

# 3rd Quarter Council Meeting

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### Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

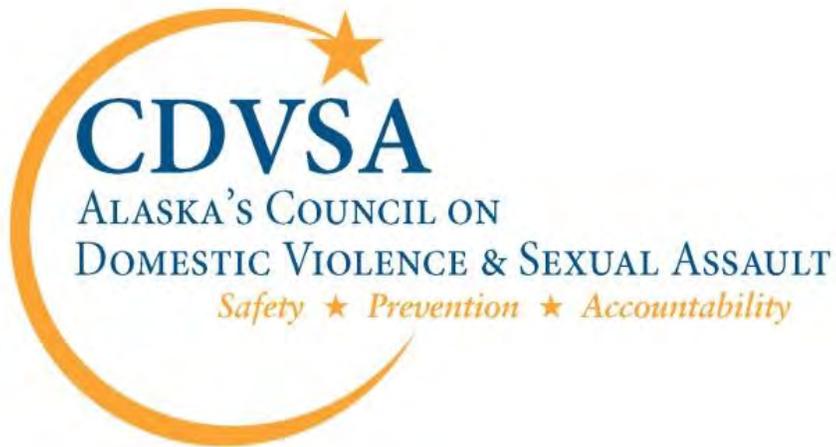
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Quarterly Meeting: February 24-25, 2016  
Location: Goldbelt Building

Teleconference Number: 800-315-6338 code 23872#

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### Wednesday, February 24, 2016

9:00 am	Call to Order-Roll Call, Agenda Review, Conflict Inquiry, Announce Officer Elections Chair Comments	Richard Irwin
9:15 am	Minute Review: December 2015	Richard Irwin
9:30 am	Executive Director Report Financials	Lauree Morton
10:15 am	BREAK	
10:30 am	Staff Introductions	Marybeth Gagnon/Meggie Reinholdt
10:45	Council Comments	Richard Irwin
11:15am	PREA Update	Diane Casto/Karen Forrest
11:45	Public Comment	Richard Irwin
Noon	Working lunch with ANDVSA	
1:30 pm	PEW Justice Reinvestment	Terry Schuster
2:30 pm	BREAK	
2:45 pm	Council Job Description MOA with state departments	Susan Cushing Richard Irwin
3:15pm	BREAK	
3:30 pm	Executive Session Women in Safe Homes	

Thursday, February 25, 2015

9:00 am	Review Wednesday	Richard Irwin
9:15	Legislative Update	Lauree Morton
9:45 am	Dates for FY2017 meetings Election: Chair/Vice-Chair	Richard Irwin
10:15	BREAK	
10:30	Alaska Victimization Survey Results	Dr. Andre Rosay
Noon	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	Tour Child Advocacy Center	
3:00	Substance Abuse/Medicaid Update	Karen Forrest
3:30	Safe Children's Act Update	Trevor Storrs/Patty Owen
4:00	BREAK	
4:15	SART training/video	Rachel Gernat/Angie Wells
4:45	Closing Comments Next meeting tasks	Richard Irwin
5:00	ADJOURN	

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Council Meeting  
Nullagvik Hotel Conference Room  
306 Shore Avenue  
Kotzebue, Alaska  
December 8 - 9, 2015**

**Committee Members Present**

Richard Irwin – Chair  
Commissioner Gary Folger  
Rachel Gernat  
Karen Forrest  
Diane Castro  
Jim Cantor  
Patty Owen - telephonic  
Donna Erickson – telephonic  
Susan Cushing – telephonic

**Guests**

Jackie Hill	Michelle Kubalack
Suzy Pearson	Shylena Monroe
Saralyn Tabachnick - telephonic	Stephanie Pattison
David Wilson - telephonic	Chris Hatch
Beth Borgarde - telephonic	Timothy Birt
Maggie Reinholdt - telephonic	Gretchen Kennedy

**Staff**

Lauree Morton  
Angie Wells  
Mary Beth Gagnon - telephonic  
Ann Rausch - telephonic  
Freda Westman - telephonic

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

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin commented that he was looking forward to the meeting, and he shared a quote, "The most important key to successful leadership is your ability to direct and challenge the very best that is in those that you lead." He noted that in his review of the board packet, he is constantly amazed at the incredible work that is being done across the state, and it reminds him of the necessity of affirmation to all of those who are engaged in carrying out the cause. He posed this question to the board members as a homework assignment: *What is one thing you can do to encourage and build this Council and/or the cause?*

### **CONFLICT INQUIRY**

Richard Irwin polled the Council members for any conflicts of interest, and none were reported.

### **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Richard Irwin introduced the new board members, Karen Forrest from the Department of Health and Social Services and Diane Casto from the Department of Corrections

### **JULY/AUGUST MINUTES**

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to accept the minutes for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget meeting held at the Crime Lab on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donna Erickson **SECONDED** the motion. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. 7/0**

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Council meeting minutes from the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting that was video/teleconference. Diane Casto **SECONDED** the motion. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. 7/0**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Lauree Morton directed the members' attention to the newly revised Strategic Plan. She stated that the Strategic Plan is also posted on the website for public consumption. She then turned to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the State Department signed in 2012 and noted that with the new administration and new people on the Council, it may be a good time to review the MOU and then possibly make recommendations at the February meeting, update it, and have a final signed version by the end of the February meeting.

Lauree Morton directed the members' attention to the financials, which were contained in the board packet. Lauree noted that their financial position is on target. She noted that the first page is a broad overview of the funding sources, which consist of general funds, interagency receipts, and federal grants.

The funds are expended in six line items as follows:

- Personal Services
- Travel
- Commodities
- Capital Outlays
- Grants
- Benefits

Lauree Morton noted that currently there are no expenditures in capital outlay. The major expenditures, as expected, are in grants and benefits. She noted that page 2 is an overview of the different federal grants CDVSA receives as follows:

- The Services-Training-Officers-Prosecution (STOP) Grant through the Office of Violence Against Women
- Sexual Assault Services Programs (SASP)
- Grants to Encourage Arrest (GTEA)
- Victims of Crime Act Grants (VOCA)
- The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Grants (FVPSA)
- The Safe Visitation Safe Exchange Program Grant (SVSEP)
- Justice for Families Grant (JFF)

Lauree Morton noted that the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) consolidated five of their grant programs under one umbrella and changed the name of it to the Justice for Families Grant (JFF). CDVSA was a successful recipient of the continuation of the Safe Visitation and Safe Exchange Program Grant. Lauree stated that CDVSA is on schedule for completing the projects and expending grant funds by their end dates.

Lauree Morton reported that the FVPSA and VOCA offices at the federal level both have been working on revising their regulations, particularly around data gathering, thus Alaska has been busy revising their data gathering instruments to ensure that they can meet the new federal reporting. A new database has gone out to programs, and training is being provided. Programs are scheduled to begin reporting in January.

The SAFE Children's Act Taskforce completed its second meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and the next meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. They have been reviewing evidence-based curricula and talking through the scope of the taskforce and ways in which they are going to be recommending curricula for the students K through 12, curricula for training for the K through 12 teachers, what it means for parental notice, and how to get materials to parents for K through 12. The expectation is that they will be ready to make formal recommendations regarding curricula in January, and they hope to have a presentation to the Department of Education before June of 2016.

Lauree Morton reported that for the past few years they have been holding two statewide week-long Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) trainings augmenting the training in regional communities. Due to the training opportunities that regional teams can now access, the training team, as a whole, has been looking at the possibility of changing the five days to three days and considering whether they would provide the training statewide or move to regional-specific. They will also be looking at how they can best meet the needs of first responders who need the training and can't wait a year to get into

the training. Lauree noted that it has been a very active area for CDVSA over the past several months. A video was just completed by the trainers on a SART callout to take people through the process. Rachel Gernat described the content of the video and highlighted the uniqueness of the training itself.

With regards to the Kids Club Mom's Empowerment, there was a delay in getting the funding out because of IRS issues in how they disburse money to grantees. Eventually the funding was disbursed and the programs did get started. The program is currently active at AWARE in Juneau, SAFE in Sitka, Haven House in Homer, and the new participant this year is IAC in Fairbanks.

Lauree Morton reported that she will be participating in a Homelessness Summit scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. The summit is being convened by the Governor's office. Lauree noted that she will have the shelter perspective for victims.

Lauree Morton reported that there is a point-in-time count that the National Network on Domestic Violence holds in the fall across the nation as point-in-time count for domestic violence services. CDVSA programs participate in that count. Lauree reported that there is also a point-in-time count done by HUD in January, and CDVSA is talking about ways in which to combine the Alaska counts of both of those as a way to have a comprehensive look at homelessness in Alaska. She believes that that information would be helpful to CDVSA with future planning.

With regards to staffing, Ann Rausch, the Program Coordinator II working with prevention; Rocket Parish, the research/data analyst; and Angie Wells, the administrative assistant, celebrated work anniversaries in November.

Lauree Morton reported that the Criminal Justice Commission report is going to be public on Thursday. She noted that the Council participated in helping coordinate the victim service roundtables and the Commission used that information in the report. There was also some effort to get prevention and victim services money in the Governor's budget through that endeavor, and so CDVSA is hopeful that there will be more than a placeholder in the budget.

With regards to research, Lauree Morton stated Dr. Rosay relayed they have completed the surveys and are verifying the data of the Victimization Survey, which is the five-year follow up to the Statewide Survey, CDVSA is anticipating the report and are expecting to be able to release the report in January. Dr. Rosay and Lauree are working on a presentation to the legislature and thinking through the next steps in being able to further work with prevention and core services with the results of the survey.

Lauree Morton stated that the AVS Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs Study has been experiencing stops and starts, and currently is at a stopping place. There is a possibility of a report at the February meeting in which Dr. Rosay will talk about the survey. One of

the possibilities of using the survey is as a midpoint baseline so they would be able to tell if the general public's knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs change over the next five years. CDVSA is actively looking for funding to be able to continue the project. Research was cut out of the budget for this year and not put in for the coming years, so they are looking at federal sources to find some way to be able to continue the regional surveys and maybe looking at ways in which to get funding through charitable trusts or with the National Institute of Justice to do more focused evaluations on the prevention activities.

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention to the program reports and noted that a common thread through all the programs is that they are at or over capacity, and some programs have already seen more people in the first quarter of FY16 than they saw in FY15. Lauree presented first quarter FY16 program highlights as follows:

**AVV:**

There are concerns with the lack of OCS presence in their area and the difficulty that presents when trying to advocate for families without a consistent relationship with OCS.

**AWAIC:**

A highlight for AWAIC is the emergency cold weather plan and how they have gathered community partners together and each takes responsibility for different services. AWAIC's portion of the plan is operating the hotline for families that don't have housing.

**AWARE:**

They continue to expand Girls on the Run (GOTR). CDVSA contracted to take over the statewide GOTR project, and through GOTR International, they were awarded to be a statewide Council. This year they are going to be working with Juneau, Yakutat, Wrangell, Haines, Homer, Ketchikan, Fairbanks, and Cordova.

**CFRC:**

The Believe It Or Not I Care (B.I.O.N.I.C.) youth group has been meeting weekly. This is one way in which they are working with the youth in schools and having support groups for them.

**IAC:**

Lauree Morton noted that with respect to housing vouchers, AHFC, The Network, and the Council created an MOU through the Choose Respect Initiative, and money was made available for housing vouchers for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They are three-year vouchers. The hope is that by the end of the third year, people are going to be able to have other sustainable housing, and the voucher can be passed to other victims of domestic violence/sexual assault. IAC is continuing to be successful helping individuals get into safe housing.

**Lee Shore Center:**

LSC partnered with Domestic Animal Abuse Protection League to present information to Borough assembly members about the correlation between animal abuse and domestic violence. Sometimes victims of violence find that it is a barrier to leaving the home if there is nowhere for their animals to go to be protected.

**SAFE:**

SAFE held 11 Sisters in Safety Through Recovery (SISTR) meetings. SISTR is a program focused on women working together on interpersonal violence, child sexual abuse, and alcohol/drug use issues. It is not only for women who are in shelter; it's also for women who have been referred by the alcohol treatment center. It is a peer-to-peer support group.

**SAFV:**

The staff continues to meet with Foraker to move forward on the deferred maintenance/shelter expansion project. SAFV's partnership with Mt. Edgecumbe High School on Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) is ongoing. SAFV is participating in a study on sexual assault and Alaska Natives.

**SPHH:**

The Green Dot Bystander Prevention program was adopted by the high school, and student training is set for next quarter.

**TWC:**

Bethel experienced many losses this past summer between accidental/unexpected deaths and suicide. The staff at TWC took intentional steps to expand self-care, grief processing, and healthy communications.

Lauree Morton directed the members' attention to the BIP reports contained in the board packet and noted that reviewing the reports causes CDVSA to look at systemic concerns. One concern brought to light in the AFS report was the concern that the court systems in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Palmer have started charging for records requests of a client's judgment. Most programs do not have the funds to purchase records to be compliant in petitioning the court to revoke probation on clients that are non-compliant. AFS is planning to meet with the court personnel to find a way to resolve this concern.

Lauree highlighted the following information from other programs as follows:

**Lee Shore Center:**

Two participants who completed the program asked to do the program again, because they see a different side to it and understand it better. This is gratifying for the facilitators and is important for the new class members to hear the opinions of their peers.

## **AWARE/JCAP**

JCAP continues to have positive relationships with the court. Judge Nave reflected that JCAP is a very good program and that while the non-completion rate is high, in his five years as district court judge, he's found that the program completers rarely return to court for domestic violence offenses.

Lauree Morton commented that is very helpful to read through the reports, and she suggested that if there is other information the Council members would like to see, please forward that to her.

Council members comments related to the BIP reports were as follows:

- Rachel Gernat commented that with regards to the reports, the narratives are same as services reports. Lauree responded that they are working with programs to refine reporting.
- Rachel Gernat commented that the BIP statistics of people participating that are in continual contact with victim are close in number, but people receiving victim services are half. She requested more information related to this concern at the next meeting.
- Diane Casto voiced her concern regarding fidelity to programs or reported outcomes. She would like more detail about what is happening in the BIP programs in the communities. Lauree Morton responded that in Juneau, Mat-Su, and Fairbanks, the prison-based program is run by the people who also do the community-based program, and there are mechanisms for making transfers from one program into the next.
- Commissioner Folger's concerns were related to the activities of tribal entities' commitments for BIPs. He noted that some tribes have programming, but it's not court ordered, because you can only be court ordered to an approved program, and an approved program has to fit a very narrow model, which is one of the reasons why they are trying to change the regulations so more people can come in. He commented that Southcentral does the Family Wellness Warriors, which is more of a family-centered model of dealing with trauma through specific cultural and spiritual ways. Some tribes have SCF come in and do Family Wellness Warriors or Beauty for Ashes kinds of programming, but it is not considered BIP programming, and they cannot accept court-ordered referrals. Lauree Morton explained the different subsets of approved programs. Lauree Morton will look to garner more information regarding the financial structure of available approved programs.
- Karen Forrest had questions regarding the BIP regulations and the Council's involvement in the drafting of the regulations. Lauree Morton stated that the DOC contracted with the Council, and part of the contract is to revise the regulations. The Council spent over a year and a half working on them, and they are currently stalled at DOC. She expected the draft will be given to the Council for another chance to review them and make recommendations. Lauree offered to get a draft of the regulations for the Council members to review.

## **ANDVSA REPORT**

Suzy Pearson, the Governance Board chair for the Network reported that their last meeting was in Anchorage on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, and during that time, they discussed several issues including the following:

- They are still in the process of hiring an executive director. They are hoping to have an ED hired by early February. The Network is expecting to have an offer process completed regarding a new ED by the end of next week, and that will be announced as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Network is looking at hiring a lobbyist to address the Network's interest in the legislature this session.
- There was a report at the meeting from Lauree Morton. They had a very good discussion on budget issues with Lauree and what the Network would be looking forward to as far as budget requests, and the impact that the budget would have on victim services.
- There was an extensive discussion regarding the Criminal Justice Commission and what is going on with regards to the Commission's activities and how that will impact victim services as well as the goals of the Commission.
- There was an excellent training through the National Center on Domestic Violence Trauma and Mental Health that was for the executive directors focused on reflective practices in domestic violence/sexual assault agencies.
- There was a visit from the Deferred Maintenance Project, the people that are in charge of the State and Rasmuson funds, and they reported that they were disappointed about a lack of awards from other foundations and hadn't received as much funding as they anticipated. There was possibly going to be some impact on the funding that the programs received.

Commissioner Folger requested detailed budget information related to the Deferred Maintenance Project. Suzy Pearson will forward that information to Lauree Morton who will send it out to Council members.

## **MANIILAQ WOMEN'S SHELTER**

Jackie Hill welcomed the Council members to Kotzebue and gave an overview of Maniilaq Association's organizational chart, which she provided to the Council. She reported that the Association provides services to all of the surrounding villages, including Point Hope who receives health services and the behavioral health staff travels to Point Hope. Jackie stated that the Board of Directors is the governing board and is made up of tribal representatives from each of the villages in the region. The Board is at the top of the org chart, and then the president/CEO, who is Tim Schuerch, and then the four departments as follows:

- Health Services, which makes up to over 80 percent of the operating budget
- Social Services, which houses behavioral health services and senior and disability services, and the long-term care services for elders.
- Tribal Government, which consists of tribal services, tribal assistance programs, and workforce development programs.

- Administration, which houses the offices, facilities services, finance, human resources, information technology, and planning and development.

Jackie Hill spoke passionately with regards the obstacles and challenges their region has faced and are working on resolving. She noted that they are looking for ways to address challenges in a culturally relevant manner. She described the day-to-day operations of the shelter noting that one of the challenges of overseeing the shelter is the constant turnover in staff.

Rachel Gernat directed the discussion to the historical lack of communication from Maniilaq and expressed the importance for more accurate information on how Kotzebue is being served by the shelter. Jackie Hill stated that during the shelter manager's audit of the files, it became apparent that data was not being entered or was entered incorrectly, and the acting manager is working with CDVSA to find a way to correct the discrepancies to be able to report accurately.

Shylena Monroe, the acting manager, described the discrepancies she found while doing a file audit, which is the main reason for the lack of accurate data reporting. She supplied the Council with a draft report of the activities from October through December. She assured the Council that she is working with CDVSA staff to resolve the reporting issues that have plagued the shelter.

Shylena Monroe reported that among the daily activities at the shelter, they are working on opening the support house, which will provide a meeting place for all sorts of activities. Shylena expects to begin that program in January.

With regards to training, two employees traveled for legal advocacy training, and an advanced SART training is scheduled for next month. Other activities include the on-call phone service, which is a 24-hour hotline. Shylena spoke to the advocacy the shelter does with people who are not in residence at that shelter, assisting them in a variety of ways. The legal advocacy consists of going to court, helping with protective orders, and emergency transportation. They are also working on getting safe home providers. Shylena noted that there is good communication between law enforcement and the program.

Shylena Monroe gave an update on their community outreach activities. She reported that in October, they did fundraisers and community outreach including a Halloween carnival, silent auction, candlelight vigil, and spirit week. They are currently working on partnering with the school to see if they can do an educational presentation and provide resources. They have also met with the community health providers in the region to educate them on the resources the shelter provides.

## **FINANCIALS**

With regards to the FY17 budget update, Lauree Morton reported that the budget is scheduled to come out soon, and they will be able to look and see how CDVSA does in

the Governor's budget. Lauree doesn't expect any surprises. At the previous meeting, there was a discussion about a possible reduction of approximately \$340,000, and the Board discussed taking that from the BIP and either a flat reduction or prorated reduction to programs in Victims Services. At the Network meeting, Lauree discussed the proposed budget reductions, and the recommendation from the Network was to take it from the Kids Club Mom's Empowerment as a specific discreet program, and they would attempt to talk to the legislature about the importance of the project, as opposed to a flat or prorated reduction. Lauree noted that they are expecting some pushback from DOC with regards to the reduction to the BIP, and they will have to be formulating ways in which to talk through how to continue to provide the service without the funding. Lauree noted that the funding for DOC is in two reimbursable services agreements with DOC, one for \$68,000 for the administration of the BIP in the state, the approval process, the monitoring, the technical assistance, and one for \$100,000-plus for the prison-based programs.

Lauree Morton reported that in the past, the Council has been asked to do specific budget presentations, but they were not asked to do a specific budget presentation in the Senate last session, and she thought that was unfortunate as they could have answered some questions that came up in special session that could have been addressed earlier. The same subcommittee chairs are sitting this session, and if the Council is asked, they will be happy to provide a separate presentation. If Council members would like to see the budget presentation CDVSA did last year, Lauree stated that she would be pleased to send that to them.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was taken.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Donna Erickson **MOVED** to go into executive session to discuss matters of importance to the operations of CDVSA; WISH onsite review and the Executive Committee report. The motion was **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

Karen Forrest **MOVED** to go back into regular session. The motion was **SECONDED** by Donna Erickson. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

Lauree Morton gave a brief report regarding the WISH on-site review. WISH was placed on probation on September 9<sup>th</sup> for the remainder of the fiscal year. A probation memo was sent to WISH that included nine corrective actions. She was happy to report that they have taken steps to address some of the corrective actions including employee training, employment practices, trauma-informed care training for the agency and their employees, and are revising their termination practices

The WISH board and the executive director met with the Council's Executive Committee and director on November 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a productive meeting in which the WISH board

agreed to certain action items including screening-in process for people who may have substance use issues; to continue trauma-informed training using a recommended program from the Council, Real Tools; to retain their records for three years; include safety planning when program participants were leaving the facility; and work on strengthening their termination policies including ensuring that the policy was made available to terminating employees through their last payroll.

Lauree Morton stated that the staff recommendation is that WISH continues to be on probation through June 30<sup>th</sup>, and that they, as previously requested, would provide a working timeline to the Council in the manner in which they are going to address their remaining concerns.

WISH respectively requested that when the timeline items are completed, the board would consider a probationary status review to see if the probationary status could be removed.

Jim Cantor **MOVED** to continue probation through June 30<sup>th</sup> and that WISH provide a working timeline to address the remaining concerns. The motion was **SECONDED** by Donna Erickson. Jim Cantor commented that due to the consternation of board members as to whether there was a timeline that seemed to meet what they expected, he recommended that WISH and the Council staff need to work that out before the end of any probationary period. A roll call vote was taken and the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin read a letter presented to the Council by Susan Cushing, a public member on the Council, regarding honoring meeting dates. Susan described the challenges for public members on the Council and the commitment it takes on a personal and professional level to serve on the Council board. In closing, she asked the Council to reconsider the February/March quarterly meeting dates and hold them when the legislature is in session.

Rachel Gernat, a public member, agreed with Susan Cushing's sentiments related to the commitment of public members. Rachel described the impact changes to the meeting schedule has on public members who have families, small businesses, careers, and other commitments.

Donna Erickson, a public member, commented that when she was approached to become a public member, it was not clear to her the amount of travel and time the commitment would require. She recommended that the scope of the public member's commitment be explained in advance.

Richard Irwin, a public member, agreed that it can be a challenge to serve on the board. He made the following recommendations:

- All members are present for the meeting when the dates are chosen.

- A detailed job description for candidates from the Governor's office be produced by CDVSA.
- Provide a detailed job description for candidates to the Network so they have a set of criteria to present to prospective candidates.
- CDVSA provide a document explaining the expectations and responsibilities of public members on the website.

Lauree Morton agreed to write a draft job description for the Council to review at the next meeting.

### **PREVENTION UPDATE**

Lauree Morton reported that the reduction in funding was over \$2.7 million from FY15 to FY16 for prevention efforts. The CDVSA board did make \$500,000 available for prevention activities for FY16. Included in the board packet was an update on the prevention activities they were able to financially support. Lauree highlighted the following information:

- **COMPASS:**  
There have been six trainings, including McLaughlin Youth Center. This year there are plans to have regional trainers so that the program can continue and have people more locally assessable go out and train men to provide the services.
- **LeadON:**  
Lauree Morton encouraged the Council members to go online and look at the digital stories from the youth in the state.
- **Stand Up, Speak Up:**  
This year they will continue to support youth-led community projects through the use of mini grants. They will support youth-led community work through a series of webinars during Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month in February.
- **When I'm an Elder:**  
Lauree Morton reminded the Council members of what the series of commercials is, the level of investment, and the caliber of their work being done.
- **Talk Now Talk Often:**  
They will continue to support communities as they hold events for parent engagement.
- **Evaluation:**  
Technical resources will be expanded for community-based violence programming. This will be done through the creation of a series of modules on effective evaluation of programs as well as technical assistance packages that include evaluation tools.

- **Coaching Boys into Men:**  
Funding is available to support one statewide training this year. Trainings were held in Anchorage in January and June, and they collectively trained 40 high school coaches representing school districts across the state.  
Program evaluation information is available for the Juneau and Sitka projects.
- **Community-Based Primary Prevention Continuation Grants:**  
They are working with evaluators in hopes of being able to tell some stories going into session. First reports are due the end of January.
- **Green Dot Alaska:**  
This year, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai, and Nome will continue to participate in monthly teleconferences and implement community-wide Green Dot programming. Plans are underway for a statewide project during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 2016. Alaska has a Green Dot training bureau that meets once a month, and funding is available to support training in two to three new communities interested in implementing the Green Dot strategy.
- **Pathways Community-Based Prevention Projects & Statewide Committee Planning Group:**  
This is a steering committee convened by the Network as part of their cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that meets quarterly to critically examine what the state of Alaska is doing to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault, what can be done to create healthy communities, and how can they move forward collectively to work on goals.  
Lauree Morton encouraged Council members to go to the website and look at the Statewide Plan.

### **SERVICES TRAINING OFFICERS PROSECUTORS UPDATE (STOP)**

Lauree Morton gave a brief history of the STOP formula grant. Every three years states are required to develop and submit an implementation plan. When the Violence Against Women Act was reauthorized, there was a specific emphasis on consultation with tribes in developing STOP plans as well as working with other underserved communities. CDVSA had engaged in a committee that included representatives from a consortia of tribes including the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. VAWA decided that “consortia” didn’t meet the spirit of the law and required Alaska to consult with all 228 federally recognized tribes. The Council developed a strategy to do what was required, and they held a series of teleconferences in which they invited tribes to participate in talking about the needs and gaps in services and directions in which these funds could be spent. Information was gathered from those teleconferences, an open public comment period was held, and the plan was revised to incorporate some of those ideas and strategies. The plan was resubmitted and finally received approval. They have been continuing communications with tribes to keep them apprised of resources that are available to ensure that information is being relayed. They plan to hold teleconferences this year to provide an opportunity for open dialogue with the tribes.

Lauree Morton reported Alaska's allocation of STOP formula funding is as follows:

- 25% Department of Public Safety
- 25% Department of Law
- 30% Victim Services
  - (10% Culturally specific services)
- 15% CDVSA discretionary to other four areas
  - (10% CDVSA administration)
- 5% Alaska Court System

The Council members had a brief discussion related to PREA compliance.

### **RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m., and the Council reconvened for public testimony at 7:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – DVSA SERVICES FOR KOTZEBUE**

A public hearing was held that included the Council and eight participants.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Council Meeting  
Nullagvik Hotel Conference Room  
306 Shore Avenue  
Kotzebue, Alaska  
December 8 - 9, 2015**

**Committee Members Present**

Richard Irwin – Chair  
Commissioner Gary Folger  
Rachel Gernat  
Karen Forrest  
Diane Castro  
Jim Cantor  
Patty Owen - telephonic  
Donna Erickson

**Guests**

Jackie Hill  
Saralyn Tabachnick - telephonic  
David Wilson - telephonic  
Beth Borgarde - telephonic  
Maggie Reinholdt - telephonic  
Michelle Kubalack  
Shylena Monroe  
Stephanie Pattison  
Chris Hatch

**Staff**

Lauree Morton  
Angie Wells  
Mary Beth Gagnon – telephonic  
Freda Westman - telephonic

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

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – 9:01 A.M.

ROLL CALL

### WELCOME AND REVIEW

Richard Irwin welcomed the Council members back to the meeting and commented that he appreciated the opportunity to have a public hearing and valued the input the Council received. He noted that it is always informational, educational, and inspiring to be able to hear from the public about what is going on in a particular area and hear the joys and the challenges that are faced.

Jim Cantor shared the news that Alaska is ranked No. 8 for volunteerism.

### POSSIBLE FEDERAL APPLICATIONS

Lauree Morton led a discussion regarding federal grant opportunities. Included in the board packet were five federal grant application examples. Lauree noted that OVW has a list of approximately 20 different grant opportunities, but states are not eligible to apply for many of them.

Lauree Morton reported that OVW will be releasing applications now through February. In reviewing the possible grant application opportunities, Lauree listed the grants and noted the following information:

- **Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Programs Grant**
  - CDVSA has not previously applied for this grant.
  - There is a growing interest in this population statewide.
  - Potentially partner with DSDS.
- **Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program Grant**
  - CDVSA has had this grant in the past.
  - Possible partner with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- **Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program**
  - CDVSA has not previously applied for this grant.
  - Heard in public hearing the needs for working with victims with disabilities and the concerns about services that are currently provided and where gaps are statewide.
  - Possibly partner with the university as co-applicants.
  - Recommendation to look at DHSS as potential partner.
- **Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant**
- **Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program Grant**
  - CDVSA is in the second year of the GTEA grant procured in 2014.
  - Not sure if CDVSA is eligible due to federal fiscal year timing.

Lauree Morton asked the Council members to discuss which grants they would be supportive of the staff applying for for FFY16, and define the board's focus areas for the next couple years as a general guideline for staff when other opportunities become available. Council members asked the following questions:

**Q: How many more grant can CDVSA staff handle?**

A: We can handle a couple more depending on the formulation of the grants.

**Q: What is the percentage average of successful grant applications?**

A: We get almost everything we apply for.

**Q: What do you look for when deciding what grants to apply for?**

A: We look at what other entities in the state are applying to avoid competition with grantees.

**Q: Does the Network apply for grants as well?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Are there any grants that are ending that the Council is concerned about losing services?**

A: The only two competitive grants are the GTEA and Justice for Families Grant. All other grants are formula grants to states.

**Q: Are there programs that may need to be reduced with general fund dollars based on our budget that could be continued or enhanced through one of these federal grants?**

A: We have not wanted to put competitive grants into the funding base of the programs because they are competitive in nature. For projects outside of the programs, those are mainly prevention dollars that we would need to be seeking, and OVW doesn't have a lot of opportunity for prevention funds.

**Q: What is the status of transitional housing for victims?**

A: Poor. Fairbanks has a fairly robust housing plan, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and emergency shelter. IAC has five different housing pockets, so they are the most housing-advanced programs. There is transitional housing in Juneau that just opened. Bethel has housing. The Kenai's Lee Shore Center supports transitional housing. There are sporadic groups across the state, but there is not enough. AHFC a few years ago, partnering with the Network and CDVSA, entered into an agreement to provide Section 8 housing vouchers for a three-year period of time per family with the hopes that within that period of time they would be able to find permanent housing.

**Q: Why has CDVSA not applied for the Elder Grant in the past, is it because other entities apply for it?**

A: Unknown.

In preliminary discussions, the members discussed prioritizing the disability-focused grant and the elder-focused grant as CDVSA being the sole applicant on, and the rural-focused grant and the transitional housing grant may be ones that CDVSA could look for partners to apply with or support. A recommendation was made to partner with the University of Alaska to apply for funding for campus sexual assault prevention. Lauree Morton reported that she is looking for research grant opportunities to focus on prevention, and she is also looking at some possible grants with education to address

the curricula issue, something they would be engaging with the Department of Education on.

### **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

Lauree Morton directed the members' attention to the current legislation related to domestic violence and/or sexual assault contained in the board packet. Lauree has been responding to specific legislator's requests for information and talking about what the Council sees as concerns, and noting that when the administration supports a bill, the Council supports that bill.

Lauree Morton provided the Council members an opportunity to review the bills and discuss what level of involvement the Council wants to have concerning legislative topics. Rachel Gernat expressed her concerns with HB165, and Lauree asked Rachel to send her a summary of her concerns. Essentially, the Council agreed to neither support nor oppose legislation, but Lauree will act as an expert when called upon, and she will pay attention to "trouble areas" and have conversations with people to try and mitigate or find some way to work through those areas of concern. Lauree noted that once they know what is going to be moving through, the Council can have more conversation about particular pieces of legislation.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS CONTINUED**

Richard Irwin asked Council members for their answers to the question he posed at the start of the meeting: *What is one thing you can do to encourage and build this Council and/or the cause?*

Donna Erickson thanked the CDVSA director and staff for all the hard work they do. She thanked Jackie Hill and Shylena Monroe for showing the Council how everything works in the region, and the community of Kotzebue for hosting the meeting. She commented that it was good for her to gain that perspective of the region. She commented that she is part of the Alaska First Institute Community Doers, and they are having a summit in Anchorage focused on how leaders in communities can improve the health of people in their communities. One thing she chose was to be at this meeting instead, and that's her way of helping her region and Alaska as a state. She mentioned that she was a guest speaker at the Regional Youth Summit and spoke on how to be good listeners and how to deal with their peers when confronted with sexual abuse or domestic violence. She was also invited to Nome for the opening of the Beauty for Ashes to speak about getting to the core issues of social ills to find healing so that domestic violence/sexual assault cycles can stop. In response to the chair's question, Donna stated that she can study and know the meeting materials and come prepared to the meeting.

Rachel Gernat thanked Kotzebue for their hospitality, and she commented that she finds that traveling to the communities make a substantial difference. Rachel stated that she is a member of the Sunrise Rotary in Wasilla, who are working with AFS on the No More Mat-Su, which is a collaboration to hold a community event to raise awareness

and work towards prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault. She is also working on an instructional video with Department of Justice on addressing investigation and prosecution of domestic violence/sexual assault and sex trafficking of Alaska Natives. To answer the chair's question, Rachel stated that it would be good to get more of the public involved in these issues, not just the people who have this as their mission and passion, but everyday citizens in whatever community they are in to spark interest and raise awareness to help increase the circle of people that are working on it, and not just adding more work onto the people that already do the job every day.

Diane Casto thanked the community of Kotzebue for their hospitality. As a new member and as a representative of DOC, she looks at things through a different lens. She commented that the DOC is working very diligently on reentry and recidivism reduction. One of the things they have not thought enough about as they develop reentry efforts is, will this initiative have a potential impact on victims. She wants to explore that potential impact on victims to make sure that as they are releasing people in a thoughtful, planned way, the issue of victim rights and victim notification and the impact on victims is well addressed and is not lost in the conversation.

Diane Casto commented that she is committed to improving the work that DOC has done regarding the PREA. She is not of the mind that Alaska cannot become compliant, and they will continue to work harder in that area.

Karen Forrest expressed her appreciation to the Council and the community members in Kotzebue for the opportunity to participate in the meeting. As a new member, she has begun learning about the role of the Council and how that can interface with the work of the DHSS. To answer the chair's question, Karen stated that she is looking forward to going back to the Department and talking with the various division directors about the efforts that are occurring within each division that are supportive of reducing domestic violence/sexual assault so that the Department can have more of a cohesive understanding of how to support those efforts.

Karen Forrest commented on the need for substance abuse services and how critical those services are in the state. Through Medicaid expansion and Medicaid redesign, the state has been working with contractors who are setting different ways to increase the value of the services as well as expand access to services. Their report will be available mid-January. She is looking forward to the opportunity to expand funding for substance abuse services in the state. There are some new opportunities from the federal government that will allow the state to create some financing mechanisms for substance abuse services and mental/behavioral health services that have not existed before in the state.

With regards to the human trafficking issues, there has been a fair amount of conversation in the Department about a continuum of that activity, with child exploitation being on that continuum. The Department has been making efforts to address

identifying children who have been exploited as well as creating services for youth through Child Welfare as well as through the Division of Juvenile Justice.

Patricia Owen commented that her main task of late is being staff support to the Alaska Safe Children's Act Taskforce. The next meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> in Juneau, and a meeting is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Folger expressed his appreciation to the community of Kotzebue for hosting the meeting, and welcomed the new members to the Council.

Richard Irwin expressed his appreciation to the CDVSA director and staff for their efforts. He also thanked Jackie Hill and the staff at Maniilaq for making the time to support the meeting. Richard reported that with regards to the Homeless Task Force in Anchorage, there were two Title 21 laws changed to make it legal to sleep in churches. His church was the first one to launch the boilerplate for other churches to follow. In retrospect, there are nine churches that are cold weather shelters that operate every week in Anchorage along with Brother Francis, Awake, and other shelters that are currently operating. More recently, he has an office space upstairs from the downtown soup kitchen, and he now spends time at the kitchen learning more about social issues.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Richard Irwin led a discussion related to agenda items for the February meeting in Juneau. The recommendations were as follows:

- Update on state activities on suicide prevention efforts.
- Update on PREA.
- Update on Alaska Safe Children's Act Taskforce.
- Legislative update.
- Human trafficking.
- Five-Year Survey update - possible "Lunch and Learn" with legislators.

Rachel Gernat recommended hearing from the people in the community sometime during the meeting. Patricia Owen recommended a tour of the new transitional housing in Juneau.

Originally, the Juneau meeting was scheduled for teleconference/video. After hearing concerns from Council members, the meeting was changed to a face-to-face meeting, because it is a place where the Council members can interact with legislators.

Lauree Morton noted that included in the May meeting agenda is a focus on sexual assault, campus sexual assault, and a report on military sexual assault.

### **ADJOURN/TOUR OF MWS**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. for the Council to tour Maniilaq Women's Shelter.

## INDEX OF ACRONYMS

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

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

## AFS-Alaska Family Services - PALMER

### SUCSESSES

AFS continues to have good youth outreach. AFS presented to over 474 students during the 2015-2016 school year so far.

AFS is counting meetings for the 2nd "NO More" Summit with the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club. AFS will host the event on April 24th at the Mat-Su College campus. AFS is working on a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest with Mat-Su Valley's middle and high schools. The winners of the PSA contest will be announced at the "NO More" Summit.

DV Awareness Month events included: Mat-Su College DV booth, Palmer Sr. Center health fair, facilitating "In Her Shoes" at AFS all staff meeting, DV awareness event on JBER, presentations to Mat-Su area schools, Halloween event at the state fair grounds and an Ice Spooktacular Boo Bash event at the Brett Memorial Ice Arena with Alaska National Organization for Women and Mat-Su Public Health.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AFS developed outreach packets for medical providers to provide resources to those they come in contact with who may be affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

The SART team presented to the Mat-Su Agency Partnership Coalition. This coalition is made up of various social services agencies in the Valley.

AFS hosted and led a COMPASS training during the month of December. The COMPASS is a resource for adult mentors working with young men ages 12-18 in outdoor subsistence, athletic and cultural programs in Alaska. COMPASS promotes meaningful conversations to encourage healthy identities, build positive relationships and strengthen communities. It was a successful event and we are looking forward to another training later in the year.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AFS had a significant increase in number of victims helped with protective order petitions filed with the court.

## AVV-Advocates for Victims of Violence, Inc.-VALDEZ

### SUCSESSES

During this quarter, AVV's shelter was full. It has run at full capacity since June 2015.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter started off with the Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign, followed by a Candlelight Vigil, during which a number of survivors told stories about their struggle and how their voices were heard in the midst of their difficult situation. In attendance were the Honorable Mayor and his wife, City Council members, Valdez Police and Fire Departments, staff from the School District and Providence, community partners, community members, local businesses and several religious congregations. Several musicians volunteered to provide music during the vigil, and a moment of silence was offered in remembrance to all of those who did not survive the crime of domestic violence. AVV's Executive Director concluded the ceremony.

Valdez Providence Medical Center continued their annual "Bring Your Purple On" event. Employees wear purple clothing and accessories for a week as they collected non-perishable items for donation for the women and children staying at the AVV shelter.

During this quarter, AVV staff and board members were invited to the Coffee Break show at KCHU, a local radio station, on several occasions to talk about hosting the 8th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Night. All honorees at the ceremony were recognized on stage and were given a Plaque of Appreciation for their work and contribution to the Valdez community. AVV was proud to recognize and honor Bette Maxine Cato (a former educator and State Representative from Valdez) with the creation of two awards in her name. This was the most prestigious event of the year in Valdez and was AVV's way of giving back to the community for their never-ending support.

During this quarter, AVV's Youth Services Coordinator afterschool programs ("Express Yourself" and "Girls Time") started at Hermon Hutchens Elementary School. The excitement from both the school staff and students was overwhelming. During this quarter, at least 15-18 students have attended each group.

AVV has worked hard to build a positive relationship with the Valdez Police Department and continued this by appointing another police officer to their board when the former police chief retired.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Due to a corporation purchasing a local trailer park, approximately 60 families will be displaced by August 2016. Though the residents will receive financial compensation, many are not sure of where to relocate to, and are anticipated to wind up homeless. With the rise in household stress, AVV has experienced an increase in calls for assistance, as well as women and children arriving in shelter. With the potential impending rise in homelessness, the rate of domestic violence is expected to rise as well.

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

### SUCSESSES

AWAIC continues to partner with other shelters in the community as well as local churches for the Emergency Cold Weather Plan, which has the goal of ensuring that no child sleeps outside or in an unsafe situation. AWAIC's role in the ECWP is to provide a 24-hour hotline for families facing a night sleeping outside, and to refer them to the shelter operating for that particular night. This winter, the ECWP began accepting people on October 1st, 2015. The program has been successful in moving many families into longer-term shelters and transitional programs, and then into permanent housing.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWAIC's opening ceremonies for Domestic Violence Action Month went very well. Green Dot awards went to the group We Are Anchorage which does proactive work to ensure that their actions and activities are about violence prevention and bringing the community together. The ceremony honored Suzi Pearson, Executive Director for her 20th anniversary at AWAIC and Melissa Emmal, Deputy Director for her contributions. Melissa has left to work at Green Dot national in Washington DC. There was significant attendance from the community and the military filling the gymnasium at Covenant House Alaska.

AWAIC held the annual Shed the Light event which encourages the faith based community, congregations and churches to gather and do a sermon about healthy relationships, love and respect for women as well as do some sort of physical recognition through a vigil or candle lighting ceremony. Five churches participated on October 28th.

AWAIC's annual Silent Nights, Starry Nights gala was held on October 24th. The event went well and brought in over \$190,000 in unrestricted funding.

The Mayor's office has made human trafficking a priority for the administration under the office of the first lady, Mara Kimmel. In December they organized a meeting for service providers to include the Department of Labor. There are plans to continue with an overarching group and then to have two subgroups, service providers and law enforcement/courts.

AWAIC applied for the Mayor's Community Grant and requested funding for a Green Dot Coordinator. The request was for \$75,000 to pay for one full-time person and supplies. Final decisions will be released in February 2016.

Christmas was a great success. AWAIC provided the opportunity for donors to adopt families who are not in shelter. This year donors adopted over 110 families and single individuals. Christmas day at the shelter was filled with shrieks of joy and delight. A very good holiday season. The generosity of the community is incredible!

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

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

### SUCSESSES

AWARE provided 2,397 nights of safe emergency shelter for 52 women and 34 children during this quarter. AWARE's YTD total for shelter nights is 5,878, indicating another very busy year. In the last six months, AWARE averaged 101% of bed capacity. That said, this quarter had a lower shelter night total than several preceding quarters, allowing staff a much-needed opportunity to regroup and examine priorities. While they did not have as many shelter participants as is the new normal, a high percentage of referrals with current and severe substance abuse issues were served.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

During October 2016, AWARE marked Domestic Violence Awareness Month with several events. The Women of the Moose hosted their annual Frugal Fashion Show benefit for AWARE, promoting health and wellness for women and girls. AWARE co-sponsored the AWAREness Skate with the local chapter of National Organization for Women and the Juneau Treadwell Arena. Skaters brought bath towels to donate to the shelter, the AWARE team raised awareness of services and the prevalence of domestic violence in Juneau. AWARE also co-sponsored an event with Juneau Police Department- Coffee with a Cop and an Advocate. AWARE staff joined officers from JPD to provide an opportunity for community members to talk with law enforcement and advocates about the community response to DV.

AWARE continues to be very engaged in the community dialogue surrounding housing and homelessness. Their Deputy Director serves on the Board of Directors for Front Street Clinic (primary medical care for individuals experiencing homelessness) and Channel View (one of the few remaining tax credit properties developing for low income housing), and also serves as a commissioner on the City and Borough of Juneau Affordable Housing Commission. She also represented the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness at the Alaska Housing Coalition Annual Meeting in October. During the event, she had the opportunity to speak directly with the Governor's staff, as well as Sen. Murkowski, about the housing crises in Juneau, and its impact on women and children.

This year has seen a significant increase in the collaboration between AWARE and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS). The Community Services Manager has been in weekly contact with UAS, and participated in trainings, classroom explorations, and wellness coalition meetings with staff and students from the university.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Juneau is currently in the midst of a heroin "epidemic". This epidemic has manifested with disproportional impact in this population served. AWARE is developing policies for detox, and preparing for the difficult road of advocating for a person with an addiction disorder. While AWARE has always served women and adolescents that struggle with addictions, the difference lately seems to be in magnitude and severity.

## AWIC-Arctic Women in Crisis-BARROW

### SUCCESES

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, AWIC provided residential services for a total of 18 women and 16 children and provided 780 safe- bed nights. On-call counselors responded to one 1 SART call; the Crisis Line responded to 347 crisis calls. AWIC also assisted 10 adult survivors of child sexual abuse this quarter.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The North Slope Borough's SART and MDT continue to meet formally once a month—AWIC facilitated the NSB MDT meetings in October-December and Cory Bryant from the Child Welfare Academy participated telephonically. In the more recent meeting, the team discussed applying for a potential funding opportunity for the Children's Advocacy Centers Planning Grant, and AWIC submitted the application and was awarded funding.

In October, AWIC helped the NSBHD and Arctic Slope Native Association facilitate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Healthy Living Summit at Barrow High School. Kami Moore, Prevention Director from the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence (ANDSVA) and Taelyn Coffee aspiring trainer from ANDSVA, along with AWIC advocates taught Barrow High School students in interactive workshops about healthy relationships. Together with AWIC, they facilitated a workshop for 30 community members based on the *Talk Now Talk Often* parenting program.

On October 30, two advocates taught twenty students at Kiita Learning Community about healthy relationships utilizing videos from the Alaska Tribal Health Consortium Toolkit; they showed a video about consent and discussed the information on the *Healthy Relationship Cards*. Students wanted to know what would happen if they called the AWIC Crisis Line and asked an advocate what they could do for a friend who was a victim of dating violence. Discussions surrounded how to help a friend in crisis.

On October 12, AWIC advocates met with students at the Boys and Girls Club and asked the group to visualize what happens when you throw a stone into a pond – to see the ripples that spread out from where the stone lands. The students compared taking action to be like throwing a stone into a pond. Group members drew on large sheets of paper the 'stone' that they will 'throw into the pond' with a label on it describing an action that they will take. They then drew the ripples that spread out from that act in widening circles and labeled each ripple to explain it. The students' action this month was to organize a walk for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In December, AWIC advocates attended a teleconference with Rachel Wintz, Coordinator at *Girls on the Run*. AWIC hopes to partner with Ilisagvik College and co-sponsor the *Girls on the Run* program in Barrow.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

## BSWG-Bering Sea Women's Group - NOME

### SUCSESSES

BSWG was informed that the regional non-profit, Kawerak, Inc., was approved to receive an Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) grant to strengthen the responses to violence against Alaska Native women. BSWG will receive \$365,703 over a three year period.

BSWG partnered with the Disability Response Team agencies and coordinated services for program participants with Norton Sound Health Corporation: Behavioral Health Services, Audiology, Eye Clinic; and, Arctic Access and Kawerak, Inc.; and Vocational Rehabilitation.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

A BSWG advocate and board member participated in a live radio show KNOM during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

BSWG continues its partnerships with the SART, Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), and Disability Response Team (DART).

BSWG sponsored the first of what is hoped to be an annual event, a Wild Berry Dessert Auction.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

## CFRC-Cordova Family Resource Center-CORDOVA

### SUCSESSES

CFRC had a total of 29 Help Line calls this quarter, for a total of 91 for the year.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The Girls on the Run Program and 5K event in October was a great success with several community partners in participation. CFRC raised funds to sponsor 9 girls this coming season due to the 5K and a bake sale, and sponsored 10 more girls with a mini-grant from American Seafoods. This has been a very empowering program for the girls, and they already have a wait-list started for next season.

CFRC has been looked at as an agency that “Knows the needs of the families” (quote from local providers) which leads to food donations, wild game processing (during off hours), and distribution to the families they serve. CFRC’s staff received a call from local Forest Service stating that they had confiscated an illegal goat; staff divided the goat along with other canned goods donated by Forest Service to a total of 4 DV/SA families.

CFRC maintains a great working relationship with both the Cordova Police and Court systems, and they have seen a huge increase in referrals from both entities.

CFRC staff use the 4th R after-school curriculum during their weekly BIONIC (Believe It or Not I Care) youth group meetings. BIONIC applied for a mini-grant, and 5 students of its students went to the Lead-on Conference. The BIONIC youth sold candies at basketball games and the Christmas Bizarre to raise awareness about their program.

The Cordova SART is active, meets monthly, and is available to provide services to SART victims. The Native Village of Eyak (NVE) and CFRC have a rotating on-call calendar for SART response.

CFRC has seen an increase of males seeking services, potentially due to their outreach to the male community members (i.e. Cordova Men Choose Respect). They also continue to reach out to the Latin and Filipino populations, as well as the cannery/fishing industries communities. They continue to work with and refer to Alaska Immigration Justice Project/Language Interpreter Center as needed.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

When working with clients, CFRC sees very complex cases that take many hours of advocacy.

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

### SUCSESSES

IAC has seen an increase in the services they are providing to survivors. It is believed this increase is not due to more domestic violence and sexual assault occurring, but instead due to more awareness and outreach letting survivors know there is help and a means to move on from situations that are unhealthy and dangerous. In Q2, IAC provided shelter to 47 new adult survivors and 31 new children, with an increase of 619 shelter nights. Of the 117 families they provided shelter for since July 1st, 67 of those families have moved on to permanent housing. One of the biggest successes they witnessed this quarter was an individual who battles mental health and addiction issues and has sought IAC services and shelter over the last 17 years successfully entered treatment.

This quarter IAC was able to provide 215 legal advocacy contacts to 48 new survivors for an increase of 118 contacts since the 1st quarter. With their legal advocate IAC has been able to reach out and increase their relationships with many other agencies that work with survivors in the legal field. IAC has made significant strides in working with local and state law enforcement as well as the District Attorney's Office.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, iHeartMEDIA collaborated with IAC to do domestic violence awareness every Thursday in October on KFBX 970 AM. This was a live talk show that highlighted Prevention, Girls on the Run, Community Green Dot, UAF Green Dot, IAC Agency Services, and also highlighted Domestic Violence Awareness Events.

IAC continues to create stronger relationships with military partners, including Fort Wainwright, Eielson, and Fort Greely. On several occasions this quarter they have asked for IAC to come and present what services they offer and give DV/SA education to those who may be working with survivors on the military installations. IAC provided an in-depth training on working with survivors and DV101 to 12 Victim Advocates from Ft. Greely. Through these interactions IAC created a relationship that has allowed them to partner more readily when assisting survivors with military affiliation.

IAC continues to offer Girls on the Run in Fairbanks, in two different locations. In December, GOTR completed their first season in Fairbanks by holding a celebratory 5K. 18 girls from Pearl Creek Elementary School and The Boys & Girls Club of the Tanana Valley participated. IAC continues to work on expanding GOTR in Fairbanks and has worked closely with The Boys & Girls Club Director, building a strong partnership.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

IAC continues to struggle in working with their rural partners. While they have had some great meetings discussing ways to improve services to Alaska Natives and surrounding villages, little forward movement has occurred. They will continue to work on these partnerships.

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

### SUCSESSES

Through the Rasmuson project, KWRCC anticipates adding a small kitchen upstairs in their shelter building and expanding the 1/2 bathroom into a full. This project will add the finishing touches to what has already proven to be a tremendous improvement in the shelter facility.

KWRCC continues to have a licensed therapist come to the shelter to provide services for the resident clients that may be suffering from trauma. This program has been getting very positive feedback from the participants. They also continue their Immigrant Women's program that offers first language advocacy and culturally informed services.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

KWRCC continues their membership of the Multidisciplinary Coordinated Community Response (CCR), the Adult SART, and the Community Child Advocacy MDT (where they offer back up advocacy support for cases of child sexual assault and maltreatment cases).

In October, KWRCC completed a beginning advocacy class with 5 people in attendance (3 community members and 2 staff members). They also continue to attend the Homeless Coalition meetings to discuss homeless and housing issues on the Island.

In October, KWRCC had their annual Prayer Service remembering victims lost to domestic violence crimes around the state of Alaska, followed by their Annual meeting. They also held an annual Paw's for Peace dog walk for domestic violence awareness month.

In response to Erin's law, KWRCC Outreach did presentations at the high school and middle school for dating violence, date rape, bullying, and substance abuse prevention. These presentations received positive feedback from both staff and students.

KWRCC held an event to provide Thanksgiving dinners to families in need. They also had a very successful Christmas program where they partnered with Salvation Army and Sunaq Tribe to give donated presents to 237 children in the Kodiak Community. The Governor's wife helped hand out the presents, and it was a very heartwarming event.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

KWRCC's Turning the Tide funding ended, decreasing their Outreach Coordinator from two to one.

Kodiak continues to have very limited housing available as well as extremely high rents. This makes it difficult to place program participants into safe affordable housing, resulting in longer stays at the shelter.

## LSC-The LeeShore Center-KENAI

### SUCSESSES

A young woman with a preschool-aged child came to LSC for safety from a DV situation. She was very new to the area so she had little knowledge of resources and no local supports. LSC was able to provide her with support, information and referrals. In less than two months she secured employment, established day care assistance, obtained a vehicle and moved into her own apartment.

A mother and child that were visiting the area came to LSC for safety from a DV situation. LSC was able to provide a safe temporary place for them to reside while arrangements were made and funds secured for them to return to their community of origin. Follow-up safety calls provided LSC with the knowledge that they are safe and happy in their previous home community and remain free from the abuser.

LSC was able to obtain a new computer for use with legal advocacy walk-in clients.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

LSC provided agency information to community members at the Kenai Health Fair this quarter. They also provided training on domestic violence to local faith-based nurses and Kenai Rotary members.

The Executive Director attended the annual Conference to End Homelessness during October.

LSC accepted Domestic Violence Proclamations during October Awareness Month from both the City and Borough.

LSC's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition event was held November 12th and was attended by over 100 community members. This event also gives LSC the opportunity to recognize local community partners and area businesses that work to help end domestic violence in their community.

Senator Dan Sullivan visited LSC on December 23rd and received a tour of the shelter.

LSC has regularly scheduled meetings with community partners to keep everyone informed of current happenings or updates in services.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

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

### SUCCESES

SAFE held their FY15 financial audit, the first for the current Executive Director and Business Manager, resulting in just a few minor corrections.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SAFE and Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) signed an agreement to provide legal services to adult and child victims/witnesses of violence at SAFE for two years. During this quarter, SAFE held the first two Community Justice Alliance (CJA) agency meetings in over a year. These meetings serve to keep all justice agencies aware of what is happening with other agencies.

The State of Alaska had a Strangulation Response, Investigation, & Prosecution training in Dillingham in collaboration with the Dillingham Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, Village Public Safety Officers, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, and 3 attorneys. The presenters covered investigation, medical, advocacy, statute, and prosecution aspects of strangulation. SAFE has implemented strangulation education and questions for those receiving services at SAFE.

In this quarter, SAFE and Jake's Place tried out three men and women support groups, which correlated with Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Women from the community and Jake's Place also attended 11 SISTR's meetings (held by SAFE) to support each other in recovery from the collective impact of interpersonal violence, child sexual abuse, and difficulties with alcohol and/or drug use. The weekly steam bath and shared dinner before each meeting are integral to this collaboration.

The Women's Ministry asked SAFE to do a presentation on Domestic Violence at their women's retreat. The presentation went well, and the women were very interested in hearing the presentation again. SAFE staff also participated in a workshop provided by the Bristol Bay Native Association on Healthy Families and working with the whole family on healing.

The Myspace employees were asked to participate in a bully prevention/awareness presentation to the Dillingham middle/high school students.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

During this quarter, there were over \$20,000 in donations to SAFE to help keep Myspace open (the grant for which ended in June). The Myspace program is very important service for the youth in the community of Dillingham. In 2015, 152 individual youths participated in Myspace activities. (In perspective, there are 206 students in Dillingham middle/high school.) Myspace exists to increase the number of protective factors available to middle/high school-aged youth.

SAFE continues to experience sewer problems. The Domestic Violence Maintenance Initiative has assisted in working with the City of Dillingham to create a sewer system that will connect to the main City sewer system for some of the residents north of the old airport.

## SAFV-Sitkans Against Family Violence-SITKA

### SUCSESSES

Earlier this quarter, the shelter started to fill back up after several slower months. Presently the shelter is full and there are also an increased number of non-resident participants.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) Transportation Department hosted their annual "Fill the Bus" drive, with proceeds going to SAFV and STA Social Services. SAFV staff and board along with STA staff sat with the buses and helped collect the goods. It was very successful and the donated food greatly supports both residents and outside clients.

During the month of October, three SAFV advocates attended Sexual Assault Response Team training in Sitka sponsored by Sitka tribe of Alaska. Many professionals from the community attended the training as the first step in rejuvenating Sitka's SART response. Several staff has been attending a variety of webinars that are offered which include trauma-informed services and empowerment based advocacy.

On October 1, SAFV hosted a DVAM kick-off event at the Crescent Harbor shelter featuring several speakers, among them a clergy person from a local church (who also attended the SAFV volunteer training), a Lieutenant from the Sitka Police Department, the city administrator and representatives from Alaska native Brotherhood and Alaska native Sisterhood. Those two representatives presented the SAFV director with resolutions written and passed at Grand Camp, declaring the Sisters and brothers' dedication to addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in the native community.

This quarter, SAFV staff began the first session of the fiscal year of the Kid's Club and Mom's Empowerment Program. The Woman and Children's Jesuit Volunteers facilitated the mom's group and kid's group respectively. An additional advocate assisted with the kid's group. The group is off to a great start, and will conclude in quarter 3. SAFV will facilitate one more session of the group this fiscal year.

SAFV concluded this quarter with the annual Holiday Party coordinated by the Children's Program Coordinator. Resident and non-resident women, men and children were invited to the party at St. Peter's by the Sea. Every adult received a SeaMart gift card, and every child received presents from Santa. In addition to the presents, SAFV was able to provide a large meal for all of the families. This event was only possible due to all the donations received from the community, in particular, restaurants and grocery stores.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

## SCS–Seaview Community Services - SEWARD

### SUCCESES

In December SCS had a victim of domestic violence that SCS flew home to family in order to protect and remove her from an unsafe home. She arrived there safe and is doing well.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Due to funding SCS has not hosted any community events this quarter.

SCS has been working with SeaView's Behavioral Health Program and Disability Services Program; the Independent Living Center; and Seward Senior Center to implement the DART program in our community. SCS is in the process now of scheduling the first round of trainings with community partner agencies and members of our community.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

## SPHH-South Peninsula Haven House-HOMER

### SUCSESSES

Shelter advocates assisted four survivors with finding long term sustainable housing through helping them access employment and housing resources. The community of survivors, along with shelter staff, came together to support one another in a variety of ways, including tutoring the children, helping with transportation, and offering emotional support.

SPHH assisted a young mother (and survivor of childhood and recent DV/SA) in working with OCS to regain custody of her children. She has progressed from supervised visitation to one-on-one and overnight visits. She has also obtained employment, accessed a housing voucher, and is working towards long-term, safe, and sustainable housing for her and her children.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter, the thrift store began to offer a support group for those working as caregivers to talk, do crafts, and offer support to each other. SPHH is also talking with the local behavioral health center about co-facilitating the Kids' Club and Moms' Empowerment Program group.

SPHH and the Resilience Coalition (the local violence and substance abuse collaborative group) screened the movie Paper Tigers, about a high school in Washington that has adopted trauma-informed principles. A panel discussion followed illuminating ways the community can be more supportive to members who have experienced trauma. SPHH and Friends of the Homer Library also hosted a story time for adults where SPHH staff read children's books about abuse and violence to foster discussion about trauma and violence in the community.

SPHH presented to the Homer High School staff about their mission, services, and support needed. Additionally, SPHH prevention staff presented to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District board and high school staff about trauma-informed schools and services, in partnership with the local youth center. Additionally, the bystander training program at Homer High began with around 25 students participating in a two-day leadership training. This program will provide education about interpersonal violence, along with skills and tools for students and staff to use when they see a warning sign of sexual violence, teen dating violence, or bullying.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

This quarter there seemed to be an increase in the amount of high lethality assaults, including several victims that had been assaulted through strangulation. SPHH provided assistance with accessing medical, legal, financial, and housing resources.

SPHH met with Homer Police Department to address concerns with some of the tactics used on victims by police during the forensic examination process, including threatening to force compliance with the exam, discouraging access to SPHH, and threatening a disorderly conduct arrest for not completing the exam. SPHH discussed ways to use trauma-informed language and practices when working with victims of violent crimes. The parties involved agreed to work on improving the treatment of victims, as well as to review SART protocols and role of advocate.

## STAR – Standing Together Against Rape - ANCHORAGE

### SUCCESES

A program participant since 2014, received advocacy and support, court accompaniment, and resources for herself and her children. This participants have suffered several set-backs. The turmoil resulting from the trauma of the assault, along with daily stress of repeated threats from the perpetrator, compounded her struggle in remaining sober and moving forward with her life. She was arrested for DUI and eventually lost custody of her children. STAR was able to provide her continued support and help in obtaining an order of protection, legal advocacy, and support during court proceedings, finding a substance abuse treatment program and parenting classes. Today this brave and dedicated survivor has completed treatment, regained custody of her children, and is living in her own home. After almost two years of working with STAR as part of her journey towards healing, she has become a voice for other victims of sexual and child sexual assault.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

STAR hosts the Anchorage Disability Abuse Response Team, (DART). New to the DART Committee is Sonya Davis, Resource Specialist for the Anchorage Municipality Aging and Disability Resource Center, and Annette Donaldson with The South Central Foundation Family Wellness Warrior Initiative.

Star's Prevention and Education Department provided 339 presentations in Anchorage Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

STAR provides outreach and education to homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness at Beans Café, and educational groups and primary prevention focused parenting classes to residential treatment programs.

STAR has been asked to join the Alaska Native LGBTQ Community Advisory Committee

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, STAR provided Green Dot Bystander Intervention training at the South Central Foundation End Domestic Violence Wellness Fair.

STAR participated in UAA's Center for Community Engagement and Learning Think Tank series, titled, "Changing the Culture of Sexual Violence."

Students of a UAA philanthropy class selected STAR as recipient of a mini-grant and a store donated a percentage of profits to STAR.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

## TWC – Tundra Women’s Coalition - BETHEL

### SUCSESSES

TWC staff handled an enormous amount of presentations in October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

TWC celebrated the publication of the Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) quantitative survey. TWC conducted several presentations on the TAAV survey and held a community-wide celebration. There was a very positive article in the Anchorage Daily News sharing the results of the TAAV Quantitative Survey.

TWC held another successful Giving Tree with community members giving presents to women and children who have stayed in the shelter in the past year.

The SART Multi-Disciplinary Team is editing and updating the SART protocols, which hasn't been done since 2009.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

All of TWC's usual Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities were hosted including the Peacewalk, the Engaging Men and Boys mini-dance festival, the Candlelight Vigil, and the Peacetalk radio show.

Additionally, TAAV hosted a public celebration of the quantitative study of the TAAV program.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

TWC provided shelter for seven men with 12 children between them this past quarter. The men were provided shelter mostly through utilizing the duplex, which often is overflow for the shelter. Because of how often water was needed to be delivered to the duplexes to deal with this usage we utilized some of our utility money to pay these bills with permission from our program coordinator.

TWC provides services to many communities with very few victim resources. Only one village community in the YK region has a shelter for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault besides Bethel. A few villages don't have law enforcement. TWC has a 24-hour crisis line that can be utilized by everyone in the delta. TWC regularly sends contact information and brochures about TWC to these communities. Additionally, in Bethel, there are certain resources that are difficult to access, or have a long waiting period, including subsidized housing and behavior health services. TWC provides shelter services for people experiencing homelessness and has an on-site contracted behavioral health clinician that residents and non-residents can access sometimes easier than other local resources can be accessed.

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

### SUCSESSES

USAFV continues to be very, very busy with direct services in the second quarter. Though they were able to hire a third, full-time person, one of the three full time staff was on vacation for about a month, so they continued to be short-staffed. USAFV's major success during this time was that they managed to keep direct services, crisis intervention, and the shelter functional while down one-third of the full-time staff.

In FY15, USAFV provided a total of 115 shelter nights. In just the first two quarters of FY16, USAFV provided more than 300 shelter nights to people impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. This is attributed to not only to the unpredictable nature of the work and the flux of the community, but is also believed that increasing awareness and outreach over time also makes a difference.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Outreach efforts proved difficult due to the short staffing and an increase in shelter participants, though some events did occur. Staff held a Girls' Night Out Sleepover with activities focused on feelings, honesty, safety, and healthy choices. This was well-attended.

USAFV is continually viewed as a leader in community coordination.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time. Staffing is hoped to be full so that outreach can increase and quality services can continue to be provided with the increase in numbers.

## VFJ – Victims for Justice - ANCHORAGE

### SUCCESES

In August of 2014 a man murdered his uncle. The daughter of the victim contacted us in September 2014 and VFJ assisted three family members with individual advocacy, counseling referrals and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) application process. After many continuances the case finally went to trial in November 2015. Our advocate was able to provide court accompaniment as the family sat through 3 weeks of difficult testimony. The guilty verdict was read on 12/3/2015 with sentencing scheduled for April 2016. This case highlights VFJ's long-term commitment to victims and families thrust into the criminal justice system.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The VFJ new executive director has been meeting with several partners every week to get to know everyone and see how VFJ is working together now and what VFJ can do with them in the future.

VFJ conducted several trainings to the Police and Fire Chaplains so they can refer us to people they come across in their work- homeless and victims of homicide specifically.

VFJ held a Holiday Open House. Senator Sullivan's wife participated and the event was covered live along with interview media coverage. VFJ also had a great article in the press regarding victims and how they cope during the holidays.

VFJ released the newest version of the Homicide Resource Guide in Anchorage with updates and additional information and had two media stories regarding this. The VFJ director has been interviewed twice regarding homicide statistics that have come out recently.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

There were three homicides and two attempted homicides in Anchorage.

## WISH-Women in Safe Homes-KETCHIKAN

### SUCSESSES

In the middle of November, an in-shelter participant referred her male friend to WISH due to an emergency situation. This male was kicked out onto the streets after being sexually attacked by his roommate. His perpetrator had his friends attack him when he attempted to go to the local homeless shelter. This participant received a protective order but was in need of safe shelter. WISH put him up in a hotel for one week. In that week he was able to save his paycheck and find an apartment; after finding a permanent residence he still accessed day services and received legal help and food boxes to assist him in being self-sufficient.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

In October, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Mayor read the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation and presented it to the WISH Executive Director. The director made a short presentation regarding the numbers of women affected in Ketchikan, the need to sustain WISH in the community, and the hope and belief that together, as a community working together, can change the acceptance of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence event STEPS FOR CHANGE was held on October 16, 2015. This is the second annual event which raises awareness of domestic violence issues. The opening ceremony welcomed everyone with the reason for the event, introductions, and a proclamation from Mayor Landis of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough read by Representative Dan Ortiz.

April Franklin, Board Member of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., was sponsored by WISH and Vigor to lead a community workshop discussing addictions in the community; it was held at the Ketchikan Public Library. Community members and public service leaders were in attendance to work together on this issue. Ms. Franklin presented addictions information and facilitated the community discussion, and held two group sessions in the shelter with participants.

WISH continues to strengthen the relationship with community partners. This quarter the Education Department has established new partners with Peace Health and Prince of Wales Health Network. The positive relationships with all Disability Response Team members, school district, corporate partners, the Organized Village of Saxman and the City of Saxman, and the Metlakatla Indian Community are continuously strengthened.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

As the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault members released the WISH probationary status to the public, WISH has received numerous phone calls. The majority of the phone calls have been extremely supportive, a very few negative, and a large number questioning the action. This has placed WISH in a compromised position with partnering agencies. WISH is continuing to engage in dialog to strengthen the barriers to communication and cooperative spirit.

FY16 2nd Quarter Outcome Measures October 1- December 30, 2015

Service	Number of participants this quarter	Number of surveys completed	(1) Yes to Safety	(2) Yes to Resources	(3) Yes to Services for Children	(4) Yes to Feel Less Isolated	(5) Yes to Understanding Crisis/Trauma	(6) Yes to Legal Rights	(7) Yes to Understanding Justice Process
Shelter	686	290	227	231	172	208	223	197	175
Non-residential Support and Advocacy	1435	227	199	203	157	165	187	175	178
Counseling	237	31	29	30	28	25	30	16	15
Non-residential Support Groups	215	143	119	128	110	118	119	99	95
TOTAL	2573	684	570	588	463	509	558	484	463
(N/A) Not applicable	0	0	19	8	127	26	19	56	61
Neutral	0	0	87	72	75	115	90	111	124
% Positive Responses			86%	87%	83%	77%	84%	77%	74%

## AFS – Alaska Family Services Family Violence Intervention Program – PALMER

### OVERVIEW

AFS FVIP presented on the following topics: Masculinity Traps Part 1-3, Male Privilege, White Ribbon, What My Father Would Do, Miss Representation, What is Domestic Violence, Domestic Arguments vs Domestic Abuse, Cycle of Violence, Susan Still Video (13 year old boy records dad's abuse on mom), Cycle of Addiction, Boys to Men, Mapping the Problem, Trauma Bonding, Leslie Morgan Steiner video (trauma bonding), Why Victims Stay, The Cycle of Trauma Bonding, Trauma Bonding Characteristics, and When Men Deal with Women's Anger.

### SUCSESSES

AFS FVIP had 10 intakes. New participants were accepted into the program and four participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.

### CONCERNS

AFS FVIP is being charged for records requests of client's judgments for Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Palmer courts. Client judgments show which program the client is ordered to along with their court-ordered completion date. Changes in Courtview now charge fees for records requests. The program does not have the funds to purchase the needed records.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Law Enforcement is involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Prosecutors – AFS FVIP worked with ADA's this quarter for assistance in filling petitions to revoke probation for clients that for some reason were not making it to the court calendar.
- Court System – The AFS FVIP met with Palmer courts and reached a temporary solution for the records request fee problem, but the solution will only work for the Palmer Court.
- Probation/Parole – AFS FVIP provided status updates on a regular basis to the individual officers. AFS was able to present on our program to the community officers.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Office of Children's Services (OCS) – FVIP continues to provide status updates to OCS clients with releases of information. OCS continues to send FVIP referrals to conduct intakes on their clients for placement in FVIP classes.
- DV Task Force – AFS FVIP participated in monthly Task Force meetings. AFS is working on developing outreach packets to assist medical providers in giving resources to the people they serve who may be affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health – AFS regularly contacts and collaborates with mental health providers for coordinating services. Staff is trained through AFS' Behavior Health Treatment Center.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – AFS FVIP maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. AFS FVIP continues to coordinate services of our clients with other Batterer Intervention Programs.

## AWARE/JCAP– Community Based Program –JUNEAU

### OVERVIEW

JCAP continued to work on the transition to a new structure of classes with fixed start and stop dates and the implications regarding attendance and filing non-compliance. JCAP organized a month of intakes with 3 staff working together to complete over 15 intakes in four weeks. These intakes consumed a significant amount of time but in the process JCAP was able to attend to men who had been on the waiting list from anywhere from 2-26 weeks.

### SUCSESSES

Prior to the departure of the past lead facilitator, she trained all JCAP staff in the inner-workings of JCAP administration. JCAP held weekly staff meetings and staff grew stronger as a team.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement –N/A
- Prosecutors – Staff maintain communication with prosecutors regarding current and potential participants. This quarter, staff filed affidavits of noncompliance for current participants and consistently attended related court hearings. Staff discussed program compliance with prosecutors, and worked to best ensure men’s accountability through the court system.
- Court System – N/A
- Probation/Parole – Staff communicate with field probation officers on a case-by-case basis, providing them with participant updates as needed.
- Medical – JCAP meets periodically with medical/mental health personnel to assess eligibility of participants or to monitor progress in counseling. JCAP staff maintained communication with a counselor from JAMHI regarding the compliance of a mutual client. JCAP collaborated in the response to this man’s needs and behaviors.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) – JCAP facilitated a cross-training for eleven OCS employees during FY16 Q2. JCAP agreed to prioritize intakes in an attempt to work within the timeframe of OCS. JCAP was subpoenaed on the first case within this new system. OCS and JCAP continued to discuss needs and collaboration between agencies, as well as more effective communication between OCS staff and JCAP staff.
- DV Task Force – N/A
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – JCAP is now monitoring the compliance of a former participant whose schedule did not allow for the change in JCAP meeting times. He is attending counseling sessions twice per month with a counselor who has specialized knowledge in domestic violence.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – Staff worked with one participant who transferred to Southern CA to find a batterer intervention program or similar content. This participant is currently engaged in the EHS Counselling Services program in Palm Springs, CA. A second participant was transferred up and oriented to JCAP from New Horizons in Poulsbo, WA.

## IAC/LEAP– Community Based Program –FAIRBANKS

### OVERVIEW

This quarter 8 new people entered through the Sliding Scale BIP program. The rest of the slots remained full.

LEAP continues to work with Adult Probation and Parole. Ongoing communication is being maintained with the probation officer in charge of the caseload of participants.

### SUCSESSES

LEAP continues to participate in a standing weekly status hearing. The Judge seems to be taking offender accountability seriously. This has resulted in offenders being held accountable for their order to complete a BIP. It has also greatly reduced the ability of the offender or public defender's office to triangulate or manipulate the offender from having to take responsibility for his choices to abuse.

LEAP continues to work with Ft. Wainwright Social Work Services (SWS) to assist in working with offending soldiers who have not been arrested but have been identified by SWS as being abusive.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Through the CCR and DVTF meetings and via the Community program LEAP has also had communication with law enforcement that has been constructive.
- Prosecutors – LEAP has regular contact with the DA and provides them with affidavits of non-compliance on a monthly basis, feedback and information when requested through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – LEAP participates in a weekly ongoing status hearing for offenders. They also provide information on client status upon request.
- Probation/Parole – LEAP is in regular communication with probation and parole. LEAP provides them with training on DV offenders and understanding treatment for offenders, conducts case conferences, works with the PACE program, and provides insight and suggestions on probationary conditions.
- Medical- Regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services through the CCR meetings occurs.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) –Regular contact with OCS is maintained by making regular reports of harm when information is disclosed to or obtained by LEAP. LEAP participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress or lack thereof, and have ongoing referrals from OCS to the program.
- DV Task Force – LEAP attends the DVTF meetings held every other month.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- N/A
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs- Contact with programs across the country via the Director.

## KIC- Community Based Program-KETCHIKAN

### OVERVIEW

KIC reports obstacles in providing cohesive services to mutual program participants with WISH. They are reworking their MOA with WISH to restore communication, so they can provide effective services and improve safety for victims. While KIC understand the shelter setting can be challenging, they report seeing a decrease in AN/AI women receiving services, and being reluctant to go to the shelter. This can account for some of KIC's increase in victim services, but they also believe it is due to having a sensitive and caring staff that goes above and beyond for the individual woman.

KIC's BIP program continues to use the Duluth Curriculum to supplement their MRT curriculum.

### SUCSESSES

KIC's Victim Services program has assisted seven women with finding and securing safe housing; they have seen an increase in the need for Victim Services. KIC reports they are committed to the improvement in sharing information, communication to benefit victims, and assure that perpetrators are held accountable.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement-KIC staff accompanied a VS participant to the KPD to deliver a protective order. They requested to speak directly to an officer to discuss concerns with the perpetrator. The perpetrator was also a non-compliant participant of their BIP.
- Prosecution: An affidavit of non-compliance was hand delivered and the concern of the perpetrators lethality was conveyed.
- Court System: Lynn Quan (ED) testified on behalf of one of their VS participants in a custody hearing.
- Probation/Parole: KIC addresses substance use concerns and compliance of mutual clients; monthly meetings with all agencies including Behavioral Health and the BIP staff are occurring.
- Medical: KIC is planning their yearly training to staff on screening and the referral process following a positive screen. The medical team had some annual turnover and the need for ongoing training is critical to enforce the policies be followed.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services): KIC has had several BIP referrals from OCS. This is an excellent relationship with KIC's ICWA worker, and new plans for case management will help all meet the needs of victims more efficiently.
- DV Task Force: KIC is strategizing how to improve the position of their agency as the lead for the DVTF at this time. There has been some divisive action in the community that has eroded the trust among the collaborative partners. KIC continues to strive for honest commitment. KIC refuses to wait 3-6 months to continue to do business. "Regardless of any discomfort we will continue to treat all with dignity and respect".
- Behavioral Health: Participates in a monthly probation review meeting with KIC behavioral health.

## LSC/CPBIP-Central Peninsula Batterers Intervention Program-KENAI

### OVERVIEW

8 new participants entered the program. 1 participant was reassigned to the Fairbanks program due to non-compliance issues and his CPBIP file was closed. 3 cases were continued to a future hearing. 11 men were court ordered into the program; 1 was dually ordered from the court and from Adult Probation, 4 were ordered to Anger Management, and 1 was ordered to attend either BIP or Anger Management. 1 additional participant was referred by Adult Probation.

### SUCSESSES

The men in the CPBIP are currently working through the Stress Management module of the manual. This is particularly timely for the holidays and in light of recent oilfield layoffs. Several of the longer term members challenge and talk with their classmates about preconceived gender roles. Next is the Power and Control module, which includes video vignettes as role plays emphasizing different aspects of the Power and Control Wheel. Two men completed the program this quarter.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement- KPD officer Dan Smith made a presentation on LE response to DV at the October Community Awareness Workshop (CAW), after which KPD officers provided ride-alongs for attendees. CPBIP co-facilitator will meet with law enforcement in January to discuss the program and answer any questions the officers may have.
- Prosecutors- DA Scot Leaders presented about DV and the legal system at October's CAW.
- Court System- CPBIP co-facilitator attended one court date this quarter. Orders to Anger Management for convictions involving DV have increased; 5 were received this quarter.
- Probation/Parole- Adult Probation officers work very well with CPBIP and provided two new referrals this quarter, one of which was from Kenai court.
- Medical- The new Emergency Department head and Chief Nursing Officer were introduced at the October DV Task Force meeting. Kristie Stockton, SART nurse, and Tawna Duncan from the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) presented at the CAW.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services)- LSC receives referrals to CPBIP from OCS. The Kenai OCS office made a presentation to LSC's workshop attendees about mandatory reporting.
- DV Task Force- LSC's Executive Director chairs the semi-monthly task force meetings, which also include law enforcement, prosecution, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and SART nurses.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- LSC advocates provide access to VCCB as needed. The CPBIP co-facilitator/Education & Training Coordinator spoke about VCCB during the CAW in October.
- Behavioral Health- LSC collaborates with Center for Human Development, Independent Living Center, Dena'ina Wellness Center (Kenaitze Indian Tribe), and Peninsula Community Health Services about shared clients who experience disabilities and are victims of DV/SA.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs- As needed, CPBIP monitors participants for completion of a program in a different jurisdiction. This quarter they admitted one participant who was ordered in a different state.

## SPHH/DVIP-Domestic Violence Intervention Program-HOMER

### OVERVIEW

This quarter all participants remained in compliance. Each participant has reported that they have continued to maintain sobriety. SPHH has not encountered any issues with the judicial system nor has anyone been arrested.

### SUCSESSES

This has been a successful quarter as all participants have maintained sobriety and no one has been arrested.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement- Interactions have been positive and ongoing.
- Prosecutors- Interactions have been positive and ongoing.
- Court System- Interaction with the local court system remains positive.
- Probation/Parole- There is not a local probation/parole officer.
- Medical- SPHH has a positive and ongoing relationship with our local SART team.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services)- SPHH has an ongoing positive and collaborative relationship with the local OCS.
- DV Task Force- Meetings are attended on a regular basis with the local emergency response team.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- Advocates work with VCCB as needed.
- Behavioral Health- SPHH's relationship with the Center is ongoing and positive.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs- Ongoing collaboration is positive and accessed as needed.

<b>BIP- Community FY16 2nd Quarter Statistics October 1 - December 31, 2015</b>	<b>AFS Palmer</b>	<b>AWARE Juneau</b>	<b>IAC Fairbanks</b>	<b>KIC Ketchikan</b>	<b>LSC Kenai</b>	<b>SPHH Homer</b>
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	6	8	8	1	11	0
How many written intake assessments were completed?	10	10	8	1	5	0
How many participants were accepted into the program?	10	10	8	1	8	0
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	8	0	8	1	3	0
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	28	12	19	32	51	0
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	4	1	3	1	2	0
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	4	9	3	1	4	0
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	0	1	2	0	0	0
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	4	0	0	0
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)	7	8	0	0	5	0
How many participants' partners (victims of the abuse) are receiving support services from a victim agency? (If the partner was counted as receiving services during the previous quarter do not count again)	1	0	10	0	3	0
What is the total dollars of fees collected?	\$6,614	\$2,340	\$0	\$45	\$3,345	\$175
What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?	\$0	\$3,075	\$0	\$295	\$0	\$300

## AFS – Prison-Based Batterer’s Program – PALMER

### OVERVIEW

AFS PBP presented on the follow topics: Masculinity Traps Part 1-3, Male Privilege, White Ribbon, What My Father Would Do, Miss Representation, What is Domestic Violence, Domestic Arguments vs Domestic Abuse, Cycle of Violence, Susan Still Video (13 year old boy records dads abuse on mom), Cycle of Addiction, Boys to Men, Mapping the Problem, Trauma Bonding, Leslie Morgan Steiner video (trauma bonding), Why Victims Stay, The Cycle of Trauma Bonding, Trauma Bonding Characteristics, and When Men Deal with Women’s Anger.

### CONCERNS

AFS PBP is charged for records requests of client’s judgments for Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Palmer courts. Changes in Courtview now charge fees for records requests. The program does not have the funds to purchase the needed records.

### SUCSESSES

16 intakes and new participants were accepted into AFS PBP. 15 participants completed groups.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement is involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Prosecutors – AFS PBP have worked with a few ADA’s this quarter for assistance in filling petitions to revoke probation for clients that for some reason were not making it to the court calendar.
- Court System – AFS PBP have meet with court personnel in Palmer and believe we have a temporary solution for the records request fee problem, but it will only work for the Palmer Court.
- Probation/Parole – Probation officers continue to give us referrals for our groups and help coordination of services at their facilities.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) – Our contact with OCS is limited with clients in the Prison-Based Program. When inmates are released we have worked with OCS to conduct intakes and to provide status reports.
- DV Task Force – AFS PBP participated in monthly Task Force meetings. AFS is working on developing outreach packets to assist the medical providers in giving resources for those affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health - We have regular contact and collaboration with local mental health providers regarding coordination of services. Staff receives additional training through AFS’ Behavior Health Treatment Center.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – AFS PBP maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. AFS PBP continues to coordinate services of other Batterer Intervention Programs.

## AWARE/JCAP– Prison Based Program –JUNEAU

### OVERVIEW

Any structural changes within JCAP have not significantly affected the operations with the Lemon Creek Correctional Center at this time. The Wednesday course offered at LCCC will continue to be offered on a rolling basis and any man who was released to the community was enrolled in the remaining ongoing enrollment class. JCAP does anticipate some changes as men who are released will not be able to immediately attend JCAP, but will have to wait until the next group offered.

### SUCSESSES

Two PBP participants who were released from LCCC to the community around the same time in Q1 have not missed any classes since being released. They have been on somewhat parallel courses and appear to support each other; in fact, they have a competition of who is more participatory and does their homework. Both participants share openly and show thoughtful consideration of new ideas. Both communicate well with JCAP staff with regards to their needs and our requirements. In addition, both men are still in relationships with the women they victimized and are working on continuing their lives with their partners and children outside of the prison.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – N/A
- Prosecutors – N/A
- Court System – N/A
- Probation/Parole – Staff continues to meet weekly with institutional probation officers at Lemon Creek Correctional Center to provide updates and receive feedback on participants. Staff communicates with field probation officers on a case-by-case basis, providing them with participant updates as needed.
- Medical –N/A
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) –JCAP facilitated a cross-training for eleven OCS employees during FY16 Q2. JCAP agreed to fast-intakes in an attempt to work within the timeframe of OCS. JCAP was subpoenaed on the first case within this new system. OCS and JCAP continued to discuss needs and collaboration between agencies, as well as more effective communication between employees. One current goal based off of the event in Q2 is to discuss the language use at both agencies to hopefully better understand each other in the future.
- DV Task Force – JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE’s Deputy Director (responsible for oversight and supervision of JCAP).
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – N/A
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs –N/A

## IAC/LEAP– Prison Based Program –FAIRBANKS

### OVERVIEW

LEAP has continued to receive regular requests from inmates to come into program. They also continue to get referrals from in-house probation officers. The group is still taught in the Education Center which has room for a maximum of 12 inmates at a time.

LEAP staff has reached out to the Fairbanks Correctional Facility Mental Health Professional and conducts bi-weekly meetings with her to discuss clients who have recently completed the intake process. The Mental Health Professional has groups of her own and most clients are enrolled into her groups as well; she is therefore able to offer insight as to how these clients act in group settings.

### SUCSESSES

A number of inmates that have applied to the PBP program have been self-referred or referred by other inmates in the facility. LEAP has had more clients come for help with homework this quarter which demonstrates their interest in the program and their willingness to open up and seek help.

### INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Through the CCR and DVTF meetings and via the Community program LEAP has also had communication with law enforcement that has been constructive.
- Prosecutors – LEAP has regular contact with the DA and provides them with affidavits of non-compliance on a monthly basis, feedback and information when requested through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – LEAP participates in a weekly ongoing status hearing for offenders. They also provide information on client status upon request.
- Probation/Parole – LEAP is in regular communication with probation and parole and have had a cooperative relationship with them for over 15 years. LEAP provides them with training on DV offenders and understanding treatment for offenders, conducts case conferences, works with the PACE program, and provide insight and suggestions on probationary conditions.
- Medical- Regular interaction with Forensic Nursing Services through the CCR meetings occurs.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) –Regular contact with OCS is maintained by making regular reports of harm when information is disclosed to or obtained by LEAP. LEAP participates in meetings with caseworkers on client progress or lack thereof, and has ongoing referrals from OCS to the program.
- DV Task Force – LEAP attends the DVTF meetings held every other month.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- N/A
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs- Contact with programs across the country via the Director.

<b>PBP - Prison Based FY16 2nd Quarter Statistics October 1 - December 31, 2015</b>	<b>AFS Palmer</b>	<b>AWARE Juneau</b>	<b>IAC Fairbanks</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	2	5	2	9
How many written intake assessments were completed?	16	5	20	41
How many participants were accepted into the program?	16	5	17	38
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	1	0	0	1
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	3	5	x	8
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	15	1	2	18
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	0	1	2	3
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	0	0	2	2
How many were repeat participants during this quarter (defined as someone who has attended intake and some or all of a program before and returned)?	1	2	4	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)	4	3	0	7
How many participants' partners (victims of the abuse) are receiving support services from a victim agency? (If the partner was counted as receiving services during the previous quarter do not count again)	0	0	0	0

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

### SUCSESSES

HOPE Hosted the Distinguished Men and Women Dinner and Auction and netted over \$10K.

HOPE hired a Community Outreach Advocate, Jaqie Wetherbee.

HOPE staff trained on Alaska Women’s Legal Rights Handbook and “No Visible Wounds.”

HOPE participated in webinar: The Foraker Group: Non-profit Sustainability

HOPE participated in webinar Advocacy for Native Survivors: Doing No Harm.

Assisted a program participant to consult with, ANDVSA’s pro bono attorney.

HOPE provided services for the first time to a male who came into our building for help.

HOPE has one Volunteer Advocate and another one is taking the ANDVSA Online Course to become a Volunteer Advocate.

HOPE completely updated and revised HOPE’s Policy and Procedures Manual.

HOPE continues to search for and work on additional grant funding.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

HOPE wrote articles for the POW Chamber Newsletter in October, November and December. We also put posters up in PeaceHealth regarding DV and Native Alaskans.

HOPE continues to spread the word that HOPE is open and ready to provide advocacy services. Some community partners do not understand that HOPE is providing services and they are referring individuals to WISH in Ketchikan.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

HOPE did hire a Community Outreach Advocate (combination of Volunteer Coordinator and Victim Advocate) this quarter. We have not yet hired another one because we have not found another person who is qualified for the open position. HOPE does plan to hire another employee as soon as we find someone who is able to perform the duties.

## UTWC-Upper Tanana Wellness Court - TOK

### SUCCESES

UTWC is gaining more momentum in the communities and more contacts with Interior Alaskans for Non-Violent Living Center (IAC).

UTWC continues to work to train more advocates for the program

The UTWC volunteer has been in contact with each village during this quarter. UTWC continues work in the communities during this quarter.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

UTWC is working with the counseling center. The center has one of UTWC's trained advocates on staff that works with clients. UTWC is trying to get the counseling center more involved with the calls for the communities.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Due to the eventual grant end, we are working to get as much done as possible during this year.

## WAVE –Working Against Violence for Everyone - PETERSBURG

### SUCCESES

WAVE has seen a big increase in walk-ins and calls. In 2014, we had 18 program participants, in 2015 we had 21.

WAVE has been able to expand in to the Petersburg High School. WAVE now has office hours Monday and Wednesdays from 10-Noon.

In October, WAVE started offering a Petersburg Moms Support Group. WAVE has had great success with this and WAVE now is needing to find a bigger space to host the meetings. The group meets twice a month and discusses a topic relating to early childhood.

Petersburg had a Digital Story Telling Sponsored by Petersburg Mental Health Services (PMHS).

WAVE participated in Strategic Planning/Board Development funded by the Alaska Community Foundation.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

WAVE continues to partner with Petersburg Mental Health Services (PMHS) to train WAVE advocates. In November PMHS provided a training on self-care. The Petersburg Public Health Nurse provided training on birth control options. WAVE provided staff training for Petersburg Mental Health Services, 'In her Shoes' Presentation.

WAVE had information tables at Beat the odds, Oktoberfest, Petersburg Sales Expo, and a local community event Julebukking. Julebukking is a community event where businesses open their doors and provide treats over the holidays, it's a great way to get people in the WAVE office.

### CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

The WAVE board is planning for financial changes ahead.