



# FY19 1st Quarter Meeting

August 21-22

# 2018

**Alaska's Council on Domestic  
Violence & Sexual Assault**

**8/21 – 9:00am – 4:30pm**

**8/22 – 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Attend via teleconference  
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## CDVSA Quarterly Council Board Meeting

August 21-22, 2018

Meeting will be conducted via Teleconference & WebEx

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WebEx link will be sent via email separately

**Vision:** *Alaska, freed from domestic and sexual violence*

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

### **Tuesday, August 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Review and Approval, Conflict Inquiry, Rachel Gernat, Chair.
- 9:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes, June 12, 2018 **(VOTE)**.
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome and introduction of new staff member, Emil R. Mackey, Ph.D. Emil is our new Research Analyst II, replacing Rocket Parish.
- 9:25 a.m. Executive Director's report of activities April–June, 2018, L. Diane Casto, Executive Director.
- 10:25 a.m. CDVSA Budget Review/Fiscal Report, SFY18 budget closeout; SFY19 Budget & Management Plan, Kelly Gohl, Administrative Officer I.
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Overview of changes made to grant process for federal compliance – how it is impacting FY19 grantees:
  - Reimbursement vs. advanced funding for federal grant dollars;
  - Fiscal reporting—clear delineation between funding sources—no comingling;
  - Alignment between funding source and allowable expenditures;
  - More detail/tracking of match funds

12:00 p.m. Lunch break

1:10 p.m. **Public Comment--30 minutes** (if after 10 minutes no one has called in to provide public comment, the meeting will resume).

1:40 p.m. ANDVSA Report, Carmen Lowry, Executive Director.

2:10 p.m. Recap of our work, challenges and successes in FY18, including a discussion of what we want to highlight in our FY18 Annual Report and timeline for completion. Remember that our Annual Report is a statutory requirement for CDVSA. Walsh|Sheppard will join us for this discussion, as the designers of our annual report.

2:40 p.m. FY2020 – budget and programming planning including:

- FY20 budget development
- Potential budget increments (AVS funding?)
- Increased federal spending authority
- Potential addition of permanent PCN request
- New RFP to expand and expend increased VOCA dollars

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. **Goodbye and recognition of Rachel Gernat, Board Chair. (Vote)**

Rachel has completed her term limits as a Board member August 2018. Board action will be required to fill the Chair position left vacant with Rachel's Board term ending August 1. A new Chair will need to be appointed to finish the remainder of Rachel's term as Chair (through February 2019). A new election will take place during our FY19 Quarter 3 Board Meeting.

4:15 p.m. Closing remarks by Board members and adjournment.

## **Day 2: August 22 (1/2-day)**

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, and review of Day 1—feedback, thoughts or comments, Interim Board Chair.

9:10 a.m. Welcome and introduction of new Public Board Member; to be announced by Governor Walker soon.

9:20 a.m. **FY19 CDVSA Board Meeting schedule for quarters 2-4—final review and agreement. (Vote)**

As required by regulation and by-laws, the Board must hold quarterly meetings each year. We are also required to hold one meeting each year in a rural location (outside of Juneau or Anchorage). Rural meeting can be held during any quarter. Dates generally agreed upon are:

- **Quarter 2:** November 7-8 or 8-9 (considering meeting in Dillingham or Nome—we need to decide so planning can begin with our local program)

- **Quarter 3:** March 6-7, 2019 (in Juneau potentially overlapping with ANDVSA for an opportunity to have agenda time to meet jointly)
- **Quarter 4:** June 4-5, 2019 or June 12-13, 2019 (telephonic/WebEx)

9:45 a.m. Staff updates—highlights of key events, activities, issues and challenges CDVSA staff are addressing as FY19 begins:

- Victim Services Regulations;
- BIP/PBP Survey and progress;
- Development of new grantee monitoring process;
- SART Regional Training;
- Other

10:30 a.m. Review and discussion of DVSA items in Public Safety Action Plan, including next steps:

- Dedicated DVSA criminal investigator in Bethel and Anchorage to assist in DVSA prosecutions;
- For rural communities that do not yet have victim shelters, work with tribes and regional nonprofits to set up safe-houses;
- Create statewide DVSA hotline.

11:00 a.m. Roundtable dialogue about how each Board member is working to enhance DVSA prevention, outreach and/or responses in their departments or communities—are there issues that need discussion, action or consideration moving forward? Please bring any topics, materials, announcements or other updates that highlight from your department, agency and/or community.

12:00 p.m. Closing remarks by Board members and adjournment

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

**Location:**

Juneau Alaska Office Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

**Quarterly Council Meeting  
Teleconference**

**June 12, 2018**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

**Committee Members Present**

Rachel Gernat – chair  
Karen Forrest  
Allison Hanzawa  
Jody Potts  
Linda Stanford  
Michelle DeWitt

**Committee Members Absent**

Karen Cann  
Sana Efird  
John Skidmore

**Staff**

Diane Casto  
Kelly Gohl  
Angela Wells  
Meggie Reinholdt  
Ann Rausch

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

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

Rachel Gernat called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

**AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Michelle DeWitt **MOVED** to approve the meeting agenda, **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

**CONFLICT INQUIRY**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jody Potts **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the March 6 - 7, 2018 quarterly meeting, **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**. (6/0)

## **CDVSA BUDGET REVIEW - FISCAL REPORT**

Diane Casto directed the board members' attention to the fiscal reports contained in the board packet and gave a brief overview of the documents. She reported that the FY19 budget is in draft form, and they will be working on adjustments to the allocations of funding between federal and general fund dollars. She yielded the floor to Kelly Gohl who went through the fiscal reports in more detail.

Kelly Gohl reported that there have been no changes in the FY18 budget since the last Council meeting. He noted that the expenditures and balances were updated for the federal grants.

With regards to the FY19 budget, Kelly Gohl reported that there is an increase in authority, mainly in federal funding. He noted that they have maximized the federal spending authority with the federal grants line. They will have the ability to maximize approximately 99% of the combination of state and federal grant funding by fully funding program requests.

Diane Casto added that at the beginning of FFY18, they did not have enough federal authority to use some of the federal money. They made a request mid-year for additional authority for FFY18, and then also requested additional federal spending authority for FFY19. Diane noted that in FFY19 the federal authority is \$8,718,400 and the FFY18 federal authority was \$6,716,750 for all lines.

Kelly Gohl highlighted the following information:

- Total budget authority including state funding and federal funding totals \$21,545,200.
  - Operating budget, which includes everything except the federal grants line totals \$3,158,801, slightly less than FY17.
  - The program summary budget, which includes Domestic Violence Victim Services (DV), Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP) and Prison-Based Batterers Intervention Programs (PBP), Community-Based Primary Prevention Programs (CBPPP), Community Readiness Programs (CRP), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Justice Systems Response to Families (JFF) total \$18,193,210.
  - The total unobligated spending authority totals \$193,189.

Kelly Gohl gave a brief overview of the draft grant award budget totaling \$18,402,100 with all funding sources totaling \$18,193,210, which would be expending approximately 99 percent of the granting authority. Diane Casto noted that they are trying to reduce the number of federal grant years they are carrying on the books and are looking at

spending down the past money when possible to then start the new year without so many grants on the books.

Kelly Gohl directed the board members' attention to the draft sub-award plan for FY19 and reviewed the recommended allocations. Kelly noted that one of the changes they made when awarding grants was to ensure that grantees got a portion of general funds with their award, did not receive more than two different funding sources, and ensure that it is not more than one federal fiscal year grant being awarded in order to reduce any comingling in reporting of funds. They also tried to simplify it as much as possible for the grantees and CDVSA staff. Diane Casto mentioned that with the issues of compliance that they dealt with in the VOCA site visit, they made significant changes in how they award money and at what time. One of the compliance issues related to federal funding was that they cannot advance funding, which is one of the reasons why the grantees receive general funding, because there are no compliance issues for funding advances with general funds. She noted that all federal funding will be issued through a reimbursable format, and grantees will have to submit monthly reimbursement forms to the Council indicating which of the federal dollars they've spent, how they've spent it, and then they will get reimbursed for that money. The general fund dollars can still be awarded on an advance basis. Kelly noted that the Council staff is working on new reporting forms for reimbursables.

Diane Casto stated that CDVSA staff's goal for this year is to develop a budget that is solid, that makes sense, that indicates where they are expending the funding in the most thoughtful and deliberate way, and to make sure that all of the funding that should be going out to communities is going out in a timely and appropriate manner.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the clear and streamlined budget reporting from the staff at CDVSA.

### **OVERVIEW OF FUNDING ALLOCATION PROCESS**

Diane Casto noted that a major priority for the Council is allocating funding to communities to ensure there are services across the state to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She stated that the process this year consisted of one solicitation for the three major grant programs including the following:

- Community-Based Victim Services Programs, a competitive solicitation
- The prevention grants, which was a competitive solicitation done last year and approved by the board making it a continuation award this year.
- CRP Grants and CBPPP Grants, which are funded primarily from the funds received through SB91 and are designated general funds.
- The Community-Based BIP and Prison-Based Batterers Program, which are also a continuation award.

Diane Casto summarized that the board will be looking at approving funding for one competitive solicitation, two continuations, and a request for funding from the Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) from the University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Human Development (UAA CHD), which had previously been funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

Diane Casto gave an overview of the funding process, which was outlined in a document titled *Funding Recommendations for FY19 Grant Programs* included in the board packet as follows:

- Put out an RFP in January. The RFP is for a three-year award.
- Twenty current grantees and four new applicants applied for funding. The total requested for CBVSP in FY19 was \$16,396,896.
- Two Proposal Evaluation Committees (PEC) were held to review the proposals.
- Following the PEC scoring, the recommendations were forwarded to CDVSA staff along with general comments indicating areas where applicants struggled or could have provided more information. Those recommendations can be found in the funding process document referenced above.

Diane Casto noted that once the CDVSA board makes their final recommendations and votes to approve the funding plans for all CDVSA grant programs for FY19, staff will finalize the process of notifying applicants of their pending grant award and preparing grant awards. Their intent is to have all grant award documents sent to grantees no later than June 25.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A public comment period was offered, and a full transcript was prepared.

### **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY-BASED VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Diane Casto opened the floor for questions or concerns related to the funding requests for Community-Based Victim Services Programs. Diane reminded the Council that the new potential grantees are Emmonak Women's Shelter (EMS), Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) in Craig, Kenaitze Indian Tribe (KIT) in Kenai, and Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE) in Petersburg. Both WAVE and HOPE did receive emergent program funding a number of years ago with the intent that they would apply for funding, but there has not been an opportunity to apply for regular victim service program funding until now.

Allison Hanzawa **MOVED** to accept PEC #1 recommendation as presented, **SECONDED** by Michelle DeWitt. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to accept PEC #2 recommendation as presented, **SECONDED** by Linda Stanfill. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

### **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND APPROVAL OF PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAMS**

Ann Rausch gave a brief overview of the continuation grant applications and the process leading up to the recommendations, and she opened the floor for questions from the board members. She noted that the prevention grant programs include the Community Readiness Prevention Grants and the Community-Based Primary Prevention Grant programs.

Michelle DeWitt **MOVED** to approve Community Readiness and Community-Based Primary Prevention Grants at the levels recommended by staff for FY19, **SECONDED** by Allison Stanford. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**



## **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY-BASED BATTERERS INTERVENTION AND PRISON-BASED BATTERERS PROGRAMS**

Diane Casto stated that the BIP clearly needs CDVSA's attention because it has not been adequately funded or staffed, nor has it been adequately monitored. Diane noted that one of the reasons they chose not to do a competitive process with regards to funding this year is that they hope to spend this coming fiscal year doing an analysis of the program, and they plan to work with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish new MOAs. She reported that the BIP regulations also need to be updated. Until those activities take place, they felt it was not the time to move forward with a competitive grant approach.

Diane Casto is working closely with the Alaska Judicial Council's Susanne DiPietro and Teri Carns, who have agreed to assist CDVSA with doing a survey of the currently approved BIP programs, six of which CDVSA funds and four that are approved but not funded because they are private companies, not non-profits. They will conduct an analysis of all the approved programs and look at models and evidence-based information of other programs for perpetrators.

Diane Casto stated that they do have funding through an RSA specifically for funding the prison-based programs, and they are adding general fund dollars both to the community-based BIP programs as well as a small addition to the prison-based programs. There are three programs that requested additional funding, AWARE, AIC, and SPHH for the community-based programs and AWARE and IAC for the prison-based programs.

Diane Casto noted that they intend to use the full amount of the RSA from DOC plus the additional amount from unrestricted general funds for the prison-based BIP. For the community-based programs, they will be using unrestricted general funds plus a portion of the RSA they receive from DOC for CDVSA to monitor all of the community-based prevention grants.

The CDVSA staff recommendation is to fund the final grant award presented totaling \$248,529 for Community-Based BIP and \$114,896 for Prison-Based Batterers Program.

Karen Forrest **MOVED** to accept the staff recommendation for the funding for FY19 for the Community-Based BIP and the Prison-Based Batterers Program, **SECONDED** by Linda Stanford. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

## **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION REGARDING DART REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Diane Casto directed the Council members' attention to the documents related to the Disability Abuse Response Team's (DART) request for funding included in the board packet. Steve Williams, who had managed the program when it was housed at the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority joined the meeting to be available to answer questions from the Council. Diane gave an overview of DART, which is a program at UAA CHD that CDVSA has been a partner with in terms of assisting them, particularly with their data collection. Diane noted that CDVSA believes the DART program is a critically important program because it focuses on the underserved population that

CDVSA is required by their federal funding to address. People with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to becoming victims of violent crimes, domestic violence, and sexual assault, and DART is one way to ensure that CDVSA is attending to that population and making sure that they have appropriate and adequate services that meet their specific needs in a responsive way.

Diane Casto noted that the DART proposal contains three budgets, a bare-bones budget of \$118,905, and two alternative budgets that add additional support; the medium budget of \$138,034, and the fully-funded proposal of \$151,474. CDVSA staff made a recommendation to approve funding at the medium to fully-funded request.

Rachel Gernat led the Council through a discussion related to each level of the funding request beginning with the bare-bones budget moving through to the fully-funded budget. The Council decided to take a vote on each proposal individually which resulted in the following:

Allison Hanzawa **MOVED** to approve the recommendation to fund the UAA DART program at \$118,905, **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

Michelle Forrest **MOVED** to approve the recommendation to fund the UAA DART program at \$138,034, **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. During discussion, Michelle Forrest stated that she is supportive of funding the project, but has concerns related to future funding. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

Allison Hanzawa **MOVED** to approve the recommendation to fund the UAA DART program at \$151,474, **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. During discussion, Karen asked for clarification related to the community contracts increase. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **FAILED. (2/4)**

Diane Casto noted that since UAA CHD is a state entity, CDVSA will be able to make the award through a Reimbursable Service Agreement (RSA).

### **REVIEW POTENTIAL FY19 CDVSA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Council members engaged in a discussion related to the potential scheduling for FY19 Council meetings. Diane Casto agreed to send a poll to Council members to begin the finalization of the FY19 meeting dates.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Karen Forrest expressed her appreciation for the people who participated on the PECs. She's done that work before and recognizes that it is a tremendous amount of work. Karen noted that she sees the management of the programs becoming more organized and streamlined, and the budget information is becoming clearer and she is impressed with the work being done. She looks forward to more conversations about the program issues going forward.

Jody Potts expressed her appreciation to the CDVSA staff and stated that the financial report was very good. She sees that CDVSA is headed in a good direction.

Michelle DeWitt stated that there are great materials being generated out of the Council office. The preparation for the grant review committee was very good, and those meetings were efficient and well organized by Council staff. She expressed her appreciation for the organization of the meeting and thanked Rachel Gernat for chairing.

Rachel Gernat commented that she appreciates the PECs work. She encouraged members to take a visit to a shelter. She announced that the Mat-Su Rotary will be passing on the No More Mat-Su to a student organization to carry on the work of awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence in the Mat-Su.

Diane Casto closed out the meeting expressing her appreciation to the board members for their time and efforts. She noted that they will be meeting tomorrow to set in motion the grant awards and send out grant notifications. She offered kudos to the staff of CDVSA noting that they have worked hard this year and it shows. The staff has worked on getting things in order and have improved a lot of processes and procedures, and CDVSA is coming into compliance with the federal auditors. She stated that the staff has done an outstanding job, and she is looking forward to an amazing FY19. Diane noted that she will be developing a director's report regarding other activities at the Council to send to Council members since she did not present one at this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Karen Forrest **MOVED** to adjourn, **SECONDED** by Michelle DeWitt. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Teleconference

June 12, 2018

10:30 p.m.

ROUGH DRAFT TRANSCRIPT

Pages 1 - 5, inclusive

Attendees:

Karen Forrest  
Linda Stanford  
Michelle DeWitt  
Rachel Gernat

CDVSA Staff:

Diane Casto  
Angela Wells

Reported by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 RACHEL GERNAT: We will go ahead, it's  
3 time for public comment. So I was told that we had no  
4 one previously signed up, so at this point I will ask  
5 if there's anyone either present or present telephonic  
6 that wanted to make a comment.

7 SARALYN TABACHNICK: Saralyn Tabachnick  
8 from Juneau.

9 RACHEL GERNAT: Okay. I will go ahead  
10 and start. If you could remind me, is it two or three  
11 minutes?

12 DIANE CASTO: I believe it's two.

13 RACHEL GERNAT: Okay.

14 DIANE CASTO: Two to three.

15 RACHEL GERNAT: So go ahead, Saralyn.

16 SARALYN TABACHNICK: Thanks, everyone.

17 Hi, this is Saralyn Tabachnick at AWARE in Juneau.

18 We've had some very busy weeks this week and last week  
19 in particular. One of my staff people and advocate  
20 last week -- who has been an advocate for close to ten  
21 years, says she thinks it was the worst week ever.

22 I'm not telling you this because things  
23 are difficult. I'm telling you this because your  
24 support means the world to me and my staff. At a time  
25 when things are difficult, it's really nice knowing

1     that CDVSA is looking out for us. I've listened to  
2     the PEC and listened to this meeting and other  
3     meetings at different points and have asked questions  
4     of staff, and every time I am very pleased with the  
5     professionalism, the thoroughness, the  
6     comprehensiveness of everyone I am in contact with.

7                     So I just wanted to thank you for that,  
8     ask you to continue that, let you know it's very  
9     meaningful from one well-oiled machine to another.

10                    RACHEL GERNAT: Thank you, Saralyn, very  
11     much.

12                    DIANE CASTO: Thank you.

13                    RACHEL GERNAT: Are there -- and for  
14     people who might not be aware, that public comment  
15     works that someone makes a comment, it's not really a  
16     dialogue, I would say, between Council members, but it  
17     will seem strange that no one is really responding,  
18     that's why.

19                    Okay. Thank you. Is there anybody else  
20     that wished to make a comment? Okay. Well, I don't  
21     hear anyone, and I was told that no one signed up. We  
22     are supposed to wait ten minutes if no one calls in,  
23     but someone did speak, so I'm going to go ahead and  
24     continue the meeting at this time. It is almost  
25     10:40.

1                   So with that, we are ready to go into  
2                   our 11:00 agenda item, which is a review, discussion,  
3                   and approval of the community-based victim services  
4                   programs? The vote may depend on who is available.  
5                   It may have to wait until after the lunch break. I am  
6                   going to, at this time, ask Michelle that after --  
7                   once we start if she'd take over being the chair until  
8                   after lunch.

9                   I will actually be able to listen in for  
10                  part of the time after 11:00, but won't be able to  
11                  comment. Basically I'll be in the car with kids, so I  
12                  can listen, but I won't be able to open up and have a  
13                  dialogue. If I can turn it over to Michelle at 11:00  
14                  and I'll probably be off the call until about 1:00.  
15                  And I think Karen, were you the one that said you also  
16                  had to leave.

17                  DIANE CASTO: No, Jody.

18                  KAREN FORREST: No.

19                  RACHEL GERNAT: Who needed to be off the  
20                  call at 11:30?

21                  JODY POTTS: I'll be off at 11.

22                  RACHEL GERNAT: All right. So Michelle,  
23                  you will just take note of who is present in case we  
24                  need to put the vote off?

25                  DIANE CASTO: Can I just say that if

1 board members join -- well, they won't know to say  
2 that -- it would be nice if we could have them that  
3 they have come on, because we are right now at quorum.

4 RACHEL GERNAT: Yes.

5 (Public comment concluded at 10:35 a.m.)  
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## CDVSA Executive Director's Update

March - June, 2018

Prepared by L. Diane Casto, Executive Director

### Update on activities/highlights March 2018 – June 2018

#### **FY19 Funding Activities – RFP and Continuation Applications:**

Most of March through June 2018 was consumed with activities related to community-based funding for Victim Services, Prevention and Battering Intervention grantees. Funding for FY19 Victim Services grant programs was conducted through a competitive Request for Proposals process—the RFP was released April 6. Applications for current VS grantees were due May 11 and for new applicants May 18. A total of 24 applications were received—20 current grantees and four (4) new grantees. Two region-based PECs were conducted on May 23-24 and May 30-31. Prevention grants were solicited in FY18 and were given as 3-year awards so Prevention grantees were required to complete a continuation application, as were the BIP/PBP grant awards. The whole process was completed in a timely manner with awards for VS and BIP being sent the last week of June and Prevention awards were sent by July 2. Twenty-four (24) Victim Services grants were awarded; six (6) BIP and three (3) Prison Based Programs were awarded; and seven (7) Prevention Community Readiness grants and five (5) Community Based Primary Prevention Program grants were awarded.

A total of \$18.2 million in community grant awards were made for state fiscal year 2019. The funding awarded represents a nearly 21% increase over funding in FY18, and includes four (4) new first time Victim Services grant recipients – Helping Ourselves Prevention Emergencies (HOPE) in Craig; Kenaitze Indian Tribe, in Kenai; Emmonak Women's Shelter in Emmonak; and Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE) in Petersburg.

In addition to grants, CDVSA has a number of Reimbursable Services Agreements (RSAs) for funding to the UAA Center for Human Development to continue their Disability Abuse Response Teams (DART) working to improve outcomes for victims of crime with increased vulnerability and a lack of services due to disabilities; as well as RSAs/contracts with our STOP/VAWA partners—Dept. of Law; Alaska Court System; Alaska State Troopers/DPS; and ANDVSA.

A number of significant changes to how we give funding to grantees were made this year (to comply with federal regulations), including separate Grant Agreements for each funding source (GF, VOCA, SASP, FVPSA) to avoid co-mingling of funds; stronger justification/explanation of where match is coming from and reporting on it related to the specific funding it is matching (including

services offered as match meeting the allowable costs for the funding source); and reimbursement of all federal funds—federal funds are not allowed to be dispersed via 3-month advances and must be paid following expenditure.

On July 24 we provided a webinar to all grantees to provide updates, information and TA regarding funding allocations, reimbursement forms/process, match requirements, reporting forms and other issues of importance. In addition, the first two days of our All Grantee Meeting in September will provide additional detailed training on many of these changes and how we can all move forward together with a revised/renewed funding process.

### **Staffing and personnel issues:**

As reported in my last report, Rocket Parish resigned his position as Research Analyst II for CDVSA. His last day was July 16. Prior to his departure we began recruitment for a new RA II, interviewed three (3) candidates and selected Emil Mackey, Ph.D. We are excited to have Emil join our team; he brings a new depth and perspective to our data collection, analysis and ability to use our data to better define our direction and using the information to set policy and plan strategically. Emil began his tenure with us on Wednesday, August 8. I have asked Emil to attend our August 21-22 Board meeting as a way to become knowledgeable and informed about the work of CDVSA and its Board.

A second personnel item is the resignation of Bruce Wells; Bruce was our non-perm Grants Administrator II. He began his time with CDVSA in January 2018 and will be leaving us on August 17. In light of the significant increases in VOCA funding that we continue to receive (at this time), we are rethinking our current staff resources to provide us with adequate staff capacity to be able to award and monitor new grant funds. With our current staffing, we are unable to add more grant awards for victim services. More on this topic later.

And finally, CDVSA is very excited about our soon to be UAF School of Social Work Practicum student. John Hawkins from Juneau will join CDVSA as a full-year practicum placement – he will be required to work 200 hours during fall semester and 200 hours in spring semester. John works for Tlingit and Haida Center Council and will continue his “day” job, and his employer is supportive of the time that John will be spending on his practicum. These practicum placement requirements are a great opportunity for students and employers. The practicum experience will begin around August 27, and will include an orientation both for the students and the placement supervisor. John’s time in our office will begin soon after Labor Day. Once John begins we will develop a learning and work plan for him – my goal right now is to have him begin working with our Battering Intervention Programs as we are evaluating and considering a redesign of these programs to be more effective and more broadly available.

### **Service Contracts—Walsh | Sheppard, Northwest Strategies, Strategic Prevention Solutions:**

During FY19, we will be working with three primary contractors for communications, event planning and prevention performance measures and outcomes.

Walsh|Sheppard will continue as our Communication Services contractor. Recently we met to discuss our FY19 deliverables, which will look similar to our FY18 deliverables:

1. Annual report design and development;
2. Design and planning of new media materials for February, Teen Dating Awareness Month (building on the concept of last year's poster);
3. Media planning for October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and April, Sexual Assault Awareness and Education Month;
4. Refreshing and rebranding our current media and communications presence including stronger social media;
5. Review the FY18 analysis of current media materials and communications plan and upgrade and refresh, as needed.

Walsh|Sheppard staff will join us at our Q. 1 Board meeting during the discussion of our FY18 Annual Report, to hear our ideas and provide recommendations.

We have contracted with Northwest Strategies (NWS) to carry out Event Planning services in place of the state's contract with Bespoke, Inc. During FY18 we had significant struggles with the quality of service being offered by Bespoke, and we received permission to solicit for and enter into an Event Planning contract to meet our specific needs. NWS was the successful applicant and their first event is the FY19 All Grantee Meeting—so far, we are very pleased with their service, their experience and the quality of their work.

We continue to contract with Strategic Prevention Solutions as they work on the Victim Services Best Practices Guidance document to accompany our new regulations and working with our Prevention grantees to develop outcome measures and a process for collecting, interpreting and using the data to guide our future prevention work.

#### **Miscellaneous meetings, presentations and activities:**

- Media Events
  - April 16, the Council issued a press release to announce the release of the 2017 Annual Report and the FY19-121 Victims Services Request for Proposals;
  - Interviewed by Laurel Andrews, Anchorage Daily News, regarding Annual Report and Victim Services RFP;
  - June 12, the Council issued a press release to announce FY19 grant funding awards of \$18 million dollars
  - Attended and briefly spoke at the Governor's signing of HB 31—Rep. Tarr's bill related to sexual assault reporting, evidence and kits;
- Attended the Alaska State Trooper Academy, April 25-27 in Sitka to participate in the training on Law Enforcement and Domestic Violence;

- Attended a Training with Tom Tremblay, April 30-May 1 in Juneau, a national speaker and consultant on Trauma Informed Interviewing and Investigations in law enforcement cases of sexual assault;
- Alaska Public Safety Action Plan—Continuing to work with Susie Frenzel, DOL on two APSAP recommendations for a proposed statewide 24/7 DV/SA hotline and increased shelter/emergency services in rural Alaska;
- Attended the Alaska Mental Health Trust's Annual FY20/21 Stakeholder & Budget Meeting – in Anchorage June 20-21 at the BP Energy Center.

### **CDVSA Staff Activities/Issues:**

The CDVSA Team continues their thorough and detailed work to keep our office and programs moving forward as we revised our policies and practices and prepared for a new funding cycle in FY2019.

One issue we need to discuss is the current lack of people resources to enable us to fully expend our increased federal VOCA funding. Since FY2015 our federal funding (primarily VOCA) has significantly increased. From FY15 to FY19 our available federal funding (that we have authority to spend) has increased 135%. In that same time period, our full-time permanent staff have decreased from 9 to 7; a 22.2% decrease. In addition, the policy and practice changes required following our VOCA site visit increased financial and programmatic monitoring and changes to our former processes for distribution of grant funds, closer and more frequent monitoring. In addition, when three staff were cut in FY17, our expertise and ability to adequately monitor and support our Battering Intervention Programs was significantly reduced. If CDVSA is going to be able to distribute our growing VOCA funding (our FY18 funding was increased by approximately 67%), increase the number of agencies/organizations who received CDVSA grant awards, collect data and evaluate program outcomes, and adequately build, monitor and evaluate our BIP/PBP programming, in line with criminal justice reforms goal to reduce recidivism through changing knowledge, attitudes and behaviors—we need a minimum of two additional permanent full-time staff, bringing our staffing back to our FY15 level. Being able to obtain a long-term non-perm Grants Administrator was some progress, but in order to recruit and hire high quality, long-term employees we need permanent positions, not non-perm positions. I believe we can justify asking for two additional permanent full-time positions in the FY20 budget. With increased federal grant funds comes an increase in available federal administrative funds. Funding for BIP/PBP is, of course funded with state general funds, currently a portion is paid by Department of Corrections, and a portion was covered by CDVSA general funds until cuts of approximately \$1.6 million between FY15 and FY19 contributed to a reduction of \$200,000 for community-based BIP funds. As we continue our review of Battering Intervention Programs and make decisions on the direction of efforts to rehabilitate perpetrators of interpersonal violence, we will need to assess the current funding levels and determine what is needed to fully implement statewide programming for this population.

## Immediate issues, concerns or hurdles with project implementation and performance measures?

- One item that needs discussion, debate and decision-making is the continuation of the Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS). FY2020 will be five years since our last statewide survey in FY2015. The original plan was to conduct the survey every five years to have ongoing information, data and insight into trends and changes among rates of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. The Survey is based on a national CDC survey, providing not only a clear picture of what is occurring in Alaska, but a comparable picture of national data. I have met with Dr. Andre Rosay, UAA College of Health and Dr. Ingrid Johnson, UAA Justice Center to determine what is possible and the cost to conduct the survey; to have a comparable number of surveys to FY2015 and to have a large enough sample for quality data and reliability, we should complete between 3,000 and 3,200 surveys. The approximate inclusive cost per completed survey is approximately \$250-\$300. Due to the sensitive nature of the survey and the trauma-informed approach to training surveyors, there is an increased cost over a survey where the information requested is not going to re-traumatize or put in danger the respondents. The estimated costs for completing the AVS in FY2020 is \$800,000. We currently have approximately \$100,000 of unspent money in our UAA fund; in addition, I would like to explore soliciting donations from a few other Alaska funders /foundations to broaden the “buy in” for this survey and its importance. Even with additional funding we will need to request a one-time general fund increment of \$500,000 to \$600,000 dollars in our FY2020 budget request. I have given Kelly Howell, DPS Administrative Director, a heads up that this request may be coming. We will discuss this item on Tuesday, August 21.

The items listed below were previously identified as areas needing our ongoing attention and potential action/revisions. Updates on steps taken are listed below in blue;

- Battering Intervention Program (BIP) – programming, regulations, certification, monitoring and funding—the issues of BIP’s and their availability and effectiveness was discussed during the hearings on SB54 during the 4<sup>th</sup> special session in 2017 and were highlighted in the UAA Results First report, showing BIPs as not cost effective. Both of these issues have put more urgency on our need to revise and improve our overall process for certifying, funding, monitoring and collecting data on these programs. In partnership with the Alaska Judicial Council (AJC), CDVSA has created a survey that will be sent to all approved BIP/PBP programs—both funded and unfunded by CDVSA. Our new Research Analyst Emil Mackey is converting the survey questions into a Survey Monkey format that will be sent to each program, requesting they fully complete each question. Once the responses are submitted, Susan Dipietro and Teri Carns from the AJC will review, analyze and put the results into a report on the current status of BIP/PBPs in Alaska. During our FY19 All Grantee Meeting in September, there will be a lunchtime breakout session for all BIP programs, with AJC staff and UAA Justice Center staff available to help facilitate a dialogue and discussion of next steps. Besides reviewing the current programming, we will assess the

need for updated and expanded services to broader populations, with unique programming needs

- Victim Services Regulations—process is moving forward, with final document being review one last time before we move to the formal development of regulation language, in partnership with the department of law. During July, CDVSA entered into a small single source contract with Kurt West, a Regulations Writer and Consultant. Kurt is tasked with taking the Draft Regulation changes developed over the last couple of years in partnership with our Victim Services providers, and to draft a regulations package for submission to the Department of Law. Staff are met with Kurt on August 14 to review the draft information, answer questions, and hear Kurt’s initial recommendations for moving forward—we need to make decisions about certain sections and if we can revise or if we will need to repeal and replace (there is a certain threshold for these two options).

## Upcoming events

Several upcoming activities, events and meetings will be happening during the next quarter:

- **ACEs and Trauma Informed Care in Alaska: A Learning Collaborative**, Sept. 4-5, Dena’ina Center, Anchorage;
- **September 11**, Alaska State Forum on Public Safety, Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA Campus
- **September 18-20**, CDVSA All Grantee Meeting, Anchorage Marriott, Anchorage;
- **October 2018**, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month;
- **October 24-25**, VAWA Association Peer to Peer Meeting, Seattle, WA;
- **October 29-31**, Alaska School Health and Wellness Institute (SHWI), BP Energy Center, Anchorage;
- **October 29**, Coaching Boys into Men Training, Anchorage, one-day training in conjunction with SHWI;
- **November 6-9**, Regional SART Training, Cape Fox Lodge, Ketchikan;
- **November 7-8 or 8-9**, Quarter 2 CDVSA Board Meeting, possible rural meeting(tentative);
- **November 13-15**, 2018 Alaska Conference on Child Maltreatment, Changing Futures, Anchorage;



## Program Budget FY 2019

## BUDGET AUTHORITY

## State Funding Authority

General Funds (GF)	10,649,600
Designated General Funds (DGF)	2,000,000
Inter-Agency Receipts (I/A)	177,200
<b>Total State Funding Authority</b>	<b>12,826,800</b>

## Federal Funding Authority

Federal Receipts (FED)	8,718,400
<b>Total Federal Funding Authority</b>	<b>8,718,400</b>

<b>Total Authority for FY 2019</b>	<b>21,545,200</b>
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## OPERATING BUDGET

LIT Memo Needed to move  
\$210k to Payroll

	GF	DGF	I/A	FED	TOTAL
Line 1000 - Payroll	466,000		63,643	203,800	733,443
Line 2000 - Travel	166,400	5,000	5,000	50,000	226,400
Line 3000 - Services & Contracts	741,000	150,000	10,400	464,100	1,365,500
Line 4000 - Commodities	85,800	10,000	-	-	95,800
<b>Total by Funding Type</b>	<b>1,459,200</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>79,043</b>	<b>717,900</b>	

<b>Operating Budget for FY 2019</b>	<b>2,421,143</b>
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## PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY (Line 7000)

## Program Type

	GF	DGF	I/A	FED	TOTAL
Domestic Violence (DV)	8,905,391	-	-	7,491,505	16,396,896
Batterer Intervention Program (BIP)	213,529	-	35,000	-	248,529
Prison Based Prevention (PBP)	16,659	-	98,237	-	114,896
Community Based Primary Prevention Prog. (CBPPP)	-	820,163	-	-	820,163
Community Readiness (CR)	-	491,651	-	-	491,651
	-	-	-	-	-
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	-	-	-	241,522	241,522
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Justice Systems Resp. to Families (JFF)	-	-	-	142,364	142,364
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,135,579</b>	<b>1,311,814</b>	<b>133,237</b>	<b>7,875,391</b>	

<b>Program Budget for FY 2019</b>	<b>18,456,021</b>
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## BUDGETED OBLIGATIONS BY FUNDING TYPE

General Funds (GF)	10,594,779
Designated General Funds (DGF)	1,476,814
Inter-Agency Receipts (I/A)	212,280
Federal Receipts (FED)	8,593,291

<b>Total Budgeted Obligations for FY2019</b>	<b>20,877,164</b>
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Total Unobligated Authority:	668,036
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## Grants Awarded FY 2019

## BUDGET AUTHORITY DESIGNATED FOR GRANT AWARDS (Line 7000)

## State Grants Budget Authority

General Fund (GF)  
Designated General Fund (DGF)  
Inter-Agency (I/A)

Need to reduce DGF by about \$335k  
and move to contracts & services.

9,190,400  
1,835,000  
134,200

**Total State Fund Authority 11,159,600**

## Federal Grants Budget Authority

Federal Receipts (FED)

8,000,500

**Total Federal Funds Authority 8,000,500**

## Total Grant Award Authority in FY 2019

**19,160,100**

## FEDERAL GRANTS

Over expended grants will be  
corrected before closeout.

## Federal Grant Award

FFY15 VAWA: 2015-WF-AX-0007  
FFY16 VAWA: 2016-WF-AX-0025  
FFY15 SASP: 2015-KF-AX-0027  
FFY16 SASP: 2016-KF-AX-0053  
FFY15 VOCA: 2015-VA-GX-0060  
FFY15 VOCA: DISC 2015-VF-GX-0057  
FFY17 FVPSA: G-1701AKFVPSA  
FFY15 JFF: 2015-FJ-AX-0006  
FFY17 SASP: 2017-KF-AX-0037  
FFY16 VOCA: 2016-VA-GX-0020  
FFY17 VAWA: 2017-WF-AX-0052  
FFY17 VOCA: 2017-VA-GX-0002  
FFY18 FVPSA: ?-1801AKFVPSA

	Awarded	Expended	Remaining Encumb.	Unobligated	End Date
FFY15 VAWA: 2015-WF-AX-0007	800,075	788,170	4,988	6,917	6/30/2018
FFY16 VAWA: 2016-WF-AX-0025	882,640	574,804	32,161	275,676	6/30/2019
FFY15 SASP: 2015-KF-AX-0027	299,269	200,614	98,655	-	7/31/2018
FFY16 SASP: 2016-KF-AX-0053	395,340	20,763	375,573	(996)	7/31/2018
FFY15 VOCA: 2015-VA-GX-0060	4,909,151	4,905,684	1,742	1,725	9/30/2018
FFY15 VOCA: DISC 2015-VF-GX-0057	101,183	91,594	2,999	6,590	9/30/2018
FFY17 FVPSA: G-1701AKFVPSA	761,084	585,852	177,394	(2,162)	9/30/2018
FFY15 JFF: 2015-FJ-AX-0006	501,015	386,144	-	114,871	9/30/2019
FFY17 SASP: 2017-KF-AX-0037	375,013	-	356,262	18,751	7/31/2019
FFY16 VOCA: 2016-VA-GX-0020	5,476,300	1,311,474	-	4,164,826	9/30/2019
FFY17 VAWA: 2017-WF-AX-0052	872,917	37,436	12,564	822,917	9/30/2020
FFY17 VOCA: 2017-VA-GX-0002	4,628,960	-	1,842,928	2,786,032	9/30/2021
FFY18 FVPSA: ?-1801AKFVPSA	764,502	-	-	-	9/30/2019
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,767,449</b>	<b>8,902,535</b>	<b>2,905,266</b>	<b>8,195,146</b>	

## GRANT AWARD ALLOCATION BY PROGRAM AND FUNDING TYPE

Funding Source	Program Name	# Recipients	Awarded
General Fund (GF)	Victim Services - General Fund	24	8,905,391
SASP (Fed)	Victim Services -Sexual Assault Services Pr	4	830,490
VOCA (Fed)	Victim Services - Victims of Crime Act	12	5,760,592
FVPSA (Fed)	Victim Services - Family Violence & Prev.	3	900,423
			<b>16,396,896</b>
Designated General Funds (DGF)	Community-Based Batterers Primary Prev. P	5	820,163
			<b>820,163</b>
Unrestricted General Funds (GF)	Batters Intervention Program	6	213,529
Inter-Agency (I/A)	Batters Intervention Program	1	35,000
			<b>248,529</b>
STOP VAWA (Fed)	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	3	241,522
			<b>241,522</b>
Designated General Funds (DGF)	Community Readiness	7	491,651
			<b>491,651</b>
Unrestricted General Funds (GF)	Prison-Based Batters Program	2	16,659
Inter-Agency (I/A)	Prison-Based Batters Program	3	98,237
			<b>114,896</b>
JFF (Fed)	Justice Systems Response to Familes (JFF)	2	142,364
			<b>142,364</b>

## Total Awarded to each Program by Funding Type

**18,456,021**





Alaska's Council on  
Domestic Violence  
& Sexual Assault

## Detailed Subaward Plan for FY 2019

### SUBAWARD ALLOCATION PLAN BY FUNDING SOURCE

#### State Funded Grants Awarded by Program Type

General Fund (GF)	8,905,391
Batterer's Programs, Inter-Agency (I/A)	133,237
Batterer's Programs, Unrestricted General Fund (GF)	230,188
Prevention, Designated General Fund (DGF)	1,311,814
	<b>10,580,630</b>

#### Federal Grants Awarded

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	5,760,592
Family Violence & Prevention Services Act (FVPSA)	900,423
Victim Against Women Act (VAWA)	241,522
Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)	830,490
Justice Systems Response for Families (JFF)	142,364
	<b>7,875,391</b>

#### Subaward Allocation Spending Plan Total

**18,456,021**

### SUBAWARD ALLOCATIONS TO RECIPIENTS BY FUNDING TYPE

Sub-Recipients	Victim Services				Batterer's Prog.				Prevention		Other Federal		Total
	GF	VOCA	SASP	FVPSA	BIP - GF	BIP-I/A	PBP - GF	PBP - I/A	CR-DGF	CBPPP-DGF	VAWA	JFF	
Alaska Family Services	125,520	583,442	-	-	41,812	-	-	46,589	-	-	-	-	797,363
Alaska Institute for Justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	216,522	20,085	236,607
Advocates for Victims of Violence	122,954	297,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,081	-	-	-	479,185
Abused Women's Aid In Crisis	879,965	879,964	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,600	-	-	-	1,836,529
Aiding Women from Abuse and Rape	439,361	892,036	-	-	51,300	-	11,005	20,000	-	324,676	-	-	1,738,378
Arctic Women in Crisis	244,484	-	-	386,144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	630,628
Bering Sea Women's Group	224,590	-	-	336,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	561,475
Cordova Family Resources Center	234,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,587	-	-	314,467
Emmonak Women's Shelter	437,732	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	437,732
Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies	49,579	49,579	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,158
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living	728,276	728,275	-	-	35,000	35,000	5,654	31,648	-	151,828	-	122,279	1,837,960
Ketchikan Indian Corporation	-	-	-	-	38,354	-	-	-	-	-	12,500	-	50,854
Kenaitze Indian Tribe	184,766	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,500	-	197,266
Kodiak Women's Resources & Crisis Cntr.	439,927	-	243,209	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	683,136
The LeeShore Center	481,053	486,240	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	80,502	-	-	-	1,067,795
Maniilaq Family Crisis Center	385,473	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	385,473
Safe & Fear-Free Environment	681,283	-	-	177,394	-	-	-	-	83,183	-	-	-	941,860
Sitkans Against Family Violence	265,750	265,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167,707	-	-	699,207
Seaview Community Services	96,295	-	51,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148,145
South Peninsula Haven House	233,912	551,352	-	-	27,063	-	-	-	-	96,365	-	-	908,692
Standing Together Against Rape	488,628	-	488,626	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	977,254
Tundra Women's Coalition	783,915	783,914	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,509	-	-	-	1,638,338
Unalaskan's Against Sexual Assault & F.V.	229,959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	229,959
Victims for Justice	147,235	147,235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	294,470
Working Against Violence for Everyone	95,655	95,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,425	-	-	-	246,735
Women In Safe Homes	904,199	-	46,805	-	-	-	-	-	66,351	-	-	-	1,017,355
	<b>8,905,391</b>	<b>5,760,592</b>	<b>830,490</b>	<b>900,423</b>	<b>213,529</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>16,659</b>	<b>98,237</b>	<b>491,651</b>	<b>820,163</b>	<b>241,522</b>	<b>142,364</b>	

#### Total Amount Awarded to Sub Recipients

**18,456,021**