



4th Quarter Council Meeting

June 7-8,

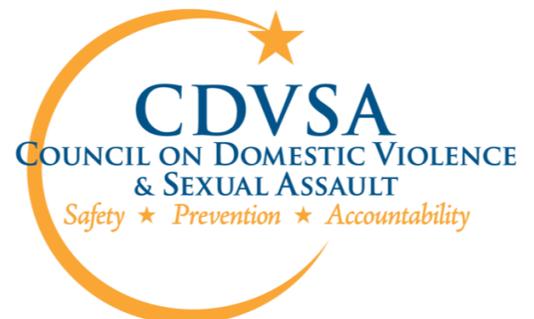
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Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

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Cover Photo

A Juneau Teen Project
through
Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape
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Eaglecrest Mountain and The Mendenhall Glacier

The cover photo shows two of the four colorful murals a group of Juneau teenagers created in October 2010 to promote non-violence and equality in their community. They had just returned from the Anchorage “Lead On! For Peace and Equality in Alaska” youth mini-summit.

The mural contains phrases, such as: I wait till my partner is ready, I respect my own body, I wait till my partner is ready, I don't settle, I follow my instinct, I trust myself, I avoid peer pressure, I set boundaries for myself, I don't do something I don't want to do, I don't change for someone, I follow my heart, I choose respect.

KTOO public radio offered to temporarily house the murals on the side of their building for the 2012 summer season. AWARE hopes to find a permanent home where they can be enjoyed by many in Juneau.

The teens teamed up with local artist Sarah Conarro to create the 5x8 foot murals. The project took about eight months to complete including planning, grant writing and involving the community. Sponsors of the project include Community Arts Development, Alaska State Council on the Arts, United Way and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA).

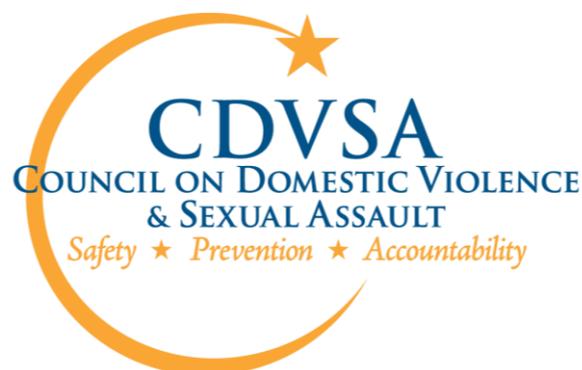
FY 12 4th Quarter Meeting

State of Alaska

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Thursday, June 7th Agenda

9:00 am	Call to Order Roll Call Chair Comments Conflict Inquiry Minute Approval 3 rd quarter	Chair Susan Cushing
9:15	Network Report	Peggy Brown
9:45	BREAK	
9:50	Green Dot-Bystander Intervention Sayre Green Dot etc. Current Alaskan Projects	Dorothy Edwards/Jen
11:50	LUNCH	
1:15 pm	Green Dot for Alaska 2013-15 and beyond	Dorothy/Jen/Ann Rausch
1:45	Media Messaging in Alaska: An overview of current campaigns and future directions	Susan Christianson
2:30	AMCR-Toolkit Alaska Men Choose Respect	Kami Moore
3:00	BREAK	
3:10	Coaching Boys to Men	Ati Nasiah
3:40	RECESS	
3:45	Tour of AFS-SHELTER	Donn Bennice

Evening filming of new PSA with Board Members (TBA)

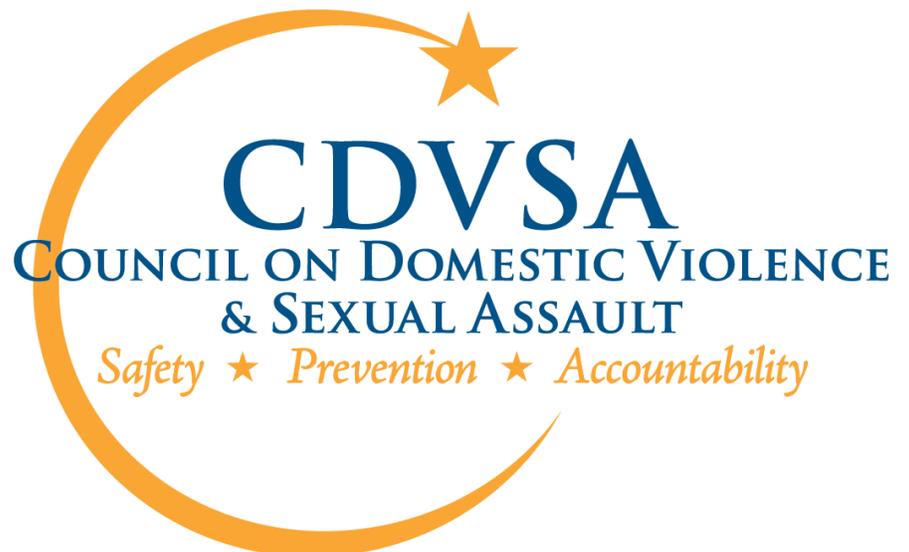
Friday June 8th Agenda

9:00 am	Call to Order	Chair Susan Cushing
9:15	Executive Director Report	Lauree Morton
10:00	Public Comment	
10:15	BREAK	
10:30	Funding Decisions- Appeals Committee Victim Services Community-based Batterers Intervention Programs Prison-based Batterers Intervention Programs	
12:15	LUNCH	
1:30 pm	Council Comments	Council Members
2:15	Rural Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention Grants	Diane Casto
2:45	BREAK	
2:50	Fourth R overview/implementation	Patty Owen/Ann Rausch
3:30	Fourth R evaluation: Year One	(Wendi Seibold)
4:15	ADJOURN	

PSA-Filming TBD

Draft Minutes Executive Summary; Needing Approval

Quarter 3 FY 2012
February 22-24



DRAFT MINUTES NEEDING APPROVAL

STATE OF ALASKA COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE THIRD QUARTER FY2012 MEETING FEBRUARY 22-24, 2012

**Department of Environmental Conservation Building
410 Willoughby St. Room 108, Juneau, AK**

Call to order: By Chair Cushing at 9:05 am February 22, 2012.

Council Members Present: Chair Susan Cushing (Public Member); Commissioner Joseph Masters (Department of Public Safety); Melissa Stone (Department of Health and Social Services); Patti Owen (Departments of Education and Early Development); Richard Irwin (Public Member); Carmen Gutierrez (Department of Corrections)

Telephone participation: Jackie Hill (Public Member); Rick Svobodny (Department of Law).

Council members absent: Stephanie McFadden-Evans

Welcome from Chair Cushing to new board member, Deputy Commissioner Carmen Gutierrez, new public board member, Jackie Hill and Diane Lanuza, CDVSA Finance Officer also present.

CDVSA Staff present: Lauree Morton, Debbie Leamer, Diane Lanuza, Bahiyyih Parish, Annie Whittey, and Angela Wells

Others present: Peggy Brown (ANDVSA), Rep. Anna Fairclough, Jason Hooley (Boards and Commissions), Peg Coleman (SPHH), Rachel Romberg (SPHH), Jessica Lawmaster (SPHH)

Council Conflict Inquiry: None at this time

Agenda Changes:

Commissioner Masters asked for flexibility on our agenda, a number of changes need to be made to accommodate the State Council members due to legislation meetings and hearings. This may not affect the schedule, just who may be present for the discussion.

Ms. Stone stated that she will be leaving at noon on Friday and will miss the afternoon portion.

Ms. Owen brought up a conflict at 3:15 and would like to move up the MOU discussion to 1:30 pm (to include Commissioner Masters and Mr. Svobodny) and switch the program spotlight to 3:15.

TWC –Nationally recognized for “Teens Acting Against Violence”, one of the first youth interactive groups in Alaska. It is now reaching out beyond Bethel and the Delta and across the Nation.

WISH - Mentioned the November SART training and have received increase interest within the communities from people wanting to know how they can help. Bringing those trainings into communities, not just having them in Anchorage is having a very positive affect.

Commissioner Masters commented on how impressed he was with the Lead On conference in Anchorage, and the ideas that the kids were coming up with. He is also impressed with our funded programs and the work in prevention being done.

Ms. Stone commented on the number of references to mental health issues and will follow up on them.

Prevention: Representative Anna Fairclough Chair Cushing Introduces Representative Fairclough.

Rep. Fairclough feels very passionate about respect and believes that violence is unacceptable. Rep. Fairclough is concerned about the area of primary prevention and does not feel that we, as a state, are doing enough. Feeling that we need to put more money behind it, she has been following closely the Governor’s Initiative and the \$3 million, and is concerned in the direction of primary prevention and working to elevate the prevention efforts. “I want to know, what more can we do? I come to you looking for advice. We have the right people at the table to move forward.” On a final note, Rep. Fairclough reported to the Council that the Alaska Children’s Trust, a fund dedicated for child abuse prevention, has been transferred into private hands so that the donor’s intents could be recognized and managed. This may be a good group to partner with for primary prevention efforts.

A discussion began amongst the Board about primary prevention, and how waiting until the 8th grade to intervene is too late, signs of needing extra support show as soon as kindergarten.

Also, the topic of accountability and the completion of treatment programs for misdemeanor offenders and prison based batterer intervention programs was debated. Both Commissioner Masters and Ms. Gutierrez gave statistics on offender management and current efforts being done by Department of Corrections.

Ms. Stone added that current statistics show our youth using less alcohol and how prevention efforts are working. Ms. Stone also suggested that Diane Casto, project manager for HSS, speak at the Council meetings to give updates on current prevention efforts.

Mr. Morton clarified that the new program coordinator II position, Ann Rausch, is completely focused on prevention and will be coordinating efforts with other agencies. Ms. Morton added that they would be looking closely at funding streams for prevention and working on a cohesive way to bring more funding into the state and getting the money where it needs to be.

Rep. Fairclough, in closing stated how appreciative she was of Ms. Lauree Morton services, attention and input.

-- Break--

Executive Director Report Continued:

Program Reports: Commissioner Masters questioned Ms. Morton and Ms. Brown on the number of bed nights provided and how it compares to statistics from the past couple of years. He feels that showing an increase of safe bed nights would reflect positively on our outreach efforts. Ms. Morton said she didn't have that data at this time but could get it for the next meeting. Ms. Brown commented that there have been increases in the use of shelter nights, increases of length of stay, increases in walk-in community services, increases of people who are not low income and increases of young males seeking and receiving services.

Commissioner Masters stated that we need to be prepared to answer questions like, "If we are investing this kind of money for the last two years, is it working?" We will need meaningful data and outcome measures to continue funding.

Ms. Morton told the Council that Outcome measures were scheduled on the agenda after the RFP discussion. Ms. Morton verified that the work of the Outcome Measures Committee, which was a combination of Council staff and program staff, is looking at short term outcome measures, which we could start right away in FY13, and taking FY13 to develop the mid-term and long term outcome measures.

Ms. Morton updated the Council on the \$60,000 Governors RSA that goes to the Pro-Bono Project. The "Continuing Legal Education Conference" being held in Anchorage has about 80 people attending annually and we hope to have the same outcome as last year (43 attorneys agree to give Pro-Bono services, over \$800,000 in donated hours of services by attorneys).

A discussion began about recognizing and acknowledging those attorneys doing DV/SA pro-bono work with an award separate from the Bar Awards.

The prevention money is allocated with increased services for the mini grants going out into communities, both youth and adult. Commercials are up and running; When I am an Elder and will follow up with sexual assault and domestic violence commercials. The three regional surveys will be started in early March for Kodiak, Bethel and Sitka.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Committee: Chair Cushing reported on the Administrative committee meeting and the 2 proposed changes of the bylaws, pages 63 and 64 in the meeting packet.

Bylaws revision #1

(c) A commissioner or the attorney general or one of their designees may, when circumstances arise causing them to be unavailable for a meeting, appoint a person to attend the meeting in their stead. Such person is expected to be briefed and has the authority to act on behalf of the absent Council member.

***Vote*

A motion made to accept bylaws revision #1 by Richard Irwin was seconded by Ms. Stone.

Motion passed, those in favor; Chair Cushing, Melissa Stone, Jackie Hill, Carmen Gutierrez, Joseph Masters, Richard Irwin, Rick Svobodny.

One opposed – Patricia Owen, for the record stated that this would cause the Council to lack continuity, especially if it happened often. Under exceptional circumstances would be different.

Bylaws revision #2

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

***Vote*

A motion was made to accept bylaws revision #2 by Ms. Owen and was seconded by Commissioner Masters.

Motion passed and all in favor – Unanimous.

Governor’s Initiative Committee – Victim Services Recommendations, dovetails with Representative Fairclough’s presentation. The Council directed the Gov’s Initiative committee to consolidate, prioritize and address our own mission. The committee looked at three areas:

The first category is housing; our priority is victims of domestic violence.

The second category is Civil and Legal services to support DV/SA victims.

The third category is adult and children services. We need more trauma informed services training and more wrap around services.

A discussion among board members began on finding an evidence based model to use or partner with, like Head Start. Ms. Morton pointed out that there could be several programs that we could support at one time.

Ms. Gutierrez mentioned the Washington State Institute of Public Policy (Ms. Gutierrez can provide to the Council at a later date), which is basically a consumers report, doing a cost-benefit analysis of evidence based strategies designed to reduce criminality in Washington through early education and family nurse practitioner program, both have proven to be very effective.

Ms. Cushing gives Ms. Morton a directive to contact Head Start and look at their healthy relationships programs and bring back to us at the next meeting.

--Break--

Network Report: Peggy Brown handed out “Pathways to Prevention”, and gave an update on the Network.

- ❑ ANDVSA has opened offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks
- ❑ Brittany Luddington has replaced Patti Bland
- ❑ New Legal Advocacy Project Director
- ❑ Lots of grant activity happening at a federal level
- ❑ Over \$200,000 in requests for mini grants from communities across the state, for Alaska Men Choose Respect.

- ❑ Doing a lot of work with Canada
- ❑ We NEED more attorneys
- ❑ Personnel changes coming within programs

Two things that ANDVSA will be doing:

Providing a training of TA need assessment of all victim service agencies.

Providing webinars and web trainings to give victim service advocates access to at least 20 hours of training.

Ms. Brown answered questions from Council members about; follow up with victims, advocacy trainings, and what more could be done to get more attorneys.

Lunchtime tour of AWARE

Council Board Members and Council Staff toured the AWARE Program, many thanks to Saralyn Tabachnick and her staff at AWARE.

Public Comment:

Peg Coleman (Executive Director of Haven House) thanked the Council for the noticeable difference in the collaborative efforts being made on the Council.

Community SART Guidelines:

Ms. Morton presents the final draft SART Guidelines on page 68-69 of the meeting packet.

This is a culmination of over a year's worth of meetings. Looking at the guidelines that were established a little over 10 years ago to see their relevancy to today and come to some agreements about how the individual disciplines would interact in communities in establishing a sexual assault response team, in the work a SART would do as a collective, what some of the individual responsibilities are and use as a guideline for communities to have some direction about where to start and how to keep going.

We will let people know about the availability of the Guidelines through our website, but people will have to contact us to get them, so that we can get a community contact and offer technical assistance, make them aware of the trainings and interact with them as they go through establishing their sexual assault response teams.

People who are decision makers in their disciplines came together to work on these guidelines and we feel that the document that you have now is the best effort and one that there is agreement on will be implemented throughout the state.

There are still a couple of outstanding items:

The development of outcome measures will be done by the outcomes sub-group committee, which will meet in April, and should be submitted to you before the 4th Quarter Meeting in June.

The payment issue is still not resolved.

Ms. Morton explained that it is not a consistent cost; there is a range of \$500 to \$4,000 depending on where it is taken. We believe that having a single payer will solve this problem.

Currently the state pays for training for sexual assault nurse examiners; we pay for the sexual assault forensic exam kits, the materials that go in the kits and special equipment.

MOU between Council member departments:

Chair Cushing, introduces Rick Svobodny

Mr. Svobodny stated this was a recommendation from the legislative task force that the Council might benefit from having a memorandum of agreement between state departments that are on the Council.

Ms. Owen feels that the MOU should be somewhat generic.

Ms. Stone feels we should find wording from the statute to use within the MOU. There are current MOU's that can be used as models.

FY13 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Morton confirmed that this 4th Quarters meeting is in Palmer, June 7-8, 2012 and then the Council decided on their FY13 meeting schedule.

FY13 1st Quarter September 6-7, 2012 - Ketchikan

FY13 2nd Quarter November 8-9, 2012 - Kenai

FY13 3rd Quarter February 21-22, 2013 - Juneau

FY13 4th Quarter May 2-3, 2013 - Barrow

Ms. Morton handed out a list of potential grants for the upcoming year. She suggested that the Council read the overviews of each to see if there was any interest in applying for or supporting any of these different grants. Ms. Morton would like to go over them during the finance portion of the meeting on Friday.

Ms. Morton pointed out that the Council usually goes for the rural grant, grants to encourage arrest, safe havens in conjunction with IAC (state partners). It looks like there are new opportunities for work with elders and prevention. The Network currently has the "Engaging Boys to Men". It is important to remember who is applying for what and being partners instead of competitors.

Ms. Morton answered questions from the Council about current grants, and discussed different grants opportunities and how they could be used.

--Break--

Director of Boards and Commissions, Jason Hooley. Chair Cushing introduces Jason Hooley.

On behalf of the Governor, Thank you for your service. It's an honor to be a part of this system.

Mr. Hooley answered questions from the Council. The division of Boards and Commissions help the Governor make appointments to about 130 different boards around the state, with about 1300 Alaskans serving on those boards. Mr. Hooley stated there are a number of factors involved in selecting public member. The Division of Boards and Commissions tries to get people from all over the state, with a variety of backgrounds plugged into the appropriate spots. They conduct lots of interviews, looking for people who are committed, not so much that they are politically active or know the Governor.

The Council Board introduced themselves to Mr. Hooley, who then answered question from the Board.

Program Spotlight: South Peninsula Haven House (SPHH)

Chair Cushing introduces Peg Coleman, Haven House Executive Director, Rachel Romberg, shelter manager and Jessica Lawmaster of South Peninsula Haven House.

Ms. Coleman introduced herself and her staff. She then presented an amazing update on South Peninsula Haven House and all the positive work being done in Homer. Ms. Coleman also reported on some of the trainings attended by her and her staff.

Ms. Coleman informed the Council that she has accepted a job in Utah, but reassured them that Haven House will be left in good hands with Jessica Lawmaster as interim Director.

Recess: 4:30pm

--February 23, 2012--

RECESSING: No webinar. Postponed start of meeting due to the Senate Finance Hearing which was being attended by Public members and State Members.

Call to Order: 10:00 am Chair Cushing went over a few agenda changes for Thursday and Friday.

Agenda changes for Thursday

10:00	Committee discussion
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Agenda changes for Friday

9:00	MOU discussion
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10:00	BIPS self-evaluations
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1:15	Legislative update
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2:00	Council media presentation
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Council comments will be moved to where we have the most Council members present.

Chair Cushing welcomes Public Council Member Stephanie McFadden-Evans and introduces her to our newest staff and board members at the Council.

Chair Cushing reviewed Council committees.

MOU: Richard Svobodny, Commissioner Masters, Melissa Stone, Patricia Owen

Admin: Chair Cushing, Richard Svobodny, Commissioner Masters

BIP: Carmen Gutierrez, Stephanie McFadden-Evans, Melissa Stone

Gov: Chair Cushing, Richard Irwin, Commissioner Masters

Grants: Stephanie McFadden-Evans, Melissa Stone, DeAnna Helwich (DONE)

Richard Irwin will be our liaison for housing coalition.

Victim Service Outcome Measures: Ms. Morton provided a handout on the outcome measures.

The outcome measures committee was an offshoot of the grants committee, a combination of council staff and funded program staff, Ginger Baim (SAFE), Cheri Smith (LSC) and Rowena Palamar (AVV).

This group met multiple times to come up with outcome measures for implementation in FY13. We use the guide “Quality Victim Advocacy”, which was made available to our grants committee. Each of the programs is receiving this book also, which is recommended for use in FY13 and FY14.

Following along with the book, we looked at Indicators of Quality organizations: access, structure, process and outcomes. We agreed that the access, structure and process are best suited for on-site reviews. The book gives charts to use as well. We are moving away from the ‘dot every i’ and moving into what will give us the best outcome for victims, are their lives improved by the services and different things they have accessed at the programs.

We looked at lot of options and agree that outcomes can be looked at over time; short term, intermediate and long term. The focus for 2013 will be on short term outcomes. These outcomes will be measured for safety, justice and healing. Restitution was the last outcome, but we did not feel that this was in our funded programs purview. We can help them apply for violent crimes compensation, we can help them talk to prosecutors about restitution, but there is really nothing a program can do to get that payment for the victim.

First two outcomes for safety are FVPSA outcomes and are required from all programs receiving FVPSA funding, so we incorporated them in.

For Safety:

- #1. I know more or different intervention strategies for safety than I did before.
- #2. I know more about what resources and help are available and how to access those resources.
- #3. I am more confident knowing which services to access for my children.

For Healing:

- #1. I feel less alone since working with this program.
- #2. I have a better understanding of my crisis and trauma.

For Justice:

#1. I know more about my legal rights.

#2. I have a better understanding of how the justice system works.

Ms. Stone followed up the discussion with a couple questions and an ongoing concern with shelter programs identifying mental health needs and making referrals.

Ms. Gutierrez questioned the wording for the outcomes for healing, “I feel less alone since working with this program”, and thinks isolated is a better choice.

Ms. Morton explained that these outcomes would be reported quarterly and also in the new Request for Proposal and that we would like to implement these outcomes in FY13 and submit them to you for your approval and some direction to continue.

***Vote*

A motion was made to approve and implement the outcome measures and continue on with the outcome measures committee by Ms. Stone and seconded by Ms. Owen.

Motion passed and all in favor – Unanimous.

RFP Structure

We are trying to streamline the RFP process and are focusing on crisis intervention and prevention. Applicants have an opportunity to describe in detail, their budgets, agency management and a long list of assurances.

The Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) has 5 members, two from the Board, Chair Cushing and Patricia Owen. The committee will meet in person, in Juneau. We are developing some instructions for the PEC members to better prepare them for the process.

Ms. Morton discussed and answered questions about the scoring criteria for the RFP.

Chair Cushing commended the grants committee and staff on the efforts put into this new process.

Budget Increments

Commissioner Masters gave an update on the DPS finance senate subcommittee meeting from that morning to go over the FY13 increments. Commissioner Masters said he was pleased to see the CDVSA board members present at the meeting. He stated that the subcommittees are very short and you have to present a lot of information in a small amount of time, and try to get the importance across. Commissioner Masters commended Lauree Morton on her presentation. “It was very articulate, very well spoken, very concise, and she did so well that they did not ask her any questions. This is an example that we made the right choice for Ms. Morton being the Executive Director.

Mr. Irwin asked if we have ever had Council Board members acting as ambassadors or lobbyists.

Commissioner Masters answered the question, telling Mr. Irwin that most of the lobbying that happens on the hill is in regards to budget. As a Council we have to be very careful.

Lauree Morton pointed out that public members have been very active with issues in the past, it depends on the council.

Ms. Brown extended an invitation to Council Public members to join her in her lobbying efforts when in Juneau.

--Break--

CDVSA Staff Highlight

Bahiyiyh Parish is part of the data sub-committee and gave a presentation on her Research Analyst I position that involves data collection (measurements), publications, and the Council power point. Ms. Parish also discussed some of the changes she is hoping to accomplish with our data system, one of which being online entry for BIP data.

Ms. Gutierrez commented on the importance of correct data, need to start research analyst II.

Ms. Parish explained the Dashboard to the Council, which is a new attachment on our CDVSA website. Ms. Morton added that the bulk of the burden to go through the dashboard and change it before the next legislative session lies on the council staff.

Ms. Parish answered questions from Council Board and discussed future projects such as the Council power point, brochure, website and the pursuit for accurate data and statistics that will be vital for future use.

Commissioner Masters commented on the CDVSA website and how it could use a little work and suggested that we bring someone in who can make it more user friendly, yet keep within requirements of the state regulations.

--Lunch--

State Wide Public Hearing on Alaska Housing

Virginia Walsh, AWIC, **Suzi Pearson**, AWAIC, **Mandy Cole**, AWARE, **Michelle Dewitt**, TWC, **Naomi Harris**, OCS community relations manager.

Chair Cushing introduces Mr. Irwin.

Mr. Irwin read his opening statement. A leader is a dealer of hope. We are challenged as leaders to provide hope for many Alaskan people. The availability of safe and affordable housing is critical for our victims of domestic violence trying to obtain safety.

Brenda Stanfill, executive director of the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, distributed a handout on housing choices in Fairbanks.

Ms. Stanfill explained that they had a very generous donor in Fairbanks that helped them acquire the land and building facilities. Ms. Stanfill stated that they are no longer just a room with a bed, we are meeting people where THEY are at, creatively keeping these housing programs about real life. Due to the merry-go-round effect of housing in most situations, IAC came up with a screening process to help identify barriers for women and by wrapping people in services from many different agencies. IAC is on the forefront of creative housing strategies specifically for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in our state.

Ms. Stanfill then discussed in detail the different types of housing that are offered at IAC: Pre-Transitional Housing, Transitional Housing, Scattered Site, Permanent Supportive and Emergency shelter. There is no maximum time to be spent at the IAC shelter as long as services are being accessed. It could take up to four years to transition through this whole process, but we are seeing tremendous results. We have also addressed the problem of the 10% of women (taken from IAC statistics) who are in constant need of resources and repeatedly entering the shelter by placing them in the supportive needs (Housing First) program. This program is showing surprising results.

Alaska Housing vouchers are core component in this process and are relied on heavily; 52 families at IAC received vouchers last year.

Michelle Dewitt has been the Director at the Tundra Women's Coalition in Bethel since 1997. Bethel is under-resourced for affordable housing. When we work with folks in our shelter they have two primary concerns when you talk about long term goals; child care and housing. Without access to both of these it is nearly impossible to gain employment, stabilize your family and to move forward.

We responded to this housing issue by establishing a transitional housing program, that was about 2002. We were able to obtain two houses in the community that were used for National Guard housing and put in the needed repairs, for two years we operated them at a loss to our organization. We obtained funds in 2005, (\$43,212.00 per year) and get that same funding every year. We help, on the average, 3 to 8 families per year. In terms of outcomes for the folks that we serve, 83% achieved housing stability.

There is no way without housing options, for us to be affectively able to assist people who are trying to rebuild their lives. Housing, child care and employment, educational opportunities, are all major components The more you see that the solutions to really helping families break cycles and move forward are complex and absolutely include housing, child care and employment.

The current rent for a 2 bedroom apartment in Bethel is \$1,350.00, which means you would need to make \$25.90 an hour to be able to afford it. I have 3 people in my organization that make that kind of money. It is extremely expensive and we do not have vouchers in our community. We do have HFC public housing; we have regional tribal housing authority housing and two apartment complexes for elders and vulnerable adults. It is even more difficult to find housing in the villages.

It has proven to be very useful to track where families go when they leave the shelter. 115 families left the shelter in the first half of the year, 52% chose to go back to where they came from, because housing is so bleak, for some people it just isn't a choice.

--Break--

Public Testimony

Virginia Walsh, executive Director at Arctic Women in Crisis, introduced two community members in Barrow who called in to explain their personal experiences with the waiting list for housing. They stated that people have waited up to 10 years on this list. “There is nowhere to go, so we go back to our abusers.”

Virginia Walsh commented that they are seeing more and more people on the street and getting more and more requests for relocation to Fairbanks or Anchorage, due to lack of housing. Barrow has 2 transitional apartments, but they are full and there are 7 families waiting.

Suzi Pearson, executive director for Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis, explained the AFHC’s 6 month policy:

A person will submit a letter of support from a shelter or provide documentation like medical records or a protective order that gives that person their preference and name added to the list.

Then when that name gets called on the list, in order to get the DV preference and voucher, the most recent incident has to have been within the past 6 months.

So, if you’ve been safe living in a shelter or somewhere else and it’s been more than 6 months since you have been abused then your DV preference is no longer valid.

Ms. Pearson stated that AWAIC in Anchorage is 52-bed shelter. 58% of last year they were functioning at full capacity or over capacity. In the last four years the length of stay at the shelter has increased by two weeks. AWAIC also has a 10 bed transitional housing program with a full time case manager. Somebody that has supportive services during the time that they are housed, are much more successful, stay in safe situations, attain healthy relationships and do much better in the workplace and/or school. Supportive services are critical.

Jackie Hill, pointed out that in some areas, like Kotzebue, there is no suitable land to build on.

Jim Gurke: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation called in and gave a statement.

We are proposing in our plan to eliminate the preference system in our housing programs. We have examined this over the last couple of years. In Anchorage we have closed the waiting list for the voucher program and as a consequence we have exhausted all the folks who have a preference as a result of displacement due to domestic violence.

Elsewhere in the state, our waiting list is turning over too slowly. We have created over the years this complex system, and it is a point’s based system which includes a multitude of preferences; homeless, terminally ill, substandard housing, working families paying over 50% for housing and veterans. Too often what is happening is the waiting list moves so slowly that by the time we get to interview somebody, they no longer have the status that they had as an applicant. The rules have always been that you have to be in the position of homelessness, if you will, in order to be housed at that particular time. If you don’t qualify then we re-rank you on the list and call the next person up. It has gotten to the point where, at least in our larger cities, we are now averaging 3 out of every 5 interviewed no longer hold the preference that they originally had. Also, over a quarter of the people on our waiting list have been on it for over two years. It has created a huge amount of frustration among people who are economically eligible but might not have a high number of preference points. They repeatedly climb up the list and get pushed back down.

It's become a situation where we had a consultant look at the way we were doing business, they looked at our Anchorage intake office, and basically came to the conclusion, that we need to do something different. This system we have now is creating a huge amount of work for you and a huge amount of frustration for your customer.

We are going to be proposing to clear the slate of virtually all the preferences, with some exceptions. We recognize the harm factor among victims of domestic violence. We approached the Governor and we have a \$1.34 million dollar increment in the Governor's budget for a general funded program or voucher system on behalf of victims of domestic violence. In addition, we are proposing that we set aside some of our Federal money and because we are considered a moving to work agency, we can actually ask for a waiver from HUD to set aside a certain amount of our housing assistance payment, exclusively for this population.

The other thing we are looking at is who is the most in need? On the surface it sounds like the preference system should work and that it makes sense. Why not serve people who are most at need, for us the most logical thing to look at is to use the program the way it was designed, based on poverty. We are going to be proposing lowering the income standard, something that Congress is even considering.

What we think we can do in the future is have issues that are very specific that we can address in one fashion or another, using the flexibility that we have under "moving to work", and simplify our intake process. Right now it is driven by paper, verifying documents, sending people to get documents, to prove that they have one preference or another. It's to the point where we have seven people in the intake office and two of them are verifying preferences full time.

So, we are making this proposal. We will have the plan open for a 30 day comment period and a public hearing on March the 7th. Then we will be presenting this to our Board at their April 4th board meeting.

Council Board members then asked questions and further discussed the housing issue.

Recess 4:30pm

--February 24, 2012--

Call to Order: 10:00am

Chair Cushing will table the MOU discussion until Mr. Svobodny is able to participate. Ms. Morton postponed BIPs to enable Ms. Stone to be present for the discussion and move to Legislative update.

Legislative Update Ms. Morton distributed a list of House Bills.

Ms. Morton gave background and details pertaining to certain bills that have been introduced this session that the Council might be interested in supporting. Ms. Gutierrez pointed out that some bills are very broad and may have a number of unintended consequences. The Council Board members asked questions and further debated each of these bills along with explaining the procedures to support bills from a state employee and a public member perspective. Chair Cushing tabled the discussion.

Legislative Budget Update

There have been a couple of hearings, both in the house and the senate. We have presented the increment request that were in the Governor's budget.

\$475,500.00 goes for increased cost for the current funded programs; heating/oil, utilities, insurance and worker's compensation.

\$250,000.00 for prevention activities; Green Dot, Girls on the Run and the Statewide Prevention Conference.

\$50,000.00 for data collection for Batterers Intervention Programs.

\$55,000.00 to assume the responsibility for the coordination of the Governor's Initiative DV/SA Big Work Group and all the sub-work groups.

\$60,000.00 for the Pro-Bono Project.

\$30,000.00 goes to continuing legal education

\$30,000.00 goes to Low-Bono Costs; materials, expert witnesses and different aspects of court case costs.

\$400,000.00 goes for research and evaluation. It funds the Alaska Victimization Survey, research on the 4th R, some work that we are doing with BIPs.

\$450,000.00 for media campaigns for prevention, community education and awareness. These include commercials, Lead On conference, and mini-grants for Engaging Boys to Men.

Commissioner Masters stated that the Governor talked about leaving room in the budget for legislators to introduce projects of their own.

Ms. Gutierrez said that Representative Fairclough indicated at the hearing yesterday, that she felt there were likely to be additions proposed.

Ms. Stone reported on two increments for HSS that are important and significant to DV/SA. The one directly relevant is a \$400,000.00 request to provide trauma services to unresourced people.

Commissioner Masters asked about possible future training in the area of trauma informed services, what that means, as well as the adverse child experience study and if it was possible to have it at the next meeting.

Following up with what the Commissioner said, Ms. Gutierrez advised the Council that DOC is very interested in creating a program in our institutions to inmate's adverse child experiences. We talked about contacting Linda Chamberlain, who has a lot experience in this area to see about developing this curriculum. It is a high priority and would welcome any kind of training in this.

Ms. Stone suggests that if we get training it be from the people who are providing it statewide. She also explained the Alaska Screening Tool that HSS uses for all the people that come into the system. It looks at 13 different domains of problems that are being brought into the system. The tool tells us that 61% of the people coming in for behavioral health services have current trauma systems, 69% say they have experienced adverse and 18% say they have experienced intimate partner violence. That doesn't include people who haven't made it into the system yet.

Chair Cushing gives directive to Ms. Morton to set up some future training for the Board.

Ms. Morton advised that a more thorough training may be possible at the fall meeting in Ketchikan; do to the amount of prevention and funding issues that are tentatively on the agenda for the June meeting in Palmer.

--Break--

MOU

Mr. Svobodny wasn't able to draft the whole thing. When the draft is done he will get a copy to each Commissioner of the departments that are on the Council. It should be very simple and will take the 14 points set within statutes saying that each department will work together to reach these goals.

Commissioner Masters added a couple thoughts about insuring the strength of it and insuring that the Council actions be to encourage the facilitation and signing of an agreement.

Housing Wrap-up

Ms. Stone feels that as a Council, we should develop some specific strategies around housing that we want to follow through with, take action on, and promote.

Mr. Irwin wants to strengthen existing alliances, partnerships and relationships, and to be able to share and best utilize resources. This Council should lead the efforts to end this problem.

Commissioner Masters supports and understands the efforts being made on housing, but asked how the housing issue fits into our statutory mandates. Chair Cushing stated that she would look into that.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that a possible starting strategy was to send our housing liaison, Richard Irwin, to more of the housing meetings in order to represent the Council and also to report back.

Ms. McFadden-Evans proposed that the Council ask the Tribal Housing Authority what they are doing to help solve this problem. Commissioner Masters cautioned that it would be a huge and wrong assumption to give that the Tribal organizations are not doing anything.

Batterer Intervention Programs

Ms. Morton referred to the BIP annual self-evaluation that she distributed to the Board. With the new corrections regulation that requires all approved programs to submit data, that we may no longer be restricted to just these four categories. As we are moving toward looking at the revision of the regulation, moving forward with broadening our scope of programming with batterers intervention programs, and

looking at data collection and monitoring, this would be one piece that we would want to give some attention to. These four broad statements may afford programs opportunity to examine themselves in a way that might be more helpful.

Ms. Stone says it is helpful to see what is being reported.

Ms. Gutierrez is also on a workgroup under the Governor's Initiative, the offender management group. One of the things they are going to start looking at is this whole notion of this "one program fits all". She feels there is a growing consensus that one model doesn't necessarily work effectively for all perpetrators of domestic violence. We need to be looking at models that may be more affective for Alaska native peoples. Ms. Gutierrez thinks we have a responsibility to ensure that if we are requiring these programs, that they be such that are affective as possible to the various populations that we are dealing with. Ms. Gutierrez has started doing research on some of the work being done in Canada, to see if we can come up with curriculum that may be more affective for Alaska native peoples.

Ms. Gutierrez also wondered if a 36 week model is necessarily appropriate for all offenders, not all perpetrators of domestic violence are necessarily power and control types. Ms. Gutierrez pointed out the research available that talk about "overdosing" the offender. If you are requiring an offender to really jump through more hoops than what is really required for the nature of that individual's dysfunction, you can actually be creating harm.

One thing Ms. Gutierrez is very concerned about is the attendance in our prison programs, it is horrible. It is the Department of Corrections responsibility to figure out how to increase attendance, while making sure that if we are requiring the program in our facilities, it is one that effective for the people attending.

Ms. Gutierrez is interested in starting a dialogue on what would be a responsible method by which we could start looking at the curriculum in our programs. Currently the Odara tool is used in the PACE pilot program, maybe we should be using it for all DV offenders, figure out what their risk levels are and refer them to treatment based upon their risk assessment.

Chair Cushing then asked for input from Brenda Stanfill, IAC and Peg Coleman, SPHH. Both of these programs have BIPs and use a combination of models.

Peg Brown added that the perception of BIPs needs to change. These programs do work for some people in certain situations and we need to tailor what works, for more people in this state.

In order to move forward Ms. Morton will develop the group consisting of providers that will be working on this subject and start having face-to-face meetings before we branch out.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations for Chair:

Commissioner Masters nominated Susan Cushing.

Susan Cushing accepted the nomination for Chair.

****Vote** All in favor – no opposed

Nominations for Vice Chair:

Commissioner Masters nominated Richard Irwin.

Richard Irwin accepted the nomination for Vice Chair

****Vote** All in favor – no opposed

Beginning at the end of this meeting, Susan Cushing will be Council Chair and Richard Irwin will be Council Vice Chair.

Council Comments

Chair Cushing commended CDVSA Executive Director, Lauree Morton, for doing an outstanding job.

--Lunch--

View video from SPHH and the “When I am an Elder” commercial

The Council viewed a short video presentation from Peg Coleman about SPHH, along with other commercials that the Council has helped fund.

Financial Report

Ms. Morton reported that the Council was pretty much on target for expending General Fund dollars and that CDVSA would be using the rest of GF and some DOC money for monitoring BIP and onsite evaluations.

Our federal dollars will transfer over in FY13. We will ask for extensions on 3 VAWA grants or STOP grants. Ms. Morton will also be working with the Commissioner and Mr. Spencer on having the Governor designate the Council as the STOP administrator.

LAW \$667,000.00

DPS \$563,000.00

Court System \$89,000.00

Victim Services \$115,000.00

Discretionary \$200,000.00

We are on track to expend RSA monies.

The \$5 million Earmark is going away.

With program advances, we will do the same thing as last year for the 4th quarter; everybody will get two months of the advance if they are 75% spent out, they will get the remainder if they look like they will be totally spent out.

Ms. Morton then answered questions about upcoming grants and discussed possible strategies for applying for them.

Media Campaign

As per a directive from Mr. Irwin in November, Bahiyyih Parish presented the first draft of the CDVSA power point along with a discussion of possible options for the final product. Mr. Irwin would like to be able to use this media when speaking and presenting to certain groups in order to clarify who CDVSA is, what CDVSA does, and what people can do to help.

Ms. Morton explained that our new media campaign will be geared to bystander intervention. There will be a Facebook page and other social media. Sue Christianson will be brought in to redo our website and also shoot these new commercials.

Council Comments/Updates

Mr. Irwin read a prepared statement on “Healing the Heart” which he gave in Anchorage with great reception. Mr. Irwin has been very active in speaking at many different events.

Ms. Gutierrez commended the Council and the people who do this kind of difficult work day after day. Ms. Gutierrez talked about changes within the BIP programs and within her department that she feels passionate about.

Stephanie McFadden-Evans announced that she will be leaving the Council at the end of her term. Ms. Evans talked about all that she has learned from being on the Council and how she has actively become an advocate for domestic violence in her area.

Ms. Owen stated that she is still working on the 4th R, but feels there definitely needs to be primary programs in place from birth on up.

Chair Cushing reminded the Council of items of further discussion; housing and primary prevention. Chair Cushing also thanked Ms. Evans for her years of service and dedication to the Council.

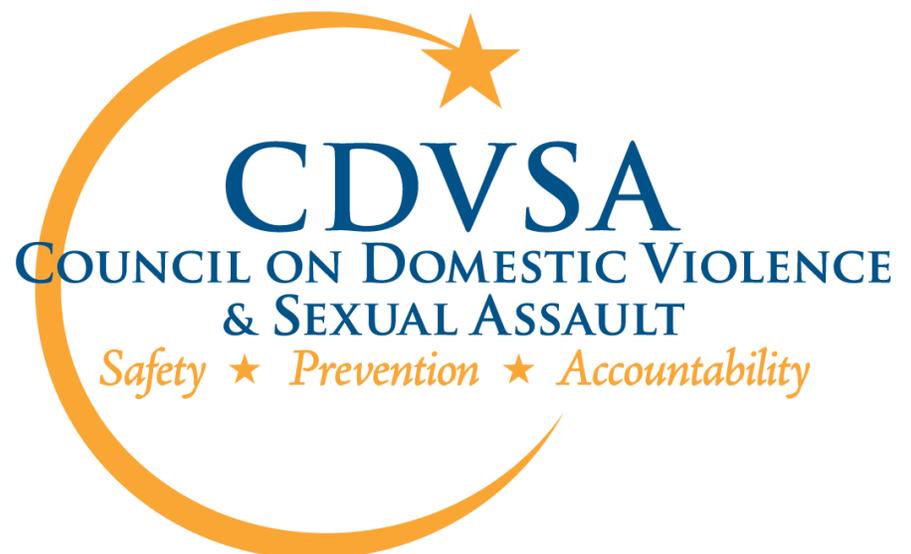
Jackie Hill explained the individuality of different areas of Alaska and how the population, geography and resource availability affects the more remote areas.

Brenda Stanfill pointed out a difference that she has noticed within this particular Council, passion, and she is very excited about the future.

Adjourn meeting 3:50 pm

3rd Quarter Statistics FY12

Victim Service Programs



FVPSA Outcome Measures

Description of these Measures:

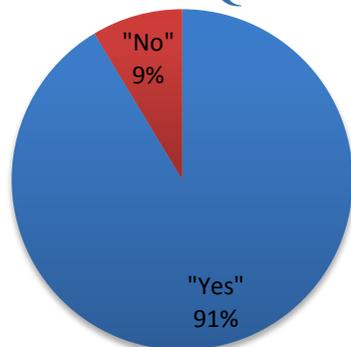
For each program area from which programs collected outcome data, programs must indicate how many surveys were completed & how many YES responses were received from each of the outcome questions.

- ❑ **Resource outcome:** Do you know more about what resources & help are available to you & your family & how to access those resources?
- ❑ **Safety outcome:** Do you know more or different intervention strategies for safety than you did before?

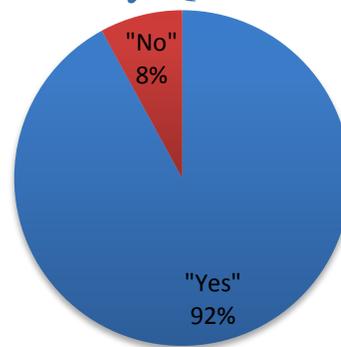
		Shelter	Non-residential Support and Advocacy	Counseling	Non-residential Support Groups	TOTAL
1st	Surveys completed	304	228	55	237	824
	Yes to Resource Outcome	267	219	49	214	749
	Yes to Safety Outcome	275	217	49	229	770
2nd	Surveys completed	217	171	39	177	604
	Yes to Resource Outcome	200	165	28	169	562
	Yes to Safety Outcome	196	155	23	158	532
3rd	Surveys completed	274	216	46	305	773
	Yes to Resource Outcome	250	206	41	291	725
	Yes to Safety Outcome	248	193	41	291	715
TOTAL	Surveys completed	797	615	140	719	2,201
	Yes to Resource Outcome	717	590	118	674	2,036
	Yes to Safety Outcome	719	565	113	678	2,017

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Resources Question



Safety Question



Funded Victim Service Programs Goals & Objectives FY12 Quarter 3

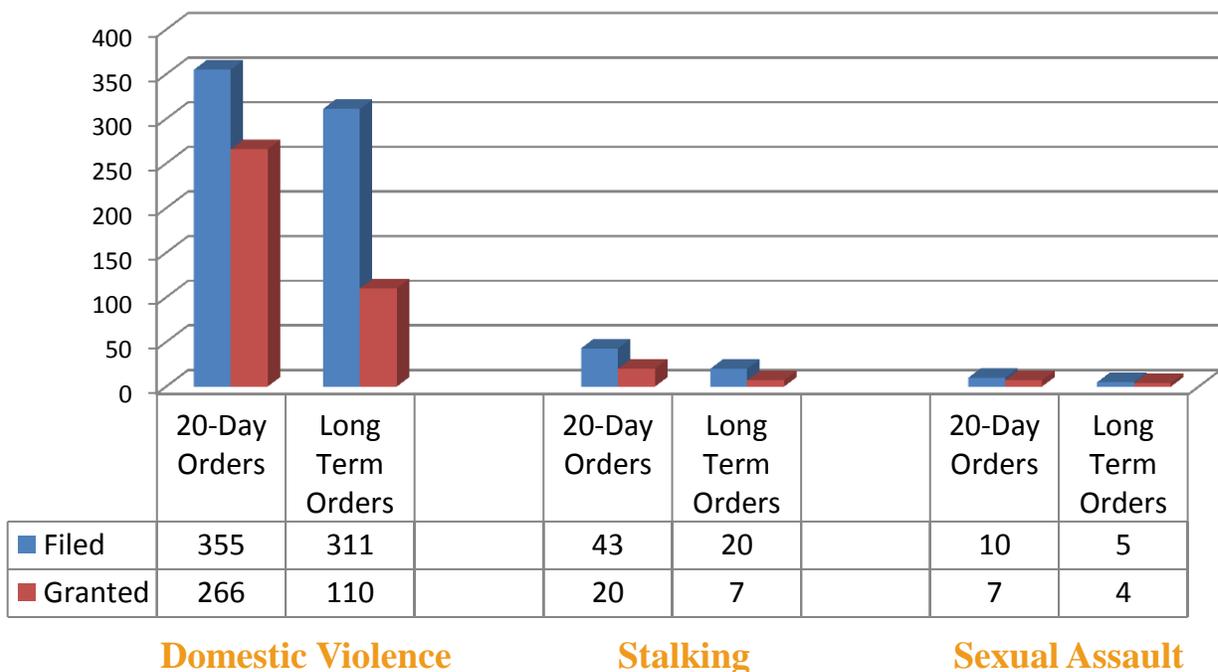
<i>Objective</i>	<i># of</i>	<i>Q1</i>	<i>Q2</i>	<i>Q3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Provide nights of safe shelter to adult victims and children	nights	26,019	22,588	18,715	67,322
	adult victims	741	473	405	1,619
	children	452	330	308	1,090
Maintain a 24-hour crisis line	crisis calls	3,904	3,207	3,224	10,335
Provide legal advocacy services	# services	5,419	4,250	4,786	14,455
	adult individuals	1,835	1,778	1,630	5,243
Provide accompaniments to sexual assault survivors during forensic or medical exams	accompaniments	255	213	248	716
Provide trainings to village/ community service, safe home, and rural service providers	trainings	20	50	37	107
	providers	327	940	352	1,619
Provide age-appropriate presentations to students	presentations	352	550	473	1,375
	students	7,381	12,512	8,246	28,139
Provide trainings to first responders who interact with victims of violence	trainings	63	81	78	222
	first responders	931	2,660	1,359	4,950
Provide educational presentations to community members on dv/sa	presentations	158	210	130	498
# of volunteers who were active with agency	volunteers	888	878	586	2,352
	hours	12,806	17,388	12,718	42,912
Meet with community partners	meetings	449	503	533	1,485

Third Quarter Protective Orders

Funded Program	Type of Order	Domestic Violence		Stalking		Sexual Assault	
		Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted
AFS	20-Day	57	45	27	11	0	0
	Long	72	16	15	3	0	0
AVV	20-Day	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Long	15	0	0	0	0	0
AWAIC	20-Day	126	95	3	0	1	0
	Long	119	39	0	0	0	0
AWARE	20-Day	15	15	1	1	0	0
	Long	12	9	1	1	0	0
AWIC	20-Day	6	5	0	0	0	0
	Long	5	2	0	0	0	0
BSWG	20-Day	5	5	0	0	0	0
	Long	0	0	0	0	0	0
CFRC	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Long	0	0	0	0	0	0
IAC	20-Day	13	12	1	1	0	0
	Long	12	2	1	0	0	0
KWRCC	20-Day	15	9	1	1	0	0
	Long	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSC	20-Day	28	23	4	1	0	0
	Long	23	12	0	0	0	0

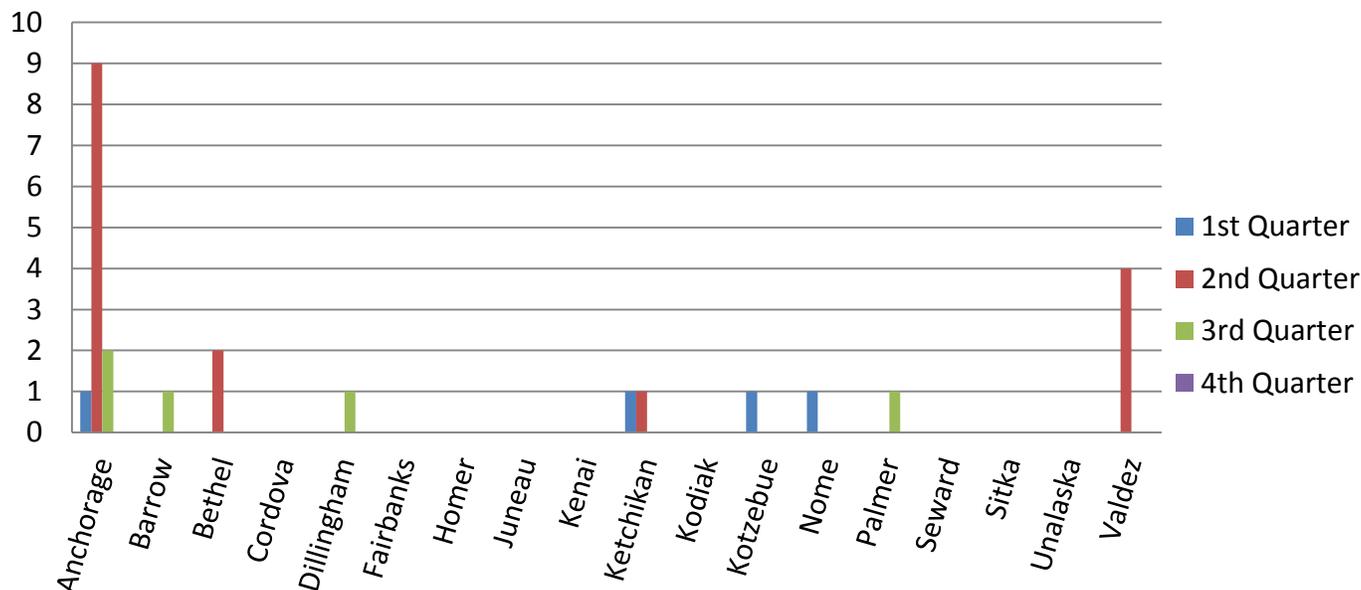
Funded Program	Type of Order	Domestic Violence		Stalking		Sexual Assault	
		Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted	Filed	Granted
MFCC	20-Day	14	12	0	0	2	2
	Long	10	9	0	0	2	2
SAFE	20-Day	3	2	0	0	2	0
	Long	2	1	0	0	0	0
SAFV	20-Day	3	2	0	0	1	1
	Long	1	1	0	0	0	0
SCS	20-Day	3	3	0	0	0	0
	Long	4	3	0	0	0	0
SPHH	20-Day	10	8	3	2	0	0
	Long	6	4	1	0	0	0
STAR	20-Day	1	1	1	1	0	0
	Long	1	1	1	1	0	0
TWC	20-Day	32	23	1	1	4	4
	Long	29	11	1	2	3	2
USAFV	20-Day	1	1	1	1	0	0
	Long	0	0	0	0	0	0
VFJ	20-Day	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Long	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISH	20-Day	8	5	0	0	0	0
	Long	0	0	0	0	0	0

Third Quarter VSP Protective Orders



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

FY12 Quarter 3 Deaths by City



BARROW

A three year old child died of assault and/or hypothermia, and her infant sibling was injured, after they were beaten and both kept in a room with the window wide open in Barrow in February. The mother’s boyfriend, Richard Tilden Jr., had been watching the children at the time. Alcohol appears to have been involved. He was charged with first-degree assault and faces up to 8 years in prison.

DILLINGHAM

Late in the third quarter an adult women shelter resident and part-time worker at SAFE who was a survivor of both sexual and physical assault took her own life. She had come to shelter from out of town and was in fear of the person and friends of the person who is awaiting trial for the sexual assault. She had multiple traumas in her lifetime, including the recent loss of an adult child and had been working closely with both the SISTR and Behavioral Health Counselors.

ANCHORAGE

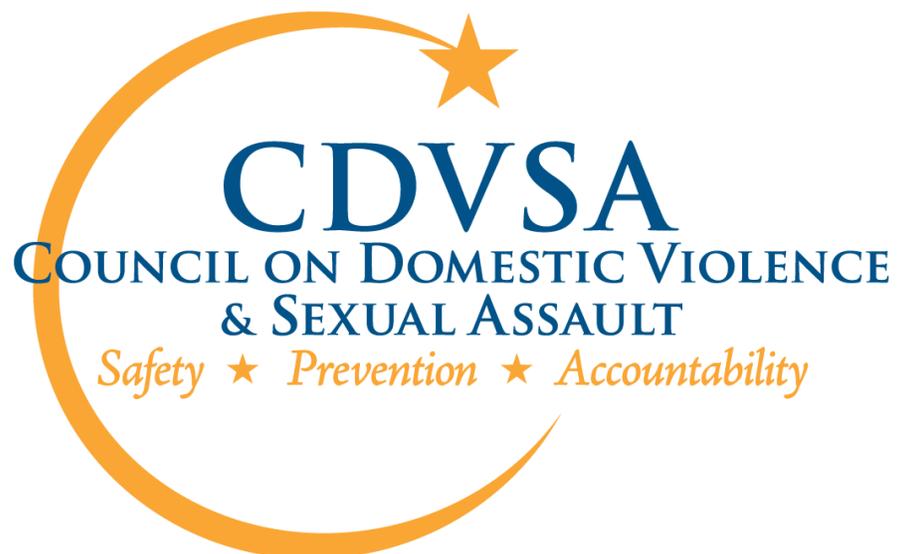
There were multiple violent crimes in Anchorage, some related to domestic violence. Samantha Koenig was kidnapped out of a coffee hut and murdered. Shawn Reid was murdered by his friend’s estranged husband.

PALMER

This death was of a male who had offered a place for the abuse victim to stay overnight.

3rd Quarter Program Narratives FY12

Victim Service Programs



AFS (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

Successes

- ❑ Our support group continues to grow and provide resources.
- ❑ We had two families move to safe stable living environments.
- ❑ We connected with churches, civic organizations, and professionals to provide resources and DV/SA education.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ We developed business card size “Quiet Cards” with DV/SA information for health fairs, medical and dental offices, church offices, and local food pantries.
- ❑ As part of the DV Task Force we are working to establish a Sexual Assault Response Team in the Mat-Su Borough .
- ❑ We continue to work with the Office of Children’s Services to provide services to mothers and their children.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Due to the extreme cold, the number of abuse victims was down. It is believed this is due to victims believing they will be kicked out of their homes and into the cold.

AVV (Valdez) – Advocates for Victims of Violence

Successes

- ❑ Put on the Woman of Distinction and Young Woman of Distinction event to honor Valdez women.
- ❑ We had a very successful campaign for the Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.
- ❑ We ended our elementary school programs Express Yourself and Girls' Time with a total of 490 children in attendance.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ All AVV services and upcoming events to be shown at the Valdez Civic Center before every movie.
- ❑ We continue to advertise our services through the media and brochures, stocking the police department, medical clinic, hospital, behavioral health office, Food Bank, court house, and city hall.
- ❑ We are very excited to work with the new Office of Children Services case worker and the new Providence Behavior Health director.
- ❑ AVV worked with other agencies to sponsor three Teen Center dances.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Due to tremendous winter storms, the city hired contractual workers from out-of-town to help with snow removal. Some workers decided to stay, use their earnings at bars, and created incidents of domestic violence.
- ❑ Due to severe cold, this marked the most number of utility and food assistance given.

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

Successes

- Our Quality Service Evaluations provided essential feedback to management to identify strengths and weaknesses of our program.
- AWAIC employee Lisa Vukasin was nominated for an advocacy award as part of National Crime Victim’s Rights Week by Victims for Justice.
- AWAIC volunteer Lori Miebs received a 2012 Spirit of Youth Award for overcoming adversity.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- AWAIC actively participated in the community-wide planning coalitions in preparation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Crime Victim’s Rights Week.
- Worked with to Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness, Beyond Shelter Steering Committee, the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Committee and the Alaska Child and Family Advocacy Coalition to provide services to the homeless.
- Continues as the point of contact for the Emergency Cold Weather Plan that includes the police department and several churches.
- AWAIC’s Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) continues to strengthen services for individuals with disabilities that experience abuse in Anchorage.
- Partnering with Cook Inlet Tribal Council and the Alaska Court System to open supervised visitation under OVW’s Safe Havens program.
- Piloted a partnership with Covenant House Alaska to provide dating violence intervention, using 4th R curriculum, in their homeless/runaway shelter for youth.

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

Successes

- ❑ Provided 1497 night of safe shelter to 37 women and 35 children.
- ❑ Helped children who have been bullied have healthy interactions with other children, as well as work out problems in constructive ways.
- ❑ Held the Women of Distinction dinner and silent auction and honored four Juneau women.
- ❑ Provided monthly legal clinics for women with Alaska Legal Services.
- ❑ Put on a Choose Respect Teen Leader Retreat for eight Juneau high school students.
- ❑ Coordinated Girls on the Run teams in 15 SE Alaska communities.
- ❑ AWARE's executive director wrote a newspaper editorial on child sexual abuse victimization.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Participated in the Juneau Women's Expo. First Lady Sandy Parnell spoken, naming several of our DV/SA programs.
- ❑ Staff worked with other SE communities through a health fair, Suicide Intervention Task Force, and the Choose Respect March in Haines.
- ❑ Hosted several Healing Arts sessions resulting in art to be displayed in the community.
- ❑ Partnered with the Juneau Homeless Coalition and the Alaska State Museum to sponsor a series of Project Homeless Connect presentations and assess housing needs.
- ❑ Hosted the Coaching Boys into Men coach clinic.
- ❑ Partnered with the Governor's Alaska Men Choose Respect campaign at the Gold Medal Basketball Tournament. The Hoonah team made pledges and Choose Respect t-shirts.
- ❑ Staff attended Train-the-Trainers conference in Anchorage featuring Dr. Linda Chamberlain, a leading researcher on adolescent brain development and the effects of trauma and substance abuse on the adolescent brain.
- ❑ Partnered with the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) to present at their "PLAY" conference.
- ❑ Partnered with the police department to provide community education including a self-defense class.
- ❑ Assisted the Office of Children's Services with a grievance.
- ❑ Presented primary prevention strategies to the SAFE Child Advocacy Center .
- ❑ Participated in a Sexual Assault Response Team that included law enforcement, prosecutors, and medical providers aimed at improving communication during SART calls.
- ❑ Facilitated several Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) meetings.
- ❑ Made significant progress toward building a transitional housing facility next door. We are partnering with tribes and native organizations and the city to write grants and secure funding.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Staff assumed additional duties due to one staff on medical leave and another position vacant.

AWIC (Barrow) – Arctic Women in Crisis

Successes

- ❑ Provided residential services to 21 women, 21 children, and 432 safe bed nights.
- ❑ Promote stalking awareness activities for National Stalking Awareness Month.
- ❑ Mayor Charlotte E. Brower signed a proclamation declaring February Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Month.
- ❑ Helped facilitate the Walk for Hope
- ❑ Staff visited Pt. Lay and Pt. Hope to provide legal advocacy to community residents.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Partnered with ANDVSA, the Boys' and Girls' Club, school district, and police on two projects: "When I'm an Elder" PSAs, and Love, Heal, Protect.
- ❑ Distributed information about the Victims' Crime Compensation Program and AWIC resources to 100 community members.
- ❑ Presented resources at the Utqiagvik Church and discussed outreach opportunities.
- ❑ Provided information about the Violent Crimes Compensation Board application process and the Office of Victim's Rights to 150 community members.
- ❑ Held a Window Between Worlds Art program for 32 students on healthy relationships.
- ❑ Continue to meet with other community to develop a vision of the community.
- ❑ Helped develop a Sexual Assault Response Team to respond to SART calls.
- ❑ Participated in a court training workshop and discussed our resources with court clerks.
- ❑ Held healthy relationships and bullying prevention workshops to students at Pt. Lay.
- ❑ Distributed over 350 palm cards to middle school students. These cards contain information about healthy relationships and local resources. Staffed an information table.
- ❑ Facilitated a healthy relationship art workshop at the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ AWIC has yet to transition to the new multiplex facility. There have been outstanding issues related to the pipes which froze during our unusually cold winter weather.
- ❑ Our counselor and outreach coordinator resigned in April.

BSWG (Nome) – Bering Sea Women’s Group

Successes

- ❑ Behavioral health counselors conducted one-hour group sessions at BSWG.
- ❑ Our legal advocate participated in 9 civil/legal activities.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Worked with police to complete our Sexual Assault Response Team.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Due to a shortage of staffing, one person has been doing the administrative assistant and children’s coordinator duties.
- ❑ The unusual cost of the Safe Home representatives last quarter hurt us financially. There will be a line item in the budget for next year.
- ❑ Some of the computer print outs appear to be incorrect.
- ❑ The community has been meeting to address the concern that when many gold miners allegedly plan to come to “the golden beaches” of Nome this year there will not be enough law enforcement, housing and other facilities to incorporate them into the community. There is an expectation that violent crimes will increase significantly.
- ❑ Our “special guest” was arrested for probation violations when she sent Christmas gifts to her children. This was considered an indirect contact.
- ❑ It was bitterly cold for six straight weeks so nothing was done outside the shelter. One outing with the Behavioral Health Services counselors was even cancelled due to the cold.

CFRC (Cordova) – Cordova Family Resource Center

Successes

- ❑ Held the annual membership dinner and meeting where board members prepared the meal and members were able to learn about CFRC activities.
- ❑ Staff attended Train-the-Trainers conference in Anchorage, featuring Dr. Linda Chamberlain, a leading researcher on adolescent brain development and the effects of trauma and substance abuse on the adolescent brain. Traveled with a team of school district and public health staff.
- ❑ Held a successful annual Spring Basket Auction fundraiser.
- ❑ Continued to hold the weekly after school art program.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ High school peer helpers worked with ANDVSA and the school district to bring in a national speaker for the Choose Respect week. We held several school and community presentations. We also traveled to villages with our national speaker.
- ❑ Partnered with the native village of Eyak to travel to Anchorage to visit the Sexual Assault Response Team Center. Information will be used to establish a SART Center in Cordova.
- ❑ Worked with the school district on prevention efforts.
- ❑ Met with local church leaders to go over services and needs in our community.
- ❑ Ran local radio, newspaper, and GCI scanner ads and PSAs regarding our services and put information on the local online community calendar. We also have a Facebook page.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Due to the large amounts of snow this winter and the shutdown of one local apartment building, housing is of great concern in our community.
- ❑ One staff members left 3 weeks early for maternity leave, putting additional strain on the new part-time advocate and the executive director.

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

Successes

- ❑ Successfully assisted women to find housing through Alaska Housing or other creative alternatives to secure independent housing options.
- ❑ Attended several different trainings in the surrounding areas, such as advocating for victims with disabilities, trauma informed care and sexual assault.
- ❑ The school district provided a tutor four evenings a week to help children in our program.
- ❑ Arranged a family evening event to assist parents with parent/teacher conference and hosted one with a visiting Alaskan author.
- ❑ Accompanied individuals to public assistance, Office of Children's Services, DVR, housing, and job hunting. For women intimidated by the shelter setting we provided one-on-one advocacy help in more comfortable setting such as walks or a coffee shop.
- ❑ We helped a few individuals, who came to the shelter incredibly isolated because they traveled from another state to live with their partner, return to where they have family and friend support. We assisted through the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, Guardian Angel Flights, or our agency mileage.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Conducted DV education to local court clerks and shared IAC resources. A question and answer period followed.
- ❑ Worked with TCC's education department on the SAFTEE grant and other projects, improving communications and partnerships.
- ❑ Participated in a joint training with the Office of Children's Services to share how each agency works with victims and to share opinions and solutions.
- ❑ Attended EMERGE training in Texas. Focused on holding offenders accountable with specific ideas on how probation, supervised exchanges, advocacy, and batterer's intervention programs could work together for the safety of victims.
- ❑ Continued to work on the PACE project, an initiative through the Governor's budget. We are waiting for participants to be sent from the District Attorney's office.
- ❑ We are seeking resources and increasing our knowledge in order to help with the increased need for victim's assistant with tribal custody.

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

Successes

- ❑ Coordinated a new Kodiak Community Chooses Respect committee.
- ❑ Performed core services for victims even when shelter bed capacity had been reached.
- ❑ As part of our new Teen Prevention program, we have healthy life choices as part of crime prevention, DUI/DWI prevention, and dating DV/SA prevention.
- ❑ Continued to provide our Stepping Stones support groups and Soluciones support group facilitated in Spanish for our Latino community members. We held our quarterly Intercultural Task Force meeting. Kodiak is currently a site for the Victim Survey Interviews done through UAA.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March. Our outreach team traveled to the village of Old Harbor to attend a 2nd March.
- ❑ Continued to work with other agencies to bring a Child Advocacy Center to Kodiak
- ❑ Reestablished a Sexual Assault Response Team with 5 health providers and the district attorney.
- ❑ Continued to work with the Office of Children’s Services, Shelter Program Services and KANA as part of the SAFTEE project focusing on the roles of advocates and the roles of OCS workers.
- ❑ Presented internet safety, bullying, and teen dating violence to 8th graders. Co-facilitated a middle school self empowerment group called “Get it Together.”
- ❑ Worked with the Turning the Tide project coordinator on providing Green Dot presentations and trainings in the high school, churches, and villages and plan to present to the business community in the future. Also helped create a partnership with our community counseling center to provide a licensed therapist to come to the shelter for the clients that may be suffering from trauma.
- ❑ Continue to meet with Native Women’s Advisory Council, ALMA and Immigrant Women’s Project, Human Service Coalition, Intercultural Task Force, and our Multidisciplinary Task Force.
- ❑ Shared our raffle fundraising event with our community bowling league. Also put on our Avon fundraiser.
- ❑ Our SAFTEE project held a Cross Training to help us better understand each other’s roles in working with victims.
- ❑ Participate in monthly Homeless Coalition meetings along with community agencies.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Clients are staying longer at the shelter due to the difficulty of finding low income housing using section 8 vouchers. A spike in rents places the price of housing out of reach for many of our clients.

LSC (Kenai/Soldotna) – LeeShore Center

Successes

- ❑ Provided 699 bed nights to 13 women and 8 children. Non-shelter services were provided to 100 individuals and included: 1214 referrals; 94 crisis calls; assistance to 65 individuals with crime compensation information; and 1828 safety calls per victim request.
- ❑ We assisted a victim with travel to Kenai from an outlying area to obtain safe shelter.
- ❑ We assisted a young mother with one child with law enforcement, legal advocacy, housing, financial, and personal support after her husband presented divorce papers and kicked her out of the house.
- ❑ We helped a single women in her late 50's return to her out of state home after being abused and abandoned by her boyfriend.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Held our annual community Project Homeless Connect with our Continuum of Care partners.
- ❑ Received donations from several community fundraisers: Sportsman's Warehouse Ladies Night silent auction, Alaska Fishin' Chixs fishing derby with a portion of the registration fees donated to the agency, and Sadler's Furniture naming The LeeShore Center as its "Spotlight Charity" during the month of February.
- ❑ Staff attended a retreat in Anchorage and received training on vicarious trauma, self-care and healthy workplace environment.
- ❑ Foraker came to the community to provided training to community on board roles and high performing boards. LeeShore's director and one board member attended.

MFCC (Kotzebue) – Maniilaq Family Crisis Center

Successes

- Participated in the Choose Respect March. It was very successful in Kotzebue as well as the surrounding communities.

SAFE (Dillingham) – Safe & Fear-Free Environment

Successes

- ❑ Received great staff training. Three advocated and one of our partner staff attended Sexual Assault Response Team training in Fairbanks, three attended training in forensic interviewing through the Child Advocacy Center, and three completed ASSIST (Suicide Prevention) training.
- ❑ Nearly 30 people participated in the OCS/CDVSA training under the Safe Alaska Family Team project, including seven SAFE staff, two volunteers and 12 staff from sister agencies.
- ❑ We provided advocacy services to the wife of a murdered husband and to two adult relatives of a second victim of homicide in a regional village. We also provided clothing and household goods to a family in an adjacent village whose home was destroyed in an arson related fire.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Our shelter manager implemented a strategy to assure continuous coverage for shelter shifts when the scheduled advocate is unable to make it and a back-up for out-of-shelter requests.
- ❑ We assisted the tribal court with a safe and supportive transfer of SAM case child to the stateside custodian. This required close networking with the Office of Children’s Service, the tribe, the child and family (both locally and out of state), ICWA, the prosecutor’s office and the Child Advocacy Center. The transfer occurred and the child is safe.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Our teen group took the “Ugliest Beaver” award for the 42nd Annual Beaver Round Up parade. During the Winter Carnival, we had one of the biggest turnouts ever for a teen dance.
- ❑ The Bristol Bay Native Association reorganized their victim assistance programs and created a new Tribal Victim Assistance Office with a director who is a former SAFE advocate and a current volunteer. The reorganization at BBNA now incorporates each of the programs in a single office under a competent and committed director. BBNA is a major SAFE partner passing through grant funds, strengthening the regional Sexual Assault Response Team and for developing and delivering a regionally and specific SART curriculum and training. In addition, BBNA is developing a modified Beauty for Ashes program specific for our region and training group facilitators in coordination with the Family Wellness Warriors Initiative.

SAFV (Sitka) – Sitkans Against Family Violence

Successes

- ❑ SAFV focused on primary prevention and our community prevention plan “Pathways to a Safer Sitka” through a Rural DV/SA pilot project grant through the Division of Behavioral Health.
- ❑ Coordinated the Girls on the Run program at the elementary school. Trained coaches and assistant coaches.
- ❑ Some days it feels like a huge success that we are still here and able to provide services day in and day out.
- ❑ During community presentations, we let people know our crisis line and services are available to all victims of all crimes.
- ❑ Hosted our annual Family Fiesta and Dessert Auction fundraiser.
- ❑ Hosted the annual Honoring Women Dinner and Silent Auction

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Partnered with Sitka Tribe of Alaska on several victim services related grants.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Shelter has been very busy this quarter with residents and legal issues.
- ❑ We recently learned the police department will not be able to accept the grant money from the Tribe for a DV unit because of the PERS issue and the liability associated it. The city is working with legislators to try to fix the problem.
- ❑ The police only have one detective to work on all their cases and they are short staffed so we do not see much domestic violence going through the legal system.

SCS (Seward) – Seaview Community Services

Successes

- ❑ Mobilized, collaborated and acquired two new members to join advisory committee as well as, the continuation of old membership, to maintain, and/ or revise goals and objectives of the DV/SA advisory committee.
- ❑ Contacted key personnel in the DV/SA network to help assist with training needs, and input of program data, and case management.
- ❑ Corrected, completed, compiled, inputted stats and current DV/SA Council reporter data into state computer.
- ❑ Secured fundraising location at Safeway and fundraising promotional materials in support for April Sexual Awareness Month.
- ❑ Extensive training and education was offered to the new coordinator, including systems and legal advocacy, trauma informed services and native focused care.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Did outreach to Providence Seward Hospital, ER, Glacier Family Medical Clinic, Police Department personnel, and the Safeway manager
- ❑ Refreshed pamphlets in the community, and disseminated DV/SA cards and attempted to relocate where DV/SA clothesline pins donation boxes were placed.

SPHH (Homer) – South Peninsula Haven House

Successes

- ❑ We supported a 33 year-old single woman, chronically homeless with a long history of sexual abuse, sexual assault, trauma and serious depression to access new income-based, supported housing.
- ❑ We have been effectively collaborating with the Office of Children’s Services to help prevent a 21 year-old woman from losing her 1 year old daughter to state custody by providing a safe, supported living environment away from the violence and suspected sexual abuse of her home.
- ❑ Coordinated Alaska Legal Services Corporation community training on custody and divorce, a collaborative legal advocacy piece that has been missing in this community for some years.
- ❑ Our surveys provided some positive and inspiring feedback from program participants.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March. Tailored to our community, calling it “Stand Up for Peace.”
- ❑ Partnered with the Kachemak Ski Club to put on the annual Ski for Women fundraiser.
- ❑ Our executive director provided information and education at a local church fair.
- ❑ Held the Women of Distinction fundraiser to honor three women who bring perspectives to the issues of DV/SA.
- ❑ Continue to partner with the Child Advocacy Center’s Multi Disciplinary Team and the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership project.
- ❑ Two Haven House staff members have joined the leadership team for Families First, Homer’s Best Beginning Partnership.
- ❑ Partnered with several different organizations on several different grants this quarter: Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, South Peninsula Behavioral Health Center, Mental Health Trust Fund, Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic; Sprout Family Services, and Homer’s Infant Learning Center.
- ❑ We continue to reach out to victims who are geographically isolated, specifically in three areas: in the outlying Russian Old-Believer villages, in the Native Alaskan villages across the bay from Homer, and in the community just north of Homer, Anchor Point, which includes many isolated families living far from any services.
- ❑ Provided outreach to the local Hospice program, educating on elder abuse.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ We noticed an increase in program participants over the age of 60 for support navigating the Social Security Disability system, medical advocacy, help with the local mental health center, and advocating for more housing.
- ❑ One area of concern was lack of notification to Haven House when an adult victim of sexual assault was transported from a village across the bay from Homer to Soldotna for medical treatment. This left the victim without initial contact from a Sexual Assault Response Team advocate, and illustrated a break down in our SART protocol, which is usually followed consistently.

STAR (Anchorage) – Standing Together Against Rape

Successes

- ❑ Our lead advocate attended and provided training at the statewide Sexual Assault Response Team training in March.
- ❑ Offered weekly educational groups at Covenant House for teenagers experiencing homelessness.
- ❑ Participated in Project Homeless Connect to provide information about services available and to highlight the risks and dangers of life without adequate housing.
- ❑ Displayed information at the South Central Foundation's Annual Gathering. A multi-disciplinary presentation was provided to interpreters from the Language Interpretive Center.
- ❑ Attended the Alaska Native Women's Sexual Assault Committee.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Our need for volunteers for our Crisis Line was publicized by Channel 2 news in addition to several other media interviews.
- ❑ Update our Memorandum of Understanding with AWAIC to sheltered STAR's clients as needed. AWAIC has decided to treat each STAR client as an AWAIC client, and shelter them for a period of thirty days.
- ❑ STAR educators presented to 126 schools, reaching 2,341 more students. Continued to partner with the alternate high school SAVE to provide healthy relationship information. Two disclosures resulted, connecting them with a STAR advocate. In addition, presented at five high schools and three Title One schools.
- ❑ Spoke with a group of 8th grade students at a middle school that is working on a citizen project to help combat the high rates of sexual violence in our state.
- ❑ Presented to foster who want to better understand what we teach in elementary schools, so they can reinforce our message when they are working with students.
- ❑ Provided information at the South Central Foundation event at the Dena'ina Center.

TWC (Bethel) –Tundra Women’s Coalition

Successes

- ❑ Our Teens Acting Against Violence hosted a Hoops for Healthy Relationships basketball tournament fundraiser and peer education/ outreach for local and village league teams.
- ❑ Gave a DV presentation to Centering Pregnancy groups at the hospital.
- ❑ Continue to provide support groups, work with family members of homicide victims, work with elders, and work with individuals who need additional resources related to language accessibility.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March. Partnered with KUC
- ❑ Honored Winefred Beans of Mountain Village at the annual Yukegtaaq Celebration fundraiser.
- ❑ Teens Acting Against Violence activities included: planning for June’s Teens Lead Ahead camp, basketball tournament, youth peer educator participated with two TWC staff in a peer-education pregnancy prevention curriculum training in Anchorage.
- ❑ Staff attended the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) open houses.
- ❑ Helped with a presentation at the college related to capital projects and funding.
- ❑ Participated in a Bethel Health Fair.
- ❑ Hosted visits from AWAIC, WISH, and ANDVSA staff .
- ❑ Staff attended the Undoing Racism workshop.
- ❑ TWC hosted the Choose Respect walk on March 29 with community partners KuC (college), AVCP (regional tribal nonprofit) and ONC (local tribe).
- ❑ Worked on several federal grants with tribal partners.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Due to budget cuts, unable to fully staff our administrative assistant/front desk position, creating stress on staff who now cover the doors, answer phones and provide customer service.
- ❑ We learned the police will no longer remove someone from the shelter and bring them to the sobering center if an individual is too intoxicated to remain in the program (but can return after sobering up in a safe place). They have stated that removing someone from private property without charging them with a crime is a violation of their civil rights, and that if TWC needs to have someone removed, staff will need to charge with a crime such as criminal trespass or disorderly conduct. We are struggling to sort out what this means for the judgment calls staff working alone on a shift who must now make in terms of keeping the shelter safe for everyone while also not pursuing criminal charges against the women we are serving.

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

Successes

- ❑ Hosted several Brownie and Girl Scout groups at the shelter with a healthy relationship and community resource presentations.
- ❑ Co-sponsored a series of films with KUCB broadcasting and the Girl Scouts, with a focus on empowering young women and girls.
- ❑ Partnered with KUCB to record PSAs for Dating Violence Prevention with local residents.
- ❑ Held the annual SOUP-OFF fundraiser with over 125 people in attendance.
- ❑ Through a partnership with A/PIA, sent our client service advocate and local behavioral health provider to the International Conference on Child & Family Maltreatment in San Diego.
- ❑ Continue to take responsibility for the organization, advertising, and facilitation of the Unalaska Interagency Cooperative, which meets monthly to bring local service providers together to share information, address issues and problems, and facilitate teamwork.
- ❑ Continue to promote our services through Facebook.
- ❑ Our bilingual advocate continues to make new PSAs that go out over the airways in both English and Tagalog.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Continue to work with local providers, regional, and statewide providers such as A/PIA, EAT, and ANDVSA to ensure all victims and clients in crisis have access to needed services.
- ❑ Our satellite office in Dutch Harbor increased outreach to underserved immigrant victims, but many populations in Unalaska are still reluctant to seek services. Continue to work with ANDVSA and the Alaska Immigration Justice Project to focus on reaching those populations.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ We saw an increase in the number of non-offending family members seeking services, as well those seeking information about how to help family, friends and co-workers living with domestic violence. There has also been an increase in our community in various types of crime, including assaults and vandalism.
- ❑ We lost several full-time staff due to low wages. They could not make enough to support themselves even with additional jobs. The cost of living is significantly higher than nearly everywhere else in Alaska and we are finding it difficult to compete with the city and other employers that offer excellent benefits .
- ❑ Affordable and available housing is difficult to find.

VFJ (Anchorage) – Victims for Justice

Successes

- ❑ Continue to provide a wide variety of services to assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization. Covering the greater Anchorage area and the Mat-Su Valley, our service area includes more than 55% of the state's population.
- ❑ Here is a snapshot of a few of the hundreds of victims we serve every year:
 - We had remarkable successes in helping our clients with their VCCB applications and assistance. When juries acquit or fail to reach a verdict, the victim can be suddenly vulnerable to the freed perpetrator, or unable to make a good case to VCCB.
 - Helped a victim of a DWI, who was unable to work and pay his medical and other bills, to work with his attorney to receive financial help from the insurance company and VCCB.
 - After much searching on the internet, VFJ was able to help find an organization devoted to the helping a victim who needed additional surgery from a crime related to an injury that occurred 10 years ago.
- ❑ The graduate student intern who is working with us as an advocate has been critical in meeting the needs of a very busy caseload.
- ❑ We have created and will soon print a booklet for victims who are the surviving family members of homicide victims.
- ❑ Approximately 72% of our 263 active clients this quarter are VOCA underserved. This includes victims of assault, robbery, arson, human trafficking, elder abuse, bullying, drunk driving, kidnapping, arson, and the surviving family members of homicide victims.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ Hosted our annual RiverWalk for Justice at the H2Oasis, a local water park. We shared information with homeless parents and children who attended from Anchorage shelters including AWAIC, MCKinnel House, and Clare House.
- ❑ In partnership with the DV Task Force and other victim service agencies, we planned activities for the 2012 National Crime Victims Rights Week.
- ❑ Continue to work cooperatively with STAR, AWAIC and Alaska CARES on DV/SA and CA cases.

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ Due to seriously decreased funding in 2012, all staff, including administrative, as well as volunteers, have worked to assist in this casework.
- ❑ We are challenged to meet our mandate with sharply reduced funding and hope for additional funds in FY 2013.

WISH (Ketchikan) – Women in Safe Homes

Successes

- ❑ Continue to partner with the Ketchikan Indian Community's DV program. We hold support groups for women at both locations.
- ❑ Met with the Chief of Police and cleared up some confusion about our release forms.
- ❑ The police department provided DRUGS 10: Ketchikan training to staff.
- ❑ Staff members participated in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD)101 Basic training
- ❑ Created the Serenity Room at WISH, a quiet time area used for privacy or just a place to cry.
- ❑ Our legal advocate connected many women charged with domestic violence misdemeanors to the Battered Women's Justice Project after learning of their histories of abuse.
- ❑ The board held a strategic planning session and board training with Susan Christiansen and approved a restructure of programs.
- ❑ Continue to strengthen our response to our rural areas through technical assistance and/or resource sharing.
- ❑ Worked diligently to provide whatever support possible to women with substance abuse issues as they wait to enter into a treatment facility.
- ❑ Attended the 2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters.

Community Involvements & Partnerships

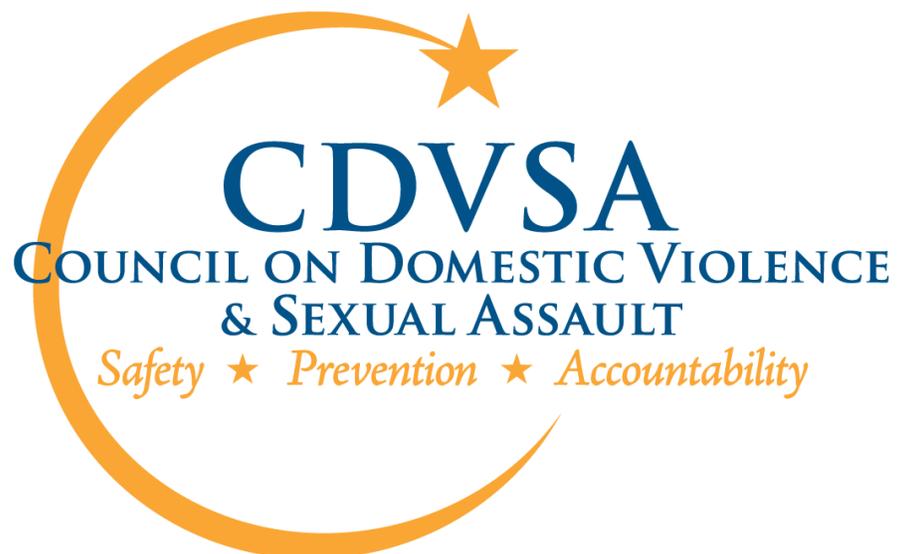
- ❑ Participated in the Choose Respect March.
- ❑ We were able to relocate a woman south for safety and medical needs through assistance from AWAIC's ANDVPPI program.
- ❑ Worked with SAFV in Sitka to connect a woman from Prince of Wales to resources.
- ❑ Hosted "A Pace for Grace" United Nations award winning Virtues Project training.
- ❑ Alaska Legal Services provided an in-house informational on available services.
- ❑ AWAIC's legal advocate provided training to our legal advocate and rural communities.
- ❑ Attended the first Ketchikan Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) meeting along with partners Ketchikan Indian Community, Ketchikan Public Health, Southeast Alaska Independent Living, and the Gateway Mental Health .

Challenges/Concerns

- ❑ We have seen more women coming to our program with major medical needs.
- ❑ There are many homeless women coming to WISH instead of our local homeless shelter due to fear of the men staying there.
- ❑ We are seeing more women with mental health needs that are victims of DV.
- ❑ Several board members resigned; we are actively recruiting new members.
- ❑ In many cases, as with substance abuse and disability issues, the mental health needs can be beyond the scope of our services at WISH. We partner with others to provide services.
- ❑ Lack of low-income or transitional housing. Alaska housing does not have enough vouchers.
- ❑ The building is in need of repair. An engineer has evaluated and provided estimated repair costs.

3rd Quarter Statistics and Program Narratives FY12

Batterer's Intervention Programs
Community Based



BIP Statistics at End of Quarter 3

BIP - Community FY12 Year-To-Date Statistics July 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012	AFS Palmer	IAC Fairbanks	KIC Ketchikan	LSC Kenai	SPHH Homer	total
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	33	32	7	25	239	336
How many written intake assessments were completed?	45	33	11	16	269	374
How many participants were accepted into the program?	47	33	7	16	265	368
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	10	52	5	13	178	258
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	36	153	163	380	1631	2363
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	17	12	3	5	97	134
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	13	15	10	26	156	220
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	2	3	0	6	30	41
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)?	5	13	7	3	58	86
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)	18	27	6	15	164	230
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)	7	19	4	9	124	163
What is the total dollars of fees collected?	\$30,848		\$4,345	\$8,180	\$4,656	\$48,029
What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?	\$4,705		\$2,825	\$0		\$7,530

AFS BIP (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

Overview

- ❑ Two new Group Facilitators have been added to FVIP. Intakes have remained steady and some groups continue to exceed best practice limits. Adding an additional community group would be optimal, but limited funding and personnel prohibit any added groups at this time. Court sentencing for DV Assault, Status Hearings and OCS referrals contribute to the steady increase of BIP clients.
- ❑ A change in fee policies no longer allowing clients to carry a balance owed or to attend without class payment has reduced the need for collection letters, has incurred a greater level of accountability on the part of participants, but has also resulted in more non-compliance letters for clients who have not returned due to the inability to make payments and/or the unwillingness to utilize community work service to assist with payment.

Successes

- ❑ Five participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.
- ❑ Meetings with troopers, DV Task Force, prison POs and continual contact with OCS, the DA's office and other community resources have provided greater information for services to clients and victims.
- ❑ The courts continue to support Status Report hearings and FVIP recommendations for court-ordered participants. Numbers for Victim Packets and Victim Safety Checks are up this quarter.
- ❑ National Stalking Awareness Month was highlighted in January.

Interactions with Organizations

- ❑ Law Enforcement – We continue to get good follow-through from AST, PPD, and WPD. Monthly DV Task Force meetings provide us further opportunities to connect. We maintain contact with the local AST officer assigned to DV follow-up who has been very helpful in working with our identified list of worst offenders.
- ❑ Prosecutors – We see ADA's at least monthly in court and maintain frequent phone contact.
- ❑ Court System – We maintain contact with our Legal Advocate regarding court hearings and information. Receiving paperwork from the Clerk's office remains a challenge and often requires multiple requests, but contact with the DVIP hearing scheduling clerk has given us some inroads to gaining information. The FVIP Manager attends monthly DVIP hearings and provides individual client statuses to the DA and the court.
- ❑ OCS (Office of Children's Services) – We receive regular referrals and make assessments on OCS clients for placement in BIP, Caring Dads, and/or Anger Management classes. Referrals continue to be steady along with requests for reports, court testimony, and supporting documentation.
- ❑ DV Task Force – Meeting monthly along with local law enforcement, Alaska Legal Services, Public Health, Mat-Su PH, and Knik Tribal Council. The quarter, the DV Task Force helped in planning the April Choose Respect Marches in the Valley.
- ❑ Behavioral Health – We have regular contact and collaboration with the Palmer Mental Health Court Coordinator as well as contact with local mental health providers regarding coordination of services.
- ❑ Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We maintain contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks.

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

Overview

- During this quarter, this agency held groups six times per week. An orientation session is being offered weekly rather than biweekly, and numerous individual intakes, make-up classes, homework help sessions, exit interviews and test reviews for those nearing completion were held.
- We continually refer our clients out to many agencies such as Alaska Housing, AA and NA Meetings, Treatment Centers, the Food Bank, Access Alaska and Attorney's to assist with applying for Social Security, FNA for general assistance, Adult Learning Programs of Alaska (ALPA), Traumatic Brain Injuries Support Groups and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- We continued the group for men with FAS(D), language barriers, and or other learning disabilities; many of these clients have a long history of domestic violence. We see success in this group.
- We are continuing the successful campaign of mailing letters to individuals regarding non-compliance.
- We had two new interns begin volunteering with us this quarter. They are offering homework help and one on one sessions with clients for counseling.
- The court system has begun the Pace Project and we expect them to begin sending us these clients.

Successes

- Monthly progress summaries are sent to agencies working with our clients.
- We continue to see success with clients we refer to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- We have found face to face meetings with probation officers, OCS, and other agencies to address issues clients are having are helpful for some clients.
- We continue to use the ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment) scoring criteria to help us determine if a client is at risk to reoffend and whether they can return to their families.

Interactions with Organizations

- Law Enforcement – We have a good relationship with AST and have found that we can call them when we have concerns about DVRO'S not being enforced and we get a quick response.
- Prosecutors – Increased contact with the Assistant District Attorney has allowed communication about lethality and progress so they can increase victim safety. We still face some struggles with having petitions to revoke probation filed in a timely manner, based on our Affidavits of Non-Compliance.
- Court System – We had a positive meeting with the presiding judge discussing the program. We continue to have success in working with court clerks to receive criminal and civil court paperwork and exchange information about compliance and non-compliance.
- Medical – We communicate as needed with local medical and service providers to assist in obtaining services and to assist in encouraging clients to get back on their regular medications.
- OCS – (Office of Children's Services) – We will again participate in Team Decision Making Meetings and have had extensive contact with caseworkers to educate them and to coordinate services, as well as attending outreach events to strengthen our Community Coordinated Response (CCR).
- DV Task Force – We continue to participate in the bi-monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We work closely with IAC shelter staff to increase safety and autonomy of women connected to our program. We work with other Batterers Intervention programs across the state to help with transfers and exchange information
- Other, explain – We have worked closely with Adult Probation and Parole Officers, the Division of Juvenile Justice, and the Child Custody Investigator's Office to check in on the status of our clients; which helps us to hold perpetrators accountable.

KIC BIP (Ketchikan) – Ketchikan Indian Corporation

Overview

- We have been using the database. We have two part time employees. As with last quarter we only had part-time facilitators for the groups. However, the advocate/female facilitators have remained the same consistent employees for several years.
- We have submitted the 2012-14 grant for funding with CDVSA and anticipate we will continue to provide this valuable service in Ketchikan in the future.

Successes

- We are improving our program by monitoring and reviewing court records.
- We are sharing responsibility of program duties, cross training for skill-building.
- I feel we are on the right track with our database as well as our plans to improve our program with court monitoring and case review.

Interactions with Organizations

- Law Enforcement – We’ve had monthly contact. Input from law enforcement at DV task force meetings has been favorable.
- Prosecutors – Sometimes we have weekly contact with prosecutors, depending on individual cases
- Court System – The court personnel participated in a training on DV and services we provide to the community.
- Medical – We’ve had internal contact and referrals for victim services. Public health has been participating in Task force meetings regularly.
- OCS – family protection team - Advocates participate in weekly meetings when children are involved in DV cases.
- DV Task Force – We have facilitated four monthly task force meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – We had no direct contact during this quarter
- Other victim services or Batterer’s Intervention Programs- We have daily or weekly internal contact with WISH. A new interest in addressing the coordinated community response has arisen from WISH staff following a training the director attended.

LSC BIP (Kenai/Soldotna) – LeeShore Center

Overview

- During the 3rd quarter, 6 new participants entered the program and were provided orientation. There were 3 court hearings held to address non-compliance issues: 9 cases were continued to future dates and 2 participants were reassigned to the program.

Successes

- We are currently working in the Empathy and Compassion module.
- We proactively maintain positive working relationships with all relevant support and accountability organizations.

Interactions with Organizations

- Law Enforcement – The BIP co-facilitator attends DV Task Force meetings with law enforcement on a monthly basis. Law enforcement training is ongoing as scheduled.
- Prosecutors – We provide a monthly report of the participants who attend BIP and work with their office when filing non-compliances and attending court hearings. During this quarter one assistant DA handled non-compliance issues during court hearings. Reports of BIP participant completion or non-compliance are provided to the DA’s office monthly.
- Court System – The BIP co-facilitator goes to the Kenai Court System on a weekly basis to collect new referrals. BIP court is held once a month and is attended by the co-facilitator. The court system typically rotates judges/magistrates for BIP court hearings but since January, Magistrate Christian has presided over non-compliance proceedings.
- Medical – Interaction occurs at least monthly during DV/SA Task Force meetings and SART call-outs. BIP co-facilitator also attends Children’s Team meetings and provides information on the agency and programs.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) – Interaction occurs as necessary regarding referrals to BIP and follow-up compliance issues. Regional OCS office director, Bill Galic, provides training twice a year during our Community Awareness Workshop.
- DV Task Force – LeeShore chairs the monthly Domestic Violence Task Force meetings. Trainings on various domestic violence and sexual assault topics are provided every other month.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Victims whose past or current partners are participants of BIP are provided VCCB information during weekly safety check calls.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We maintain contact with a variety of BIP programs in the state on an as needed basis. We provide information to other programs on BIP participants who are reassigned from our program and monitor their attendance if required by Kenai Court System.
- Other, explain – We maintain contact with Adult Probation regarding BIP participant referrals and non-compliance issues.

SPHH BIP (Homer) – South Peninsula Haven House

Overview

- ❑ There were no significant changes this quarter. We had 3 men exit the program and no new participants were admitted.
- ❑ Facilitators continue to incorporate a reflection tool derived from Naikon Therapy that has proven to be effective in participants' self-awareness around accountability and empathy.
- ❑ It was unusual that we did not receive any new court referrals during this quarter.
- ❑ During this quarter, Haven House provided a good deal of community awareness around domestic violence and sexual assault to our community, through events and participation on community coalitions.

Successes

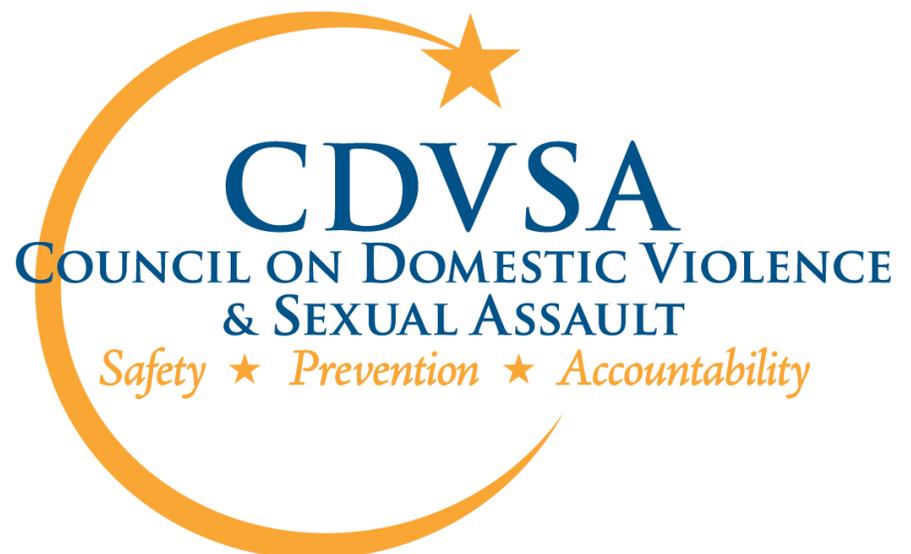
- ❑ Continuation of a reflection tool derived from Naikon Therapy seems to be effective in helping develop empathy as well as accountability. Feedback from the men in the group has been positive. We saw men successfully complete the program this quarter.
- ❑ Our DVIP program participated with the other Haven House awareness activities. Haven House sponsored the March 29 Choose Respect Community Event, put on our annual community event (Women of Distinction), and participated on two community coalitions that work together on prevention.

Interactions with Organizations

- ❑ Law Enforcement – no problems noted. We continue to meet and communicate with local law enforcement officials regularly.
- ❑ Prosecutors – no problems noted. The DA is responsive and we have been working well with Victim Witness professionals at the DAs office.
- ❑ Court System – Monthly status hearings continue to occur smoothly; no problem noted
- ❑ Medical – Haven House meets regularly with medical partners to ensure quality services to victims.
- ❑ OCS (Office of Children's Services) – Ongoing positive relationship. Communication and collaboration with OCS has gone smoothly and been productive for Haven House and clients.
- ❑ DV Task Force – For reasons of efficiency, this has been folded in to the multiple disciplinary/ team meeting meetings and we meet monthly.
- ❑ Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – referrals made when appropriate, contact continues as needed to advocate for client.
- ❑ Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – regular communication as needed

3rd Quarter Statistics and Performance Reports FY12

Batterer's Intervention Program
Prison Based



PBP Statistics at End of Quarter 3

BIP - Prison FY12 1st Quarter Statistics July 1-September 30, 2010	AFS-Prison (PCC) Palmer	AFS-Prison (PMC) Palmer	AWARE - Prison Juneau	IAC-Prison Fairbanks	Totals
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	18	8	6	20	52
How many written intake assessments were completed?	30	17	14	22	83
How many participants were accepted into the program?	20	17	11	22	70
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	1	0	2	17	20
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	2	2	7	56	67
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	4	3	0	2	9
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	2	0	2	1	5
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	5	2	2	0	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)?	3	0	2	2	7
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	1	3	13	23
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	16	18

AFS PBP (Palmer) – Alaska Family Services

PCC

Overview

- ❑ Two new Group Facilitators have been added to FVIP. Intakes have remained steady and groups have exhibited a steady turnover as inmates are furloughed or transferred. A new PO has been added to assist with the caseload, and dialogue with PO's has assisted in referrals for inmates most in-need of BIP. Adding an additional group at the Minimum Facility would be optimal, but limited funding and personnel prohibit any added group at this time. Court sentencing for DV Assault along with PO referrals contributes to steady attendance for the PCC program.
- ❑ FVIP Group Facilitators were provided a 4-hour DOC Orientation by Sgt. Kollander at PCC this quarter; an excellent review for established facilitators and a wealth of pertinent information for new facilitators to assist them in providing group for the prisons.

Successes

- ❑ Two participants completed the BIP this quarter. Two new Group Facilitators are being trained to provide groups at PCC. We maintain continued dialogue and partnership with PCC PO's and had opportunities to meet with them this quarter for information exchange.

PMC

Overview

- ❑ Two new Group Facilitators have been added to FVIP. Intakes have remained steady and groups have exhibited a steady turnover as inmates are furloughed or transferred. Dialogue with PO's has assisted in referrals for inmates most in-need of BIP. Court sentencing for DV Assault along with PO referrals contributes to steady attendance for the PMC program.
- ❑ FVIP Group Facilitators were provided a 4-hour DOC Orientation by Sgt. Kollander at PCC this quarter; an excellent review for established facilitators and a wealth of pertinent information for new facilitators to assist them in providing group for the prisons.
- ❑ Two new Group Facilitators are being trained to provide groups at PMC. We maintain continued dialogue and partnership with the PMC PO and had opportunities to meet with her this quarter for information exchange.

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

Overview

- During this quarter, JBAP staff received the updated Duluth Model curriculum. This approach reinforces themes from the “Equality Wheel”, and brings the discussion more often to non-controlling alternative behaviors. Men are still encouraged to think about and be accountable for their past violence, but rather than brainstorming many ways they were abusive, we are encouraged to think and talk more about what prompts them to be caring, equal partners. While we have not fully dropped the old Duluth Model curriculum, we are integrating exercises from the new curriculum into our current programming.
- This quarter one of our primary focuses was to address the concerns brought up in our Community Feedback Survey. As part of the Survey and individual discussions with partners, we heard concern about the length of the program.
- We are working on changing our programming to a tiered approach. Tier One will be a 26 week course and Tier Two will be a 52 course. The two tiers will provide a way to respond to the community’s desire for a shorter program for lower level offenders and a longer program for higher risk offenders. The impact of this change will likely be greater in the community program; many of the men who participate in the prison program are assessed at a high lethality level, mostly felons, and many for violent crimes. If adopted, this plan will require increased staff time to transition and meet with community partners to explain the change.

Successes

- This quarter, of 8 referrals, we have enrolled 5 men. Our class size has increased from 4 to 9 participants. We have been very careful to engage probation officers for each man, and to update them in person on their inmate’s progress. We also have used probation more to work out participation expectations with men, and to challenge them to think about any barriers they are experiencing. Thus our individual meetings with men and group meetings with men and their probation officers have increased, with men attending class more consistently.
- This quarter staff participated in Success In and Out at Lemon Creek Correctional Facility, and gave two training on the mechanics of referrals and participation in JBAP. Success In and Out is a program for inmates who will be released from prison in the next 18 months. JBAP has participated in this Event for four years and in the future, JBAP staff will be the lead agency in coordinating the Families and Change element of the program.
- As part of AWARE Advocacy Training, staff presented an overview of the JBAP program to 9 volunteers and new staff. JBAP staff also presented at a continuing education presentation for existing AWARE staff as we prepare to make substantive changes to the educational format of JBAP.

Interactions with Organizations

- Law Enforcement – LCCC staff- Continued weekly meetings to update staff on status of referrals; screen potential referrals who may not be court ordered.
- Adult Probation – Continue to communicate when needed about the status of referrals.
- Prosecutors – Ongoing meetings regarding specific referrals to the program and status updates as well as program length and concerns.
- Court System – Ongoing compliance and evidentiary hearings for participants.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) – Ongoing communication regarding men referred to the program and men enrolled at LCCC.

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

Overview

- This agency held groups once a week at the Fairbanks Correctional Center (FCC). Intake and Orientation sessions were held alternating weeks.
- We coordinate with the Office of Children’s Services, the District Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, Adult Probation and Parole, the Fairbanks District Court, as well as the Life Success: Substance Abuse Treatment Program at FCC.
- We continue with the challenge of keeping group size to regular capacity as we had clients/inmates transferring to other facilities, being discharged from FCC, and community clients coming back to jail for reoffense, primarily probation violations.

Successes

- For those who choose to be accountable and change their abusive behavior, the education we provide helps them make progress in their lives. They begin to use these new skills with their fellow inmates, with intimate partners telephonically and during family visitations, improving their time in prison.
- We continue to screen out men who are not interested in change and are not appropriate.
- It is very satisfying to watch how some clients come into class resisting change and blaming everyone but themselves; then, with time, they begin holding new classmates accountable and calling them on the same behaviors they themselves exhibited as they first walked through the doors into class.
- Some clients who have been concurrently participating in the Life Success: Substance Abuse Treatment Program (LSAT) at FCC has shown a great deal of progress.
- Our program serves important part of the Department of Corrections mission to help those who have committed crimes to be able to rejoin their families and communities with a lower risk of future violence.

Interactions with Organizations

- We are constantly working on ways to further educate the judicial system, law enforcement, other agencies, and the community about the dynamics of DV and of the important services we provide.
- Law Enforcement – Our contact with Law Enforcement comes through the DV task force.
- Prosecutors – During this quarter the district attorney’s office has continued calling on us in helping to make decisions about these clients and their lethality. We continue to work to improve the efficiency of filing non-compliance and having a timely intervention when individuals have violated probation. We communicate with them about safety concerns, we may have for the victims and or the community.
- Court System – We are interested in having more interaction with our judiciary, to teach one another and share more information regarding cases. Unfortunately, it is an ongoing struggle we have with our local judges, who see training received from local agencies as being an inappropriate deviance from their impartiality. Thus, education that may help them be more aware of the dynamics of domestic violence in both criminal and civil proceedings has been lacking.
- Medical – We interact with medical at FCC when a group member is showing signs of suicide and or to ask their assistance in assessing cognitive ability.
- OCS – (Office of Children’s Services) – We have a very good relationship with the Office of Children’s Services. We did attend the DV Task Force meetings this quarter and hope to be able to add in the Family to Family meetings this quarter. We send monthly progress summaries to Caseworkers of clients to inform them of their status in program.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We work closely with IAC’s shelter staff to increase safety and autonomy of women connected to our program.