOP Plan development years, tribes will be asked about preferences for consultation and consultation will be made accordingly (through consortia, through mail, electronically, through teleconferencing, etc.).

Concurrent with the teleconferences specific to tribal consultation, the Council will be holding quarterly teleconferences with tribal FVPSA and DOJ grantees to offer support for our collective efforts to provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. These teleconferences are part of an on-going effort to increase coordination between state, tribal and non-profit organizations within Alaska working to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tribes who participate in the STOP consultations who also want to participate in the quarterly teleconferences will be provided the teleconference information and will be welcomed into the group.





## **DRAFT FY16-17 Grant Cycle**

### Briefing

CDVSA FY16-17 Grant Cycle

Victim Service

Batterer Intervention

### Action Required

Direct staff to prepare the requests for proposals and to setup the method/mechanism for review and award of the grants

### Background

The Council generally operates on a two-year grant cycle. The last open request for proposal (RFP) was for the FY2013-14 grant cycle. The Council extended the awards through FY 2015.

The way in which proposals were reviewed changed for FY 2013-14. Prior to that, the Council as a whole reviewed all proposals; individually rated each proposal and then held a meeting during which each proposer would orally defend the proposal. After all the presentations, the Council would enter deliberations and decide which agencies would receive awards and the total amount of each award.

In FY2012, a grants committee was formed and the funded programs were polled to determine whether or not a different award structure would best serve both the interests of the Council and that of the programs. A different method was suggested and agreed to for FY 2013-2014.

The requested contents of the RFP were streamlined to remove sections of repetitive information and materials such as articles of incorporation and confirmation of non-profit status were only required of new applicants.

The award process was changed from a review of the Council as a whole to a proposal evaluation committee (PEC) process. The PEC was comprised of Council members and stakeholders from various state divisions (the court system, the child advocacy center coordinator, education and early development and the violent crimes compensation board). The PEC reviewed the proposals and made funding recommendations to the Council. The Council met, reviewed the recommendations and made funding decisions.

A general complaint regarding the process was the lack of ability for PEC members to ask specific questions of proposers. A further complaint concerned the strict application of the rules regarding submission of requested materials—there was no way for proposers to send in supplemental information. There was also a general concern expressed about the lack of familiarity/experience with DVSA issues on the part of some of the PEC members. A final overarching concern was with the scoring of the proposals. The scores did not in and of themselves determine funding recommendations—for example a proposal may have received a score of 85 and another a score of 75, and the 75 point proposal did not have a recommended reduction in funds.

Since the first PEC process, subsequent RFPs for various grant programs have mitigated the above concerns. Proposers are now allowed to submit supplemental information if requested by a Council staff reviewer. PEC members are more carefully selected for their knowledge of the issues. And there has been better definition of scoring and how recommendations are made. Still to address is the ability for PEC members to ask specific questions of proposers.

Overall, both the Council and funded programs are becoming more comfortable with the PEC process. When asked about the process for the next grants, funded programs responded with a preference for a two-year grant cycle and a PEC process where PEC members were allowed to query proposers during the PEC determination meeting.

#### Staff Recommendations

Let RFPs for the next two-year grant cycle (2016-2017)

While both the batterer intervention and victim service provider regulations are being revised, staff does not anticipate all such revisions to be in place by the beginning of 2017, so it does not make sense to extend the current award end date for only one year (2016).

Retain the services of a PEC and decide general makeup

The last PEC had 5 members-2 of which were Council members

Staff would recommend no less than 5 and no more than 7 with at least 2 Council members

Empower the PEC to ask specific questions of proposers in an effort to fairly clarify information

Agree to general timeline of letting the RFP in January 2015, providing a three month response time, assigning PEC members during the February 2015 Council meeting, meeting the PEC toward the end of April 2015 and receiving recommendations from the PEC-Council to make award decisions during the May 2015 Council meeting