



FY19 2nd Quarter Meeting

November 1-2,
2018

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

11/1 – 1:00pm – 4:30pm

11/1 – 6:00pm Community Dialogue

11/2 – 9:00am – 4:30pm

100 West 7th Ave, Nome, Alaska

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Katirvik Cultural Center

Located in the Richard Foster Building

100 West 7th Ave.

Nome, Alaska

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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.*

Day One: Thursday, November 1

- 1:00 p.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Review and Approval, Conflict Inquiry, Michelle Dewitt, Chair.
- 1:10 p.m. Welcome and introduction of new Board members: Teresa Lowe (Public Member) and Monique Martin (DHSS Representative) and introduction of in-person attendees.
- 1:25 p.m. Approval of Minutes, August 21-22, 2018 **(VOTE)**.
- 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introduction to the Bering Sea Women's Group by Barbara Amarok, Executive Director.
- 2:00 p.m. ANDVSA Report and Preliminary results from the COMPASS case study, Carmen Lowry, ANDVSA Executive Director and Dr. Kathi Trawver, UAA School of Social Work.
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. An Overview and Discussion of what led to a group of Alaska Native Women presenting the Nome City Council with a resolution "In Support of Justice for Alaska Native Sexual Assault and Violent Crime Victims in the Community of Nome, Alaska."

Lisa Ellanna, Katirvik Cultural Center Director will facilitate the presentation and discussion.

4:15 p.m. Preparation for Nome Community Dialogue on DV, SA and Other Violent Crimes, hosted by CDVSA, Michelle Dewitt.

4:30 p.m. Closing remarks by Board members and adjournment.

6:00 p.m. Nome Community Dialogue on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Other Violent Crimes, Katirvik Cultural Center, 100 West 7th Avenue, Nome.

Day 2: Friday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, and review of Day 1, including Community Dialogue; feedback, thoughts, comments and or action to take, Michelle Dewitt, Board Chair.

9:15 a.m. Proposed CDVSA and UAA School of Social Work partnership to provide technical assistance and resources to CDVSA Grantees on data collection, outcome measure, and evaluation, Dr. Heidi Brocious. **(Vote)**

10:00 a.m. **Public Comment--30 minutes** (if after 10 minutes no one has called in to provide public comment, the meeting will resume).

10:45 a.m. Visit to Bering Sea Women's Group – tour of the facility and meet with staff, Board members, and community partners.

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

2:00 p.m. Proposed CDVSA and UAA School of Nursing Partnership to develop online training program to increase the number of well-trained forensic nurses in Alaska, Dr. Angelia Trujillo. **(Vote)**

2:45 p.m. CDVSA Budget Review/Fiscal Report, SFY19 Budget & Expenditures, Kelly Gohl, Administrative Officer I. (We can wait to vote on the two UAA partnership proposals until Kelly has given his Budget Report and we can discuss the amount of available GF currently unencumbered)

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Executive Director's report of activities July-September, 2018, L. Diane Casto, Executive Director. Including a brief discussion about the need for CDVSA (staff and board) to engage in a new Strategic Planning process to lay out our priorities and work for the next 1-3 years—a beginning conversation and consensus to move forward with planning.

4:30 p.m. Closing remarks by Board members and adjournment.

FY19 CDVSA Board Meeting schedule for quarters 3-4:

- **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)



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The Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

In partnership with the

Bering Sea Women's Group

Invites you to a **Nome Community Dialogue** on domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence and other issues related to all forms of interpersonal violence.

The Community Dialogue will take place on
Thursday, November 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Katirvik Cultural Center (100 West 7th Ave.)

Invocation by Elizabeth Kugzruk

CDVSA Board members will be in attendance representing

Department of Public Safety

Department of Law

Department of Corrections

Department of Health & Social Services

Department of Education & Early Development

Public Council Board Members

CDVSA staff

Please join us for a conversation highlighting strengths, challenges and community-based solutions!

Light refreshments will be served.

For information contact CDVSA at 907.465.4356

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

Location:

Juneau Alaska Office Building
Juneau, AK 99801

**Quarterly Council Meeting
Teleconference
August 21 - 22, 2018**

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Committee Members Present

Michelle DeWitt – telephonic
Karen Cann – telephonic
Sana Efird
John Skidmore – telephonic
Linda Stanford – telephonic
Jody Potts – telephonic

Committee Members Absent

Karen Forrest
Allison Hanzawa

Staff

Diane Casto
Kelly Gohl
Angela Wells
Emil Mackey

Minutes Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Michelle DeWitt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Karen Cann **MOVED** to approve the meeting agenda, **SECONDED** by John Skidmore. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. (5/0)**

CONFLICT INQUIRY

No conflicts of interest were declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Stanford **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the FY18 4th quarter meeting with corrections, **SECONDED** by Karen Cann. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. (5/0)**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Michelle DeWitt welcomed board members to the meeting. Diane Casto introduced Emil Mackey as the Council's new Research Analyst II. Diane stated that he started with the Council in August and comes with a background in information research analysis and data collection. Emil Mackey stated that he moved to Alaska in 2007 after finishing his PhD in Public Policy. He shared that he is glad to be with CDVSA and hopes to be a valuable asset to the Council.

Diane Casto noted that Bruce Wells, the grant administrator, resigned from the Council last week.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Diane Casto directed the members' attention to the executive director's report contained in the board packet covering the time period from March through June 2018, and highlighted the following items, many of which would be discussed in detail later in the meeting:

- CDVSA staff was busy this spring getting the internal processes in line and getting the new awards out to grantees.
- The Council asked for and received more federal spending authority for FFY19.
- The Council awarded over \$18 million for FY19 in three primary grant programs related to victim services. They added four new grantees to that category, which included Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) in Craig, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe in Kenai, the Emmonak Women's Shelter, and Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE) in Petersburg. The whole process was completed in a timely manner with awards for victim services and BIPs being sent the last week of June and prevention awards sent at the beginning of July. There were 24 Victim Services Grants awarded: six BIP and three prison-based batterers programs, seven Prevention Community-Readiness Grants, and five Community-Based Primary Prevention Program Grant awards. Many of the grants are with similar agencies for a total of 25 agencies that are receiving the funding from these grants.
- CDVSA had a number of Reimbursable Services Agreements (RSAs) for funding to the UAA Center for Human Development (CHD) 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 STOP/VAWA partners including the Department of Law, the Alaska Court System, Alaska State Troopers/DPS, and ANDVSA. Diane noted that one of the federal priorities for the Council is to start funding underserved populations, so this is a good opportunity to work with CHD to put a strong focus on this population.

Diane Casto reported that the Council had a lot of changes that occurred as a result of the site visit from the VOCA project officer last September where the Council was found to be out of compliance in 14 areas. They have worked diligently over the past year to correct those findings and develop policies and procedures that would bring the Council into compliance with the federal requirements. They are now implementing those policies, which is difficult internally because it changes the way the Council does

business, and it is difficult and challenging for the grantees because it is a change in how they do business. She shared that the grantees are doing a stellar job of adjusting to the changes and accepting that this is the way the Council will be moving forward, and the Council has done their best to make the process as smooth as possible. The Council hosted a webinar on July 24th for the grantees to communicate their issues, and the main concern related to the fact that the Council can no longer award federal dollars through advances, they have to be awarded through reimbursement. Diane noted that they have passed their first month of reimbursements, and once they get through a few months and grantees get comfortable with the reimbursement model, they expect things to run smoothly.

With regards to personnel issues, Diane noted the following:

- Rocket Parish's position has been filled by Emil Mackey.
- Bruce Wells, the non-perm Grants Administrator II, resigned as of August 17th. The Council is planning to request to have the position become a full-time, permanent position.

Diane Casto reported that the Council is looking forward to hosting a UAF School of Social Work practicum student this year. John Hawkins, from Juneau, will be joining the Council in early September. He currently works with the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Tribes of Alaska, and he will continue working there and also spend time with the Council. The Council expects to have John for 200 hours during both the fall and spring semesters working with staff on the review and analysis of the BIP programs, among other things.

With regards to the service contracts for FY19, the Council has three primary service contracts including:

- Walsh Sheppard, the Council's communication services contractor, will continue their work. The deliverables for FY19 will be similar to FY18's deliverables with updates and enhancements of the Council's work with an emphasis on work related to social media and the Council's online presence.
- Northwest Strategies was awarded the contract to become the Council's event planning organization. They have worked on one event so far and are making plans for the Coaching Boys Into Men training in October and the regional SART training in Ketchikan in November.
- Strategic Prevention Solutions will continue work on the Victim's Services Best Practices Guidance document that accompanies the new regulations. They will also be working with grantees to develop outcome measures and processes for collecting, interpreting, and using data to guide prevention work.

Diane Casto reviewed the miscellaneous meetings and presentation activities for the Council as follows:

- On April 16 the Council issued a press release to announce the release of the 2017 Annual Report and the FY'19 – '21 Victim's Services Request for Proposals.
- Interviewed by Laurel Andrews, Anchorage Daily News, regarding Annual Report and Victim Services RFP.

- June 12th 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, Representative 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, a national speaker and consultant on trauma informed interviewing and investigations in law enforcement cases of sexual assault, April 30 - May 1 in Juneau.
- Alaska Public Safety Action Plan—Continuing to work with Susie Frenzel, from the Department of Law (DOL) on two PSAP recommendations: 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.

With regards to staff activities and issues, Diane Casto reported that the Council staff continues to work to keep the office and programs moving forward as they revise their policies and practices. Diane stated that they are experiencing a lack of human resources to enable the Council to fully expend their increased federal VOCA funding. From FY15 to FY19, the federal spending authority increased 135 percent, and the staff was reduced by 22 percent. If the Council is going to meet the federal requirements and be able to spend the federal money that they have been awarded, they are going to have to increase the staffing level in the FY20 budget.

With regards to immediate concerns with project implementation and performance levels, Diane Casto stated that another issue that is in need of attention besides BIP is that FY20 will be the five-year mark for doing the Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) again. Diane met with Dr. Rosay from the UAA College of Health and Dr. Johnson from the Justice Center to determine the possibilities and the cost of the survey. The cost is expected to be approximately \$800,000.

Diane Casto reported that another area of concern for the Council is the victim services regulations. The process is moving forward with a final document being reviewed before it moves to the formal development of regulation language in partnership with the Department of Law (DOL). The Council has contracted with Kurt West, a regulations writer and consultant, who was tasked with taking the draft regulation changes and producing a regulation package for submission to DOL. Kurt met with Council staff on August 14th to review the draft information and discuss his initial recommendations.

Diane Casto reported that the Council staff attended the Annual VOCA Conference in Savannah, Georgia this summer and shared the upcoming events for the next quarter as follows:

- **September 4-5, ACEs and Trauma Informed Care in Alaska: A Learning Collaborative, 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**, (tentative) Quarter 2 CDVSA Board Meeting, possible rural meeting
- **November 13 - 15**, 2018 Alaska Conference on Child Maltreatment, Changing Futures, Anchorage

Diane Casto shared that one of the requirements of the grant award is that the Council hold a mandatory all-grantee meeting. The Council has scheduled a CDVSA All-Grantee Meeting for September 18th – 20th. September 18th and 19th are mandatory days for each grantee where the Council will be reviewing the changes that have been made, the federal requirements, and grantees will have some time with a VOCA technical assistance person who will be doing much of the training on the first two days. The third day, September 20th, is an optional day, but it is going to be filled with trainings as well. Trainings will include a half-day training for grantees on program evaluation, a training on the impacts of substance abuse on the shelter programs and how both alcohol and opioid crisis are impacting service delivery, a training on the use of social media, and a training on how to ensure that the victims that are being served have access to and understand the Victims Violent Crimes Compensation Board and victim compensation. The Council has scheduled a breakout session on the first day where the BIP programs and the victim service grantees will be meeting with their project officers, and the prevention grantees will be meeting to talk about their specific programs.

The board members expressed their appreciation to Diane Casto and the CDVSA staff for their hard work and dedication over the last quarter. Sana Efird shared that the Department of Education (DOE) is hosting their first School Safety Summit in Anchorage on September 18th – 19th.

CDVSA BUDGET REVIEW - FISCAL REPORT

Kelly Gohl directed the members' attention to the financial documents in the board packet and began a review of the financials highlighting the following information:

- The FY19 budget is the first budget that CDVSA developed in-house. The prior budgets (FY18 and older) were developed by the Division of Administrative Services, and given that, there were some challenges and adjustments made along the way. The budget authority between the four major appropriations of general funds, designated general funds, interagency receipts, and federal receipts has not changed. The total authority for all budgets is \$21,545,200.

- There were changes and adjustments between the line allocations in each appropriation. This really stands out in the interagency authority, which is funding they receive from the Department of Corrections (DOC) for the BIP/PBBP. The total funding of two RSAs the Council receives from DOC is \$177,200, which doesn't include an additional \$35,000 in the interagency receipts, and since they could not go above the authority, adjustments had to be made in the allocations. He noted that a correction to the interagency column from \$66,643 was made to reflect that it is actually \$38,000, travel is actually \$2,000, and services and contracts is actually \$3,000 for a total of \$43,000. The budget summary of what was granted to programs has not changed; \$133,237 in addition to the \$43,000 for a total of \$176,237, which falls right below the budget authority.
- The allocations that the Council requested were not the allocations that they received, therefore they had to create some line and transfer memos to correct those discrepancies.
- There were some other complications including that the Council had planned to enter into a contract with ANDVSA to carry out the victim services component for the STOP/VAWA grants, which did not play out as expected, so they set another grant for a total of \$216,522. Those funds were tied up in line 3000, which is used for contracted services, so a portion of those funds, in addition to other funds, were moved from the grants line before another grant could be created for ANDVSA using STOP/VAWA grant funds.
- In addition, they are also trying to grant out the remainder of their Justice for Families (JFF) award, which was extended for one year. The total amount for FY19 is \$142,364, which is reflected in the federal grants line.

Kelly Gohl stated that one of the big changes this year is the Council is doing reimbursements with the federal grant dollars. The grants from the general funds are still quarterly advancements with one difference; the final payment will not go out until all the programs file their last quarterly report showing that their actual expenses are for the year at which time the final payment will go out. Kelly stated that with the reporting requirement and having federal reimbursements, the Council is less likely to experience grant funds being returned.

Diane Casto stated that the CDVSA budget is complicated because there are so many grants and different fiscal years that they have to expend. On top of that, when multiple grants are being awarded, the grant conditions change every year just enough so that they have to have different special conditions for each of those award years. She believes they have done a good job of managing all of that in spite of the convoluted design of the process.

Kelly Gohl stated that with regards to the requirements around the comingling of funding, the grant awards and the grant agreements will use different grant sub-awards and agreements for each individual funding stream, each with a separate budget and reporting on each individual funding stream. Although it seems like more work up front, it is valuable when it comes to grants that have match requirements. Also, when it comes to reimbursement for federal dollars for those grants that require match, the Council needs to know what match is being spent every month, because they have to

file quarterly reports to the federal government on not only how much reimbursement is needed, but also how much match has been spent, and that information is only available after the quarterly reports are due, which is one month after the quarter and the deadline for reporting is passed. Now with the reimbursement forms from the grantees, the Council can report that accurate information in a timely manner.

Diane Casto stated that another issue the Council is working on streamlining is grantee administrative costs. They are developing a better process for allocating those costs by setting aside each of those funding allocations and making sure that grantees are not charging all of their personnel costs and admin costs to the state general funds, but that they are allocating it across the federal grants and using the federal administrative dollars to manage the grant.

Diane stated that there was a very clear message at the VOCA Conference that the funding has been going up since 2005, but the money is not going to continue to grow forever. They expect that it will start leveling off in '19 and then possibly go down again. She noted that it is her understanding that VOCA money is not federal general funds, but it is money that has been collected from restitution paid for by criminals, and thus the funds available may increase or decrease depending on that variable.

Kelly Gohl stated that the only changes on the approved sub-award allocation plan for FY19 was under the other federal where they awarded the VAWA grants as well as the Justice for Family grants.

Board members expressed their appreciation to CDVSA for their efforts with regards to the budget and work on compliance. John Skidmore asked if CDVSA has gotten feedback from the grantees on the impact of the changes. Diane Casto indicated that she expects to hear more feedback in September when they have the grantee meeting. So far there have not been any complaints, and there has been an appreciation for the simplification of the process. Diane Casto noted that not only were these changes made to simplify the process, these were also requirements that were part of the federal site visit and the findings that the Council was out of compliance. All of the changes that were made in terms of reimbursement versus advance, in terms of how they monitor their match dollars, how they can't comingle anymore, all of those things were specifically related to the Council being out of compliance with federal regulations

Michelle DeWitt requested that at the next meeting CDVSA staff provide more detail specifically related to the Council sending VAWA/STOP federal grant dollars by obligation to other state departments to gain a clear understanding of how much is going out and how those funds are being used by other state departments.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES MADE TO GRANT PROCESS FOR FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

Diane Casto stated that according to the federal requirements, you can only advance funding up to ten days, and it has to be used within ten days of advance. Prior to the changes CDVSA recently instituted, the Council was doing a three-month advance, which put them out of compliance. Diane explained that grantees are receiving state general fund dollars in the advanced format and federal fund dollars in the

reimbursement model, and once they get into the regular monthly reimbursement, there shouldn't be problems. She noted that if there is a point at any time where an agency does have financial trouble because of this change, CDVSA will work with them to make sure that they are able to do what they can to work it out on a temporary basis.

Kelly Gohl reported that CDVSA has given grantees a schedule for the year of when reimbursement forms are due and when they can expect payments. Grantees have a commitment on the Council's part to process the forms within 3 to 5 business days and to move those forms forward to the finance office, who have up to ten business days to process and certify the forms and make payments to the programs. Diane Casto commented that once they move through the process for the first time, she expects it will become a routine process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment period was offered, and no members of the public appeared to testify.

ANDVSA REPORT

Carmen Lowry joined the meeting to report on the Network's activities. She began by stating that the Network programs and affiliates are grateful that they have a voice at the CDVSA table and that they are given the opportunity to share their perspective and how they are experiencing current events. Carmen gave kudos to CDVSA staff, as they have consistently been approachable, professional, and helpful. Diane Casto has now become a standing agenda item on the Network's meeting agenda, and the Network meets with Diane on a regular basis in order to facilitate a greater partnership between the Network and the Council. Carmen gave kudos to Kelly Gohl for his expertise and patience in working with the programs through the regulation changes.

She directed the members' attention to the written report sent by e-mail and highlighted the following information:

With regards to partnerships to serve underserved populations:

- The Network is pursuing partnership opportunities with Alaska Native sister organizations. Many tribes have applied for VOCA set-aside funds.
- The Network's work with the DART management on the process evaluation has been impactful. It has gotten people involved in community-based research to look at what survivors with disabilities needs are and how they are accessing services.
- The Network is involved with a workgroup that will be looking at gender and sexuality-based issues with a focus on youth.

With regards to staffing:

- The newest hire was a policy specialist, who based on priorities will be responsible for working with the Prevention Team to inform policy around gender and race equity on employment issues, particularly pay equity. They will be working with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and others to assess the impact of housing issues for survivors, and also engaging with the Criminal Justice Commission workgroups to ensure safety for victims and survivors remains central to the discussions.

- They are currently staffed with 17 employees working across three offices in Juneau, Sitka, and Anchorage. They have one staff attorney position that has not been filled due to lack of funding.

With regards to legal and policy issues:

- The Network is also trying to stay on top of new Alaska Supreme Court decisions. One decision was *Whalen v. Whalen*, of which the Network was a part of filing an amicus brief, and also the ruling that came down looking at when out-of-state sex offenders have to register in the state of Alaska.
- The Network is working on crafting the coordinated and effective Civil Legal Project. The Network has started reaching out to key agencies that provide civil legal services to victims of DV and SA.

With regards to prevention:

- The Network is looking at what it takes to become a learning organization. One of the steps they made through their contractual agreement with the Council is they were able to form a new partnership with UAA School of Social Work in order to do a case study of their COMPASS program.
- As far as the work on the Shifting Boundaries curriculum, the Network has started meetings with DEED to identify, articulate, and implement a violence prevention curriculum. One part of that Shifting Boundaries that is interesting is it is about an environmental scan about having middle school children identify where the hot spots in their schools are, where do they not feel safe, why do they not feel safe there, and it becomes an empowering and participatory process through which young people start learning about how to do their own risk analysis, assessing their environment, and how to change that environment.

With regards to training:

- The Network recognizes that the lack of medical providers and that medical piece continues to be extremely frustrating and difficult for people. The Network will continue the conversation on how to get more technical assistance to address enhancing the medical component.

With regards to the Network's priorities:

- The Network has been participating at the Criminal Justice Reform Commission workgroup meetings.
- The Network continues to reach out to the SAKI team to see how they can be involved in their meetings. The Network believes it is important that they are able to provide feedback and insight for the 25 organizations that make up the Network.
- The Network is working on identifying what kind of technical assistance is needed by their member programs and working with CDVSA to ensure they are providing those supports.

Carmen Lowry reported that the member agencies continue to have questions about the new regulations and how to differentiate between regulations and best practices, as well as questions regarding monitoring. The Network has been invited several times to

review and comment on the regulations and looks forward to providing more input and working with the Council on challenges in the new systems instituted by CDVSA.

Carmen Lowry noted that internally they are working on being more value driven and looking for ways to incorporate a stronger anti-oppression and anti-racism lens to the work they do. Those topics will be a focus at their next staff retreat.

Carmen Lowry stated that the Network would be particularly interested in what kind of information would be helpful to CDVSA to assist them in making decisions.

RECAP OF FY18

Diane Casto reported that there is a statutory requirement to submit an annual report to the Governor and the legislature. Normally the Council tries to get that to the legislature no later than February, but this year the Council wants to get ahead of this requirement. Last year's report was different than prior reports as they tried to make it more visually pleasing and have the sections be shorter and more succinct. The 2017 report, which was included in the board packet, is what is being done this year. Amy Tribbett joined the meeting to answer questions from board members related to the report. Council members offered the following recommendations:

- Make the CDVSA logo more prominent on the cover.
- There were recommendations focused on format colors and fonts, using color and font to emphasize data.
- Incorporate the use of more graphics to display data.
- For the online version, include hyperlinks to more information.
- Separate data – victim services and community-based victim services, prevention, and BIPs.
- Incorporating an interactive map in the online report.
- Identify things that weren't done due to lack of funding, gaps in services, and challenges.
- Incorporate quotes from people who have been impacted by Council activities.

FY20 – BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING PLANNING

Diane Casto reported that the Council is already in the throes of working on the FY20 budget. She did forward budget information to the Department of Public Safety with the caveat that the board had not vetted the information. In the budget development, the Council had to identify what increments, new positions, and capital funds they would be requesting. The Council is not looking to increase overall funding at this time except in the following areas:

- A one-time increment of \$600,000 to help fund the Alaska Victimization Survey
- An increase of \$400,000 in federal spending authority to justify the VOCA funding increase
- Funding for two new permanent full-time PCNs: a grant administrator and a criminal justice planner.

The Council was supportive of the requests. Diane Casto noted that the next steps include the Council developing an internal budget, which will go to DPS for review, and then to OMB for review. It then goes to the Governor for inclusion in the Governor's

budget that comes out on December 15th, and after that it goes through the legislative process. Diane noted that since this is an election year, there could be delays throughout the process depending on election outcomes.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD CHAIR RACHEL GERNAT

Rachel Gernat was unable to attend the meeting, and Diane Casto noted that the Council has a token of appreciation expressing the Council's gratitude for Rachel's time and efforts on the board that they will present her with at their first opportunity. Diane explained that Rachel Gernat's term has ended as a board member, and since she is the chair of the board, her position will be vacant until the elections are held at the March meeting. Diane noted that in the meantime, the Council should appoint an interim chair and vice chair.

John Skidmore **NOMINATED** Michelle DeWitt as interim chair, **SECONDED** by Linda Stanford. Michelle DeWitt **ACCEPTED** the nomination. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

Sana Efird **NOMINATED** Linda Stanford as interim vice chair, **SECONDED** by Karen Forrest. Linda Stanford **ACCEPTED** the nomination. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

CLOSING REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sana Efird commented with the potential for a change in administration, state budgets, and the possible repeal of SB 91, she would like to schedule a discussion on the ramifications of the possible repeal of SB 91 and the impact it would have on the Council's work. Sana expressed her appreciation to the CDVSA staff for their work and feels that they are doing a great job.

Karen Forrest commented that she is pleased with all the work CDVSA staff is doing and the planning that is going on.

Linda Stanford echoed the appreciation for the CDVSA staff and enjoyed the productive day.

Karen Cann commented that she appreciates the incredible amount of good information being disseminated at the meeting. She appreciates the meetings being organized.

Michelle DeWitt commented that the meeting was filled with great content, and the Council is moving in a very positive direction. She noted there is a lot of work being done by a small staff. She encouraged board members to forward suggestions for improving meeting facilitation to her.

Karen Cann **MOVED** to recess the meeting, **SECONDED** by Jody Potts. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED (7/0)**. The meeting recessed at 4:10 p.m. and will begin day two at 9 a.m.

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

Location:

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Juneau, AK 99801

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Teleconference
August 21 - 22, 2018**

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Committee Members Present

Michelle DeWitt – telephonic
Karen Cann – telephonic
Sana Efird – telephonic
Karen Forrest – telephonic
Allison Hanzawa
Jody Potts – telephonic
John Skidmore – telephonic
Linda Stanford – telephonic

Staff

Diane Casto
Angela Wells
Ann Rausch - telephonic
Meggie Reinholdt – telephonic

Minutes Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL

Michelle DeWitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC BOARD MEMBER

Diane Casto reported that Governor Walker has appointed Teresa Lowe of Fairbanks to the CDVSA Board of Directors. The Council will be reaching out to give her orientation information.

Rachel Gernat contacted Michelle DeWitt after yesterday's meeting ended to ask Michelle to pass on her thanks to the Council members for the past seven years, and she looks forward to seeing the direction that the Council moves.

FY19 CDVSA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR Q2-4

Diane Casto stated that as required by regulation and by-laws, the board must hold quarterly meetings each year. They are also required to hold one meeting each year in a rural location. Rural meetings can be held during any quarter.

After a brief discussion on dates for the quarterly meetings, an outline of availability will be forwarded to staff, and dates will be chosen accordingly. With regards to the location of a rural meeting, the board members chose Nome as the rural location for the Q2 meeting. Diane Casto noted that she will keep the board updated as arrangements are being made.

STAFF UPDATES:

VICTIM SERVICES REGULATIONS

Ann Rausch reported that the Council has been working with Strategic Prevention Solutions (SPS) to review and update regulations for domestic violence sexual assault programs that were originally developed nearly 30 years ago. Many of the revisions are due to the changes in federal regulations. The Council is working with SPS to do a national policy review and to bring forward pertinent information and current trends that may be adapted into Alaska's regulations. In order to do that, the Council has brought together representatives from ANDVSA and victim service programs to review all of those adaptations and to make them available to Kurt West to translate those ideas and language into regulatory language. The regulations themselves should be short and succinct and spell out the basic requirements that programs need to respond to. The accompanying guidebook is envisioned to be a best practice guide of how those regulations should be applied. The vision is that the guidebook will help program coordinators be more consistent in their reviews, stay current on trends, and make it so the guidebook will be more readily available to update than the regulations. The guidebook is going through the first edit, and there are plans to convene a workgroup to review and edit the guidebook.

The Council indicated that they would like to have markup editions of those documents to review at a meeting and make a decision whether to endorse the draft regulations and guidebook before they are forwarded to the Department of Law (DOL).

BIP/PBBP SURVEY AND PROGRESS

Diane Casto stated this is a program that has been identified as "needs attention" and this is going to involve conversations with DOC, because regulations for BIP are within DOC. Through an MOA, CDVSA has been given the task of reviewing, monitoring, and tracking these programs. Unfortunately, through a series of challenges such as reduced funding, reduced staffing, and lack of a strong focus on these programs, they have been somewhat neglected. Diane noted that BIP is part of the comprehensive continuum of care, and if they do not have services for the perpetrators of domestic violence, they are missing a huge piece of being able to solve this issue and improve the outcomes for victims and perpetrators.

Diane Casto reported that the Council is doing a survey of the BIP programs. They are partnering with both the University of Alaska Justice Center and the Alaska Judicial Council. She noted that BIP has come up in SB91, in SB54, and it has come up in the Commission meetings, and this is something that the Council needs to start paying more attention to.

Diane Casto reported that CDVSA, along with the Alaska Judicial Council, has devised a survey in order to gain an understanding of the BIP landscape in Alaska. They are going to send the survey out this week to all of their funded programs as well as to their four unfunded programs. After responses are gathered, the Alaska Judicial Council is going to take the data and analyze it and turn it into a report. During the grantee meeting, the Council is planning a lunch meeting with all of their BIP funded programs as an opportunity to talk about BIP in the state. Once the report is done, it will be shared broadly.

DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW GRANTEE MONITORING PROCESS

Meggie Reinholdt stated that the development of the new grantee monitoring process is in progress, and they have spent quite a bit of time dialing in the procedures for how they are going to move forward with monitoring and come into compliance with federal requirements. This year there are 24 victim services sub-grantees, and the Council's goal is to provide them with either an onsite monitoring visit or a financial desk review or both. The proposed monitoring process involves doing a risk assessment for each program to determine whether onsite or desk review is appropriate and sending out monitoring tools to grantees that mirror the regulation requirements. Meggie noted that the monitoring tools will be reviewed at the grantees meeting.

SART REGIONAL TRAINING

Meggie Reinholdt reported that November 6th - 8th will be the next regional SART training, and it will be held in Ketchikan. In addition to Ketchikan, they are inviting the communities of Craig, Petersburg, Sitka, Juneau, Metlakatla, Haines, Skagway, Hoonah, and Yakutat. Meggie reported that November 9th is an optional training that will be discipline specific. For example, law enforcement will meet with their law enforcement trainer for the whole day just to nail down any issues that came up in the training and receive intensive training specific to their role on a SART team. The registration for the training will be available in the next week or so. Diane Casto reminded everyone that the Council does two SART trainings a year, one regional training in the fall and one statewide training in the spring.

OTHER

Ann Rausch reported that the seven community-readiness and capacity-building communities, which are communities working on organizing their ability to hold primary prevention programming either through joining an existing coalition or forming a new coalition to look specifically at issues related to domestic and sexual violence, finished the first year reports. All of the seven grantees and new grantees were able to either join and enhance the work of existing coalitions or form new ones. The majority have completed their first year's needs assessment for their communities, and by December they will have a community plan for implementation of at least one primary prevention program this year.

Ann Rausch reported that in October, the Council along with the School Health and Wellness Institute is hosting a pre-conference CBIM training, highlighting a one-day training to help people that have tried the program but needed some additional support an opportunity to come back, or to introduce the program to school administrators so they can feel more comfortable about supporting the program in their schools. Ann

noted that the CBIM program, while not a school curriculum, supports and enhances the intention of Alaska Safe Children's Act for reducing teen dating violence and sexual assault across grade levels in our state. Ann added that along with that event, the Council in partnership with the Department of Health & Social Services and the Department of Education is sponsoring some of the educational specialists to attend a pre-conference training on the 4th R, which is a curriculum for 7th through 9th grade that has been evaluated and has shown a great deal of promise in reducing teen dating violence and sexual assault in teen dating relationships.

Ann Rausch reported that the Lead On Conference is planned for the first week of November. This is a conference that promotes youth leadership. They bring in youth from across the state to focus on topics like teen dating violence prevention and healthy sexuality, as well as building leadership skills in their communities. Following Lead On, the youth have an opportunity to apply for funding to participate in a youth-led, adult-supported opportunity in their communities.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DV/SA ITEMS IN PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION PLAN (PSAP)

Diane Casto directed the members' attention to the PSAP update published in May to give the board members an opportunity to track the activities related to the action plan. She noted that the update indicates which activities have been completed and which items are in progress. Diane highlighted the following related to DV/SA:

- With regards to dedicated a DV/SA criminal investigator in Bethel and Anchorage to assist in DV/SA prosecutions, this task has been completed. Two long-term, non-perm investigators were included in the FY19 budget. The legislature funded these positions, and they will be embedded in the Department of Law.
- With regards to rural communities that do not yet have victim shelters and work with tribes and regional nonprofits to set up safe houses, this item has not had much progress. Diane stated that safe houses are a component of their grant programs, and all of the victim service grantees that have safe homes are eligible for cost funding that they can write into their grant. A number of their programs do have some safe homes, but when the PSAP talks about going broadly into all communities, the reality is every community will not have a shelter, so what CDVSA is thinking about internally is how do they start building a process and providing training and technical assistance to every community so they can have a plan of action for when domestic violence or sexual assault happens.
- With regards to creating a statewide DV/SA hotline, this is an ongoing effort for the Council. There are many variables to consider besides the costs, and the Council is working on addressing those concerns.

In summary, Diane Casto stated the Council is monitoring the Public Safety Action Plan activities, and they are working closely with DOL to keep track of CDVSA items. She stated that the total of the PSAP is something that the Council will continue to pay attention to in making sure it is being moved forward.

ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE

Karen Forrest gave an update on the following three items:

- With regards to the effort to increase the substance abuse services that are available for Alaskans, DHSS has released an RFP asking for services to address medically managed withdrawal management (detox) residential beds; ambulatory withdrawal management, which is targeted for rural Alaska for those communities that don't have detox facilities; and also for housing and a crisis stabilization center.
- With regards to behavioral health, they have been negotiating with the federal government since March on the 1115 behavioral health waiver, which is the vehicle that is going to allow them to expand services. Negotiations are going very well. They are still on target for beginning implementation in July of next year.
- With regards to the tribal compact that was established last year, they are continuing to work with tribes and tribal organizations around particular services that they are able to take on and building that capacity. This will have the potential to shift the picture in Alaska with tribes and tribal organizations providing those services to families in their regions. The compact will allow for that to happen in a way that has never been seen in the state, and that will help with some of the prevention and early intervention work that everyone supports.

Jody Potts reported that they are identifying gaps in services in the Interior and looking for resources to fill those gaps.

Linda Stanford shared that she is enhancing outreach and education by assisting with training, connecting people to resources in her community, and attending community events. She announced that their SANE nurse passed away this spring, and they now have additional nurses going to the SANE training.

Allison Hanzawa shared that DPS is working on the sexual assault kits. All of the sexual assault kits are now coming to the crime lab as the one central repository. Law enforcement agencies are being asked if they are submitting them for storage only and not for testing and their reasons for why it not being tested.

Allison Hanzawa shared that the Crime in Alaska Report was recently published. Diane Casto noted that it will be published on the website, and as in past years, there will be a supplement that will be specifically on felony sexual assault cases and a review of that.

John Skidmore shared that DV/SA is a priority for the Department of Law. In May they were one of the co-sponsors of the Statewide Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training that was geared towards law enforcement, prosecutors, medical providers, and advocates. It was an opportunity to bring people in those various fields together and provide training and talk about the issues that are occurring both nationwide and in the state. It's one of multiple conferences that they put on in any given year. They will have their annual DAs Conference in October where they will bring together prosecutors from across the state to talk about issues. Last year's DA Conference focused on trial advocacy and how to better present trials as they relate to domestic violence and sexual assault. This year the focus is on expert testimony related to those issues.

John Skidmore shared that the SAKI reports are another activity that the DOL has very actively participated in: the gathering of the sexual assault kits that were not previously sent in, evaluating those, determining if there are additional cases that can be pursued, determining if those kits not appropriately submitted in the past, and trying to come up with protocols for the future.

John Skidmore reemphasized the importance of PSAP in trying to combat domestic violence and sexual assault and crime overall.

Sana Efird shared that the Department of Education (DOE) is working on the curriculum for the Alaska Safe Children's Act related to the child abuse and the teen dating violence pieces. They are also leading the Transforming Schools workgroup, which is a trauma-engaged framework for schools or educators. The workgroup consists of First Alaskans, the Alaska Association of School Boards, the Afterschool Network, the Mental Health Board, and CDVSA. They are also working with the Suicide Prevention Council to address that issue in schools.

Michelle DeWitt shared that when she reviewed the grant applications back in June, she became very concerned about the lack of funding put towards maintenance of facilities, and she has talked to the Network about how to do a better job of providing technical assistance to the programs that are being funded for this purpose. She shared that the Network's training coordinator has approached her about doing some trainings this fall. She noted that housing is something the Council has been talking getting more involved in, and locally she has been involved in conversations about Housing First and the possibility of exploring Housing First, whose models have experienced good outcomes.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Allison Hanzawa brought up a subject for the group to consider related to a high-profile sexual assault of a minor case and the disheartening comments on those articles, and what she noticed is an absence of resource providers commenting something along the lines of sexual abuse is never the victim's fault; if this happened to you, help is available; and then a number. She was wondering if that was something that they could do as CDVSA on social media, put out really clear statements like that and dedicate some communal resources to monitoring those things. Diane Casto stated that the timing for the Council regarding social media involvement is good in that they are working with Walsh Sheppard to enhance their presence on social media. Diane noted there might be an opportunity to discuss this topic with the Network and bring it up at a future Council meeting.

Karen Forrest expressed her appreciation to the board and the CDVSA staff for an extremely productive meeting. She reminded people to be hopeful and said that there a lot of work being done related to adverse childhood experiences that will be beneficial in the future.

Linda Stanford, Jody Potts, John Skidmore, and Allison Hanzawa all agreed that it was a productive meeting and appreciate the CDVSA leadership and staff.

Sana Efird shared her appreciation for the words of encouragement, and echoed the thanks to the CDVSA staff. She noted that she is learning so much being on the board.

Michelle DeWitt added a thank you to Diane Casto and her team for assembling the content for the meeting, and she is looking forward to hearing the Q2 meeting dates.

John Skidmore **MOVED** to adjourn, **SECONDED** by Allison Hanzawa. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED** and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

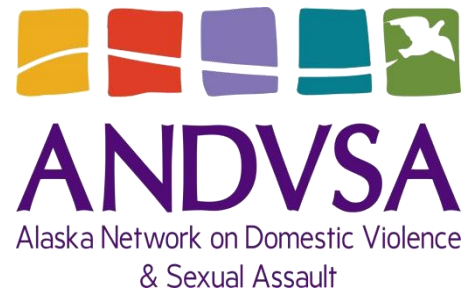
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INDEX OF ACRONYMS

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
BRFSS	Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey
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 Public Safety
DPS	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
KCME	Kid's Club Mom's Empowerment
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

To: CDVSA
From: Carmen Lowry, Executive Director
Re: Quarterly Update
Date: October 2018



Current Snapshot

Expanding Membership. Following the all grantee meeting sponsored by the CDVSA, ANDVSA has received several requests from organizations who are interested in joining the Network. ANDVSA Governance Board is currently reviewing our membership structure, and we look forward to adding more members over the next year. We currently have 19 organizational members and five affiliate members.

Strategic Partnerships. As a result of our grant-funded programming, and in response to our strategic goals, we continue to expand the scope of our partnerships. We currently have MOUs with the following organizations and entities

- **CDVSA.** ANDVSA and CDVSA will partner to identify, orient, and financially support a forensic medical expert to join the Sexual Assault Response Leadership Team. In addition to serving on the leadership team as an expert, this person will be responsible for helping the Leadership Team better understand and respond to the limited support the State currently has for medical and forensic evidence collection for victims of sexual assault. She/he also will be available to assist with area-based trainings.
- **Alaska Native Women's Resource Center.** AKNWRC will provide training and technical assistance at ANDVSA sponsored trainings and workshops.
- **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.** ANDVSA is working with ANTCH to implement a project aimed at enhancing services to victims who experience both violence and substance use disorders. The federal grant provides for a .5FTE advocate from ANTCH and .5 FTE advocate from ANDVSA to work with community-based DV/SA organizations and substance abuse treatment programs. New partners include:
 - **Norton sound Health Corporation Behavioral Health Services** (Nome);
 - **Ketchikan Indian Community Health Program** (Ketchikan);
 - **Kodiak Area Native Association and Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center** (Kodiak).
 - **Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG), Women in Safe Homes (WISH) and Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center (KWRCC)**
- **Alaska Institute for Justice.** AIJ will provide critical legal representation – support for U-Visas and Protective orders – for victims who are immigrants, refugees, and/or those who have limited English proficiency. AIJ also assists with interpretation services.
- **YWCA of Alaska.** ANDVSA has partnered with the YWCA in our shared goal of gender and racial pay equity.
- **AWARE and SAFV.** For the 10th year, ANDVSA has partnered with two of our members to evaluate the efficacy and better understand the impact of the *I toowu klatseen (Boys Run)* curriculum being supported and evaluated by these two agencies.

New FY19 – FY21 Funding

- **OVW Rural Grant**
- **OVW Legal Advocacy Grant**
- **OVW ICJR – Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program**

ANDVSA Sponsored Events

ANDVSA Staff Retreat – Juneau – August 22 – 24. For the first time, a fully staffed ANDVSA team met for a full staff retreat. Two staff from the Resource Sharing Project (federally funded technical assistance providers) facilitated the meeting that focused on how to apply an anti-racism and anti-oppression lens to our domestic and sexual violence work.

Shelter Manager’s Meeting – Kenai – September 24 and 25. ANDVSA is grateful to CDVSA for sponsoring our 2nd annual Shelter Manager’s Roundtable Meeting where 17 mid-level managers gathered to discuss critical and emerging issues. We hear from these mid-level managers that getting together for peer support and to have opportunities for guided reflection is invaluable to skill development, and staff well-being. ANDVSA have begun to optimize the opportunity by discussing new CDVSA regulations and how to implement new policies and regulations. Contact person for this meeting is Ariel Herman (aherman@andvsa.org).

LeadON! Anchorage – November 2 – 4. Gearing up for the 10th LeadOn! Gathering. Eighty youth, 40 adults from 24 communities across the state. For more information, contact Megan Juneau (Mjuneau@andvsa.org)

ANDVSA Annual Network Meeting – Anchorage – November 14 – 16. Regularly scheduled annual meeting for the Network. Diane (CDVSA) and Tami (AKNRC) will give updates as both are now standing agenda items for the Network. ANDVSA will elect new governance board members at this meeting. For more information, contact Carmen Lowry (clowry@andvsa.org).

Pathways to Prevention Meeting – Anchorage – December 3-4. ANDVSA in collaboration with prevention partners and advocates will hold a planning and reflection session in Anchorage. For more information, please contact Rae Romberg (Rromberg@andvsa.org).

Legal Advocacy and Wellness Training – Anchorage – December 5 – 7. This is an annual workshop/training organized by ANDVSA to support advocates who provide legal advocacy and support. For more info, please contact Ariel Herman (Aherman@andvsa.org) or Christine Pate (cpate@andvsa.org).

ANDVSA Priorities

Research Ethics and Coordination

ANDVSA realizes that there are several research initiatives being moved forward – some are state supported and led, while others are more localized. We look forward to working with CDVSA to ensure we are coordinating the efforts, to provide a platform for stakeholders to review ethics involved in conducting research with survivors as well as resource allocation for research, and to ensure the findings and knowledge that emerges from the different research projects are used to inform current programming and policy. This is a new emerging area for the ANDVSA, and we look forward to more conversations.



Shared Policy Priorities

We are working with AKNRWC to identify shared policy priorities. We look forward to working with our AK Native Coalitions and Organizations to collectively move AK Native priorities forward. One resolution presented at AFN was to ask the State to collect data on missing and murdered AK Native women. ANDVSA supports this effort, and looks forward to more conversations with CDVSA and AKNWRC to move this action forward.

Note on image: This image is the handmade kuspuk designed and crafted by Amber Webb, originally of Dillingham. Amber collected stories and photos from people and made this art piece to call attention to the high rates of death among AK Native women, and the high numbers of missing Native women. She presented this artwork during the Day of Unity meeting organized by the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center. This artwork has just been purchased by the Anchorage Museum and will be on permanent display.

Education and Awareness

- ANDVSA used the platform of the recent US Supreme Court nomination process to highlight the vulnerabilities of survivors. We released a statement requesting that Senators Murkowski and Sullivan request more time to understand the nomination process. Please see attached letter of appreciation sent to Senator Lisa Murkowski.
- ANDVSA also co-authored with Dr. Tracey Weise, an opinion piece on strangulation. I spoke to Ashley Johnson-Barr's father prior to submitting the article to get the family's approval to reference Ashley's experience. The article has been published in six different news outlets. You can access the article here: <https://www.juneauempire.com/opinion/strangulation-a-deadly-tactic/>
- ANDVSA is in process of developing a more holistic and encompassing legal framework to coordinate statewide legal representation, identify barriers to accessing legal services, and to get clearer data and an understanding on who is and who is not served through our current systems. This project will be presented to the CDVSA in response to the anticipated VOCA RFP.
- ANDVSA partnered with UAA School of Social work to conduct a case study on the COMPASS project. Many thanks to Dr. Kathi Trawver for helping ANDVSA present some of the initial findings. A copy of the powerpoint presentation will be made available at the quarterly meeting.

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5 October 2018

Dear Senator Murkowski

Thank you for voting NO on moving the nomination process out of committee. We interpret that action as an understanding that more information is needed to ensure that Judge Kavanaugh is qualified to serve on the Supreme Court.

We also believe that by voting NO, you were listening to our perspectives and reflecting on the values that inform our perspectives. We believe survivors, Senator Murkowski. Our member organizations work every single day – 24/7 – to ensure that the most vulnerable Alaskans have safety and help them navigate systems that are not always welcoming to survivors.

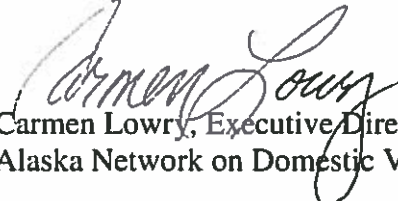
We do the work that many others just don't want to do.

This is one reason it is so affirming to know that you believe us. Something I learned early on as a sexual assault survivor is that once survivors speak out, we lose the ability to control how others judge us. Every time we see a survivor speak out, and then be belittled or not believed, we receive a message that it is not safe to share our stories; that others do not care.

You, however, are changing that culture by listening to us, and being responsive to us. You do not dismiss us and we appreciate that.

We are heartened by your integrity and courage, Senator Murkowski. Please do not vote for the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. We deserve better. Every disparaging remark against a survivor who has come forward is a disparaging remark against all survivors.

We appreciate that we are able to speak with you, share our concerns and we know that you will take them seriously.


Carmen Lowry, Executive Director
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Member Programs

Anchorage AWAIC, STAR Bethel TWC Cordova CFRC Dillingham SAFE Fairbanks IAC Homer SPHH Juneau AWARE
Kenai LeeShore Center Ketchikan WISH Kodiak KWRCC Kotzebue MFCC Nome BSWG Petersburg WAVE
Seward SeaView Community Services Sitka SAFV Unalaska USAFV Utqiagvik AWIC Valdez AVV

Title: A Resolution in Support of Justice for Alaska Native Sexual Assault and Violent Crime Victims in the Community of Nome, Alaska.

Whereas:

According to the 2014 Alaska Victimization Survey for the Nome Census Area, conducted by the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center, 51% of adult women have experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence or both in their lifetime, in the Nome Census Area. Of those Nome Census Area residents, 11% have experienced that violence within the past year.

Whereas:

The State of Alaska reports that, statewide, 1 in 3 Alaska Native women have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives. One out of two Alaska Native women have experienced sexual violence other than rape.

Whereas:

In November of 2013, the Indian Law and Order Commission released a report that shared the following alarming statistics: Alaska Native women are over-represented in the domestic violence victim population by 250%. Alaska Native Women represent 47% of REPORTED rapes, or at least 7 times the non-Native rate, and in Native communities, REPORTED rates of domestic violence are up to 10 times higher than the rest of the United States.

Whereas:

In 2015, the Alaska Federation of Natives adopted resolution 15-29, a resolution calling for increasing the safety of Alaska Native women, and the report also cited the very same 2013 Commission report statistics.

Whereas:

Within the City of Nome, community members have expressed concern that the Nome Police Department and the local criminal justice system has shown a pattern and practice of failing to provide due diligence and 14th Amendment rights of equal protection to Alaska Native victims of sexual and violent crime.

Whereas:

Victims have reported sexual and violent crime to the Nome Police Department, but evidence is not being forwarded through the prosecution process, nor are the victims being informed of the status of their cases. Victims are unaware if their rape kits have been sent to the State Crime Lab for testing. Victims are unaware whether investigations were even begun by Nome Police.

Whereas:

Telling someone that you have been a victim is a difficult thing, resulting in sexual assault cases not being reported to law enforcement. By reporting, victims know that they may, (if the system is responsive) be entering into a legal process that will be difficult and re-traumatizing. These fears associated with reporting bear weight

in victims' decisions to report. Our service delivery systems must work together to create a safety network, ensuring victims feel supported in their decisions to report.

Whereas:

Alaska Native victims in Nome can be heard asking "Why tell a system that is going to blame the victim, by asking questions like– What were you wearing? Were you drinking? Why did you go to that bar?"

Whereas:

The current NPD victim interviewing process puts blame on the victim, threatens the victim, and officers receive inadequate training in racially and ethnically respectful and appropriate messages and actions.

Whereas:

Experiences of Alaska Native victims show that current NPD officers subscribe to rape myths, and have unethical victim interview practices. Victims have been blamed, disbelieved, shamed, re-victimized, coerced, re-traumatized and or dismissed.

Whereas:

Alaska Native sexual assault and violent crime victims can be heard saying, "Why tell the police when they're not going to do anything anyway?" as the track record has proven to many Alaska Native victims.

Whereas:

Alaska Native victims of sexual and violent crime in Nome have lost faith in the police force, and the criminal justice system. Many victims have been assaulted more than one time.

Whereas:

One of the most disturbing results of our current state of emergency, is that many Alaska Native victims of sexual and violent crime have been seen repeatedly at NSHC for multiple suicide attempts, post-assault.

Whereas:

According to the 2000 National Women's Study, victims of sexual and violent crime suffer the resulting affects:

Being 6 times more likely to suffer from prolonged PTSD Symptoms

Being 3 times more likely to suffer from severe depression

Being 13 times more likely to attempt suicide

Being 13 times more likely to self medicate with alcohol

Being 26 times more likely to self medicate with other substances

The current situation requires immediate intentional action on the part of the City of Nome.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

Community Members in Nome are demanding all City of Nome Officers of the Peace receive training on following issues:

- Cultural orientation specific to Nome and Bering Strait Region.
- Racial Equity Training for Nome police officers.
- Sexual and violent crime interview skills training for police officers
- SA and violent crime trauma response training for Nome police officers.

Be It Further Resolved, That:

Community Members of Nome demand:

- That the Nome Police Department send EVERY rape kit currently being held in its possession and every rape kit that will be collected in the future, for testing at the State of Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory.
- A Special Victims Investigator be hired to handle all backlogged, current and future Sexual Assault cases reported to the Nome Police Department.
- A series of consultative public town hall meetings in regard to public safety in Nome facilitated by a non-interested independent consultant.
- An independent expert third party ethics review of Nome Police Department around their handling of sexual assault and violent crime cases.
- The recommendations of the ethics review to be followed through upon by the City of Nome.
- A police force that is racially representative of the community we live in, and that racially representative hiring be a measure of performance included on annual evaluations of the Police Chief.
- A formal Memorandum of Agreement creating a coalition of the NPD, the four Tribal Governments within Nome, and local social service delivery agencies, laying a mutual policy and procedure in the handling of sexual and violent crime victim cases, to include agency accountability and annual review of effectiveness that includes public input.
- That all Nome Police Officers' annual evaluations include attendance to the following trainings:
 - Cultural orientation specific to Nome and Bering Strait Region.
 - Racial Equity Training for Nome police officers.
 - Sexual and violent crime interview skills training for police officers
 - SA and violent crime trauma response training for Nome police officers.

Submitted to the Nome Common Council, by the Victims of Violent Crime Support Group of Nome, Alaska, on this ____ day of May, 2018.

Signed:

Title: A Resolution in Support of Justice for Alaska Native Sexual Assault and Violent Crime Victims in the Community of Nome, Alaska.

Submitted to the Nome Common Council, by the Victims of Violent Crime Support Group of Nome, Alaska, on this ____ day of November, 2018.

Signed:

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Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Research Partnership
with
the University of Alaska School of Social Work
October 2018

Background

During the all CDVSA grantee meeting in September of 2018, Dr. Heidi Brocious presented a four hour overview and orientation to assist grantees with identifying data “stories” they want to tell, the process for identifying, collecting and using data to meet the goals of their program. The response to this training from grantees was strongly positive, with several programs approaching Dr. Brocious and CDVSA for follow up help and greater assistance in growing their ability to use program data to improve their work and support their program needs. This proposal is in response to the interests expressed by CDVSA grantees.

Proposed Project Deliverables Summary

Several key elements were identified by CDVSA grantees as need areas, and this has guided the development of this proposal. The first grantee request was for increased access to state of the art peer reviewed research that can inform their program, along with access to measures, tools, surveys etc. that are used in programs across the country. Grantees felt like a repository of research and tools, maintained on the CDVSA website would be a useful resource.

Deliverable 1: Identifying, screening and synthesizing research and tools and providing them (along with layperson summaries of research findings) to CDVSA to make available to grantees on the CDVSA website. An initial effort to collect these items will be labor intensive, estimated at **50 hours of UAA researcher time**.

Additionally, several program staff identified that they had specific data projects they either did not know how to get started with, or needed help structuring. For example, one community identified they wanted to conduct a needs assessment in their to determine if more shelter services were needed in the community, however they didn’t feel they had the skills or staff time to complete this task without support.

Deliverable 2: This portion of the project would work with CDVSA staff to identify 4 grantees with specific, discrete research projects. CDVSA would assist UAA with reaching out to programs and will develop a short application process to identify the grantees most interested and most in need of data assistance. Once projects are identified, UAA faculty will work in partnership with the grantees to develop, implement and interpret data from their identified project, with the goal of building increased data analysis capacity within the program. UAA faculty will work with grantees to identify what they would like to know through data and will help them develop the process, tools and implementation strategies as needed based on their particular research question. **It is estimated that each of these grantee specific projects will require 80 hours of researcher time (85 x 4 = 340 total hours).**

A third need identified by the CDVSA grantees following the all grantee meeting training is the need for ongoing training and education in data analysis methods that they can use to improve the work they are doing. Grantees report a desire to improve their data collection and analysis, but need additional training time.

Deliverable 3: This portion of the project would be targeted at all grantees and would include the development of and presentation of Webinar style trainings designed specifically for grantees around their learning needs around data. For example, webinars could be designed to show grantees how to collect and analyze qualitative (narrative) data, or webinars could include sessions on how to develop their data into presentations, charts, and graphics. This proposal includes an implementation of two webinar sessions for grantees on topics identified by the group around data and data presentation. **It is estimated that these webinars will require 40 hours of researcher time.**

Additional funding is included in the budget for 20 hours of supervision time for researchers to consult with the UAA School of Social Work director on project goals and outcomes. It is also anticipated that it may be necessary for UAA researchers assigned to individual projects to travel to the sites of the individual project to best assist them with their desired outcomes. For this reason \$3,450 was built into the budget for possible travel needs.

Outcomes

Three deliverables are identified in this proposal. Deliverable one outcomes can be assessed by a review of the data and tools that have been provided to CDVSA by the end of the grant period, and feedback from grantees about the usefulness of these resources. Deliverable two will include four discrete data projects to be identified by individual grantees. Outcomes can be assessed for this deliverable through a review of each program's project development, finalized reports or data findings, along with feedback from the grantees about the usefulness of the research support they were offered on their project. The final deliverable of 2 webinars on identified data training topics can be evaluated by surveying participants (formally and informally) about the usefulness of the training data.

PROJECT TITLE:	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
PI:	Heidi Brocious
START:	
END:	6/30/2019

					Year 1	
SALARIES AND WAGES					Hour s	
Senior Personnel				Hourly Wage	Leav e Rate	
Total Number of Hours	Employee Name					
270.00	Heidi Brocious	F9 - Faculty (UNAC)			12.4 %	270.0 \$16,342
20.00	David Moxley	FR - Faculty (Non-Union, 12 mo.)			21.7 %	20.0 \$1,931
Total Senior Personnel						\$18,273
Other Personnel						
Total Number of Hours						
160.00	Kathi Trawver	F9 - Faculty (UNAC)			12.4 %	160.0 \$9,380
Total Other Personnel						\$9,380
TOTAL SALARIES AND WAGES						\$27,653
FRINGE BENEFITS						
Senior Personnel						
	Heidi Brocious	F9 - Faculty (UNAC)			30.4 %	\$4,968
	David Moxley	FR - Faculty (Non-Union, 12 mo.)			28.1 %	\$543
Total Senior Personnel						\$5,511
Other Personnel						
	Kathi Trawver	F9 - Faculty (UNAC)			30.4 %	\$2,852
Total Other Personnel						\$2,852
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS						\$8,363

						TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$36,016
TRAVEL							
		Number					
		Yr	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		1	2	3	4	5	
1. Domestic Travel	Description					Item Cost	
	Airfare	6				400	\$2,400
	Lodging	6				150	\$900
	Taxi/Ground Transport	1					
		0				15	\$150
	Select Travel Cost from List						\$0
	Select Travel Cost from List						\$0
						TOTAL TRAVEL	\$3,450
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						Description	
	Select Contractual Cost from List						\$0
	Select Contractual Cost from List						\$0
						TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$0
COMMODITIES						Description	
	Select Commodity from List						\$0
	Select Commodity from List						\$0
						TOTAL COMMODITIES	\$0
A. MTDC (total costs subject to F&A)							\$39,466
B. Facilities and Administration (F&A)						State of Alaska - Research	25.0%
C. Total Costs Exempt from F&A							\$0
D. Total Direct Costs (A+C)							\$39,466
E. Total Sponsor Request (B+D)							\$49,333

Notes

MTDC = Modified Total Direct Cost - most commonly required & how UAA generally will propose

**“Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy for Nurses and Providers:
A Pilot Program”**

proposal submitted to

State of Alaska Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

by

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Project Period: 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019

Requested Amount: \$ 31,520

Abstract

Interpersonal violence issues affect all persons in the State of Alaska and are not limited to any one age group, gender, race or culture. Historically, the state has relied on the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) model to meet the needs of sexual assault victims, but does not have a model to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, and other interpersonal violence related issues. The skills typically associated with SANE practices are the similar skills that could be utilized for the care of other types of victims seeking care, such as victims of gunshots, assault, strangulation, and abuse. However, in many areas of the state of Alaska, nurses and providers find themselves in situations in which there is a need to identify, collect and preserve forensic evidence. Accurate documentation of a patient's words and/or conditions is essential, yet there may not be a trained provider available to provide forensic care. This proposal is for funding to develop and implement a pilot program that promotes a generalist forensic training using a module-based, conceptual learning program with competency-based activities tailored to meet nurse and provider learning needs. This *Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy* (CFTA) would incorporate multiple learning modalities via a hybrid, online (20-25hrs) and face-to-face (20-25hrs) educational program. The primary objective for *Academy* graduates would be to provide medical forensic assessment and care to individuals, families and communities that have experienced violence or trauma and be available to collaborate with members of a multidisciplinary forensic team, such as the Sexual Assault Response Team, on an as-needed basis. This blended learning program incorporates theoretical knowledge with skill competencies to ensure that the provider is confident in their knowledge base and the practical application of forensic activities.

Project Description

Interpersonal violence issues affect all persons in the State of Alaska and are not limited to any one age group, gender, race or culture. Historically, the state has relied on the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) model to meet the needs of sexual assault victims. However, there are a number of issues associated with this model: 1) there is intermittent and limited training availability in Alaska, 2) this model focuses on nurse response only, 3) the response is limited to victims of sexual assault, and 4) there is often difficulty in recruiting and retaining nurses for this limited role, especially in rural locations. Of importance, the skills typically associated with SANEs are the same skills, which are also utilized for the care of victims of domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, and other interpersonal violence related issues. However, in many areas of the state of Alaska, nurses and providers find themselves in situations in which they need to identify forensic evidence, collect and preserve that evidence, and accurately document a patient's words and/or condition. Nurses and providers may be requested to function as fact and/or expert witnesses in medical legal investigations; this requires that they hold the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to do so from the onset of care of the patient.

This proposal seeks funding to develop and implement an innovative pilot program that promotes a generalist perspective, module-based, conceptual learning program with competency-based activities modified to meet nurse and provider learning needs. This program is not currently replicated anywhere in the country, or the world. This *Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy* (CFTA) would incorporate multiple learning modalities via a hybrid, online (20-25hrs) and face-to-face (20-25 hrs) educational program. The primary objective for *Academy* graduates would be to provide competent medical forensic assessment and care to individuals, families and communities that have experienced violence or trauma and be available to collaborate with members of a multidisciplinary forensic team, such as SART, on an as-needed basis. The training proposed potentially represents a solution to the lack of trained sexual assault examiners, as well as provides for generalist forensic response to victims of violence. There is a lack of trained providers, and often times, on-the-job-training is the only way a nurse or provider gains experience with forensic examination when a victim presents to the hospital. Current opportunities for forensic certification are limited to the specialty of SANE and death investigation. There currently is no certification process for Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners). There also are no forensic certification courses for strangulation, elder abuse, domestic violence or general assault.

Development of a comprehensive forensic training for nurses, as well as providers, would meet the medical-forensic needs for victims, hospitals, law enforcement and prosecution. The availability of this generalist training may be more palatable to individuals who are not interested in solely being a SANE or for those individuals who reside in locations without ability to support dedicated SANEs. This Academy would expand the number of providers with forensic training who would be available to respond to any victim reporting trauma and/or violence. In communities who do not have dedicated SANEs or response programs, these forensically trained nurses and/or providers would then also be able to respond to local Sexual Assault Response Teams. Having providers with forensic training strengthens documentation and evidence collection practices, improves future law enforcement investigation and prosecution, provides needed data for research to support response and prevention of violence, and improves ability of providers to adequately respond in difficult situations.

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It should be noted that there is movement at the national level for state and federal legislation (Survivors Access to Supportive Care Act and the Megan Rondini Act) that seeks to improve the response and access to SAFE/SANE services. These legislative options do not provide for comprehensive response to interpersonal violence; these options serve only sexual assault victims without funding or support for domestic violence, strangulation, elder abuse, and assault – all forms of violence which require the same skills/knowledge for evaluation. However, it should be noted that hospitals are required through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) to provide a dedicated response to domestic violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation, not just sexual assault. In addition, the Emergency Nurses Association is currently in the process of drafting guidelines for forensic evidence collection in the emergency care setting, for all victims of violence.

Design

This program includes two parts: 1) a 20-25 hour online, module based course facilitated via BlackBoard or other learning management system which would be completed independently and 2) a 20-25 hour, in-person competency/skill building training held on the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) campus, utilizing School of Nursing (SON) facilities. The online portion would run continuously, allowing persons to start at their convenience; requiring that they have completed the online portions prior to attending the in-person session. To facilitate training, the in-person session would be held 2-3 times per year during semester breaks (to limit impacts to regularly scheduled classes and facilitate availability of venue). The UAA School of Nursing facilities would host the venue as they have the classroom and simulation space to facilitate training needs. In addition, this would free faculty to be available to teach without impact to classes.

Currently, half of the courses listed below for the online modules are already developed as the Principal Investigator (PI), Dr. Angelia Trujillo, DNP, has been a forensic examiner and educator for approximately 10 years (see Appendix B). The additional modules exist in a state-based Allied Health Education Consortium. Discussion is underway to contract for use of these modules. If this contractual opportunity does not occur, those courses are topics that the PI has lectured on in the past or has colleagues who would be willing to assist with development. The PI has already developed six of the nine in-person competency courses; two of the courses will be accomplished via guest lecturers. The online modules would be ready to be initiated by January 1, 2019, with the goal to offer the first in-person session between Spring 2019 and Summer 2019 semesters (April-May 2019). Dr. Trujillo will manage the project in conjunction with School of Nursing administration personnel.

Timeline

Nov 2018	Confirm availability of modules from AHEC
Dec 2018	Develop lectures for modules still needed
Jan 2019	Initiate Blackboard/LMS module development
Feb 2019	Complete Blackboard/LMS module development
Feb 2019	Send Save the Date/Open registration for online CFTA session
Feb 2019	Recruit student worker and live models, confirm in-person session
Mar 2019	Complete review of modules
Mar 2019	Recruit guest faculty for April/May 2019 in-person session
Apr 2019	Open Blackboard/LMS modules
Apr 2019	Implement pilot CFTA

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Online Courses	Description	Time
Role of the Forensic Examiner	Overview of the role of the nurse/provider in forensic evaluation including history of forensic science application in nursing and medicine. Scope of practice and ethics	2
Interpersonal Violence	Overview of the types of violence experienced by victims, including prevalence, incidence and dynamics	2
Strangulation	Overview of strangulation; mechanism of injury, documentation issues and follow up care	1
Sexual Assault	Specific overview of topic – historical underpinnings and current response process	1
Intimate Partner Violence	Specific overview of topic – historical underpinnings and current response process	1
Elder Abuse	Specific overview of topic – historical underpinnings and current response process	1.5
Sex Trafficking	Specific overview of topic – historical underpinnings and current response process	1.5
Child Abuse	Specific overview of topic – historical underpinnings and current response process	2
Anatomy & Injuries	Overview of the forensic examination process in relation to injury and anatomy; types of injuries; mechanisms of injury	2
Medical Forensic Interview	Purpose and function of the medical forensic interview and how it differs from a medical history	1
Exam Process Brief	Overview of general examination principles	1
Documentation Overview	Overview of the various methods of documentation in forensic exams/medical forensic examinations, medical record release, consent	1
Evidence Collection	Overview of role of evidence in legal response, definition of evidence, preservation of evidence	1.5
Legal	Overview of the legal system, role of the forensic examiner in the legal system for these populations, AK laws specific to various types of IPV;	1
DNA Issues	What is DNA; how is it processed, role of DNA in the legal system and evidentiary issues	1
Drug Issues	Role of drugs and alcohol in DFSA, DV, other forms of violence	1
Trauma Informed Care	Neurobiology of trauma, overview of ACE, secondary trauma responses	1
Medical Management	STI/ECP, PEP, treatment, immunization,	1.5
Special Populations	Victims with disabilities, male sexual assault, LGBTQ considerations, geriatrics, military	1
TOTAL HOURS		25

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In-person Courses	Description	Time
HIPAA	Role of HIPAA and forensic documentation/forensic medical examinations	1
IPV Panel	Observation/participation in a Q&A activity with members from MDT programs – military, law enforcement, legal, child services, forensic nursing, elder programs, adult protective services, advocacy agencies, sex trafficking	2
Photodocumentation	Hands-on, competency-based activity designed to facilitate knowledge into skill for the photodocumentation (using cameras and/or colposcopes) of presence of evidence and injury; include additional knowledge of storage and release issues, use with EHRs. Will also include photog of strangulation and ALS findings	4
Pelvic Examination	Hands-on, competency-based activity designed to facilitate knowledge into skill for conducting pelvic examinations and collection of anogenital specimens for evidentiary and diagnostic purposes	4
Forensic Documentation	Hands-on, competency-based activity designed to facilitate knowledge into skill for the documentation of presence of evidence and injury; include additional knowledge of storage and release issues, use with EHRs	2
Exam Process Extensive	Demonstration of examination process; opportunities to practice on mannequins with various scenarios	4
Testimony	Practice activity including demonstration of common testimonies (fact, hybrid and expert witness) and practice by participants	4
Mentoring	Develop plan for students to have mentors to work with for reflection, self-care, review, ongoing assistance on return to home communities to promote their ongoing participation in providing services	1
Legal	Overview of legal issues – state specific; expert vs fact, preparation for deposition, testimony, dressing up;	2
Continuing Education	Opportunities and resources to continue with training in home communities to ensure that providers are having opportunities to develop and maintain their skills;	1
Total Hours		25

Development and implementation of this Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy (CFTA) would provide forensically trained health care providers (nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and physicians) for communities across the state. These trained providers would be able to respond to victims of violence, across the lifespan, with evidence-based, comprehensive care that would support the victim's initial health care through future legal needs if required. An academic base for this program, promotes rigor. The program, developed through UAA, would serve to enhance the University's service in responding to violence in our state. This blended learning program incorporates theoretical knowledge and skill competencies to ensure that the provider is confident in their knowledge base and the practical application of collecting evidence, taking forensic photographs, appropriately documenting interactions, and being prepared for possible future testimony.

Appendix A Budget Narrative

The proposed budget for this project covers costs for faculty and student personnel. Faculty (PI) work includes development of modules and implementation of training; student worker (approx. 120 hours) over three sessions for assistance in set-up, implementation and follow-up of Academy. Additional costs include supplies and contractual requirements. This training Academy requires specialty models and equipment for practice, simulation and competency check offs. Thirteen of the modules are already available through a state-based Allied Health Education Consortium (AHEC) and conversations have been underway to establish a cost for use and represented herein. Should those modules be unavailable, the cost for faculty (PI) development of those same topical modules would be commensurate and need to be applied to the personnel expenses; same total costs.

Direct Costs Only						
Expenses						
A. Personnel		Hours/Wages		Dollar Amount Requested		
Name	Title of Position	Hours	Wage per hour	Salary	Benefits	Total \$ Requested
Angelia Trujillo	Faculty	155	\$53.25	\$9,277	\$2,820	\$12,097
TBA	Student worker	120	\$10.50	\$1,260	\$0.00	\$1,260
Personnel Subtotals				\$10,537	\$2,820	\$13,357
B. Supplies						\$14,786
C. Indirect						\$ 3,377
Total Sponsor Request Costs						\$31,520

A. Personnel Costs (\$13,357):

The key positions funded through this proposal are described below. A 30.4% fringe benefit rate is employed.

- Angelia Trujillo, Associate Professor, (1.0 FTE, Annual Salary of \$124,494, plus benefits \$ 37,846). Ms. Trujillo will develop, coordinate, implement and evaluate the online and face-to-face portions of the Academy. The plan is to hold three Academy's per year. This will also include marketing, registration, coordination of continuing education credit. 155 hours of her effort are requested in this application.
- Student Worker (\$10.50 per hour, 120 hours) will provide assistance in coordination of the daily activities of the face-to-face sessions, including set up in the week prior, ordering supplies and finalizing evaluations/return of certifications to participants.

Benefits:

Benefits are applied according to the University of Alaska's provisional fringe benefit rates for FY19. Rates are 30.40% for faculty.

A copy of the rate agreement is available at:

<http://www.alaska.edu/cost-analysis/negotiation-agreements/>

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B. Supplies (\$14,786): Request for the following supply items:

• Anatomical teaching models (male), 2 @ \$75 each	\$150
• Anatomical teaching models (female) 2 @ \$150 each	\$300
• Toluidine blue dye swab sets \$2 per student	\$40
• Camera equipment	\$1,000
• Microscope	\$300
• Graves and pederson speculums (1 each \$36 & \$43)	\$79
• Alternative light source - blue light 455 nm	\$125
• Forensic rulers x2	\$10
• Barrier filter goggles, 2 pair	\$24
• Wet mount practice supplies- slides, slide covers, KOH	\$24
• Evidence collection practice supplies	\$96
• Pelvic examination practice supplies	\$178
• DVDs for support	\$1500
• Medical models \$50/hr @ 4hrs per model (4 students per model)	\$1000
• AHEC modules – cost for use	\$10,000

C. Indirect

Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs are negotiated with the State of Alaska. For instruction, training and other sponsored activity, the rate is 12% of the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). MTDC includes Total Direct Costs minus tuition, scholarships, subaward amounts over \$25,000, participant support costs, and equipment. A copy of the rate agreement is available at:

<http://www.alaska.edu/cost-analysis/negotiation-agreements/> **\$ 3,377**

D. Total Sponsor Request **\$31,520**

Appendix B Biographical Sketch

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Associate Professor
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Professional Preparation

University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, AK	Nursing	BS, 1997
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, AK	Nursing	MS, 2004
University Tennessee Health Sciences	Memphis, TN	Forensic Nursing	DNP, 2008
Frontier Nursing University	Hyden, KY	Womens Health	WHNP, 2017

Appointments

Associate Professor	University of Alaska Anchorage	2015
Assistant Professor	University of Alaska Anchorage	2007

Publications

Faugno, D. K., Trujillo, A., Bachmeier, B., & Speck, P.M. (2017). *Manual Nonfatal Strangulation Assessment for Health Care Providers and First Responders (Forensic Learning Series)*. STM Learning, Inc, St. Louis, MO.

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Synergistic Activities

- Certification as Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (2017)
- Member of American Association of Forensic Sciences (2012-2014, 2018 to present)
- Manuscript Reviewer for Journal of Forensic Nursing (2013-to present)
- Statewide Trainer for Council for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (2009-2017)
- Development of online Introduction to Forensic Nursing course (2009)
- Certification as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner – Pediatric (2009-2018)
- Practice as Forensic Nurse Examiner for Child Advocacy Center (2009-2016)
- Certification as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Adult/Adolescent (2005-2015)
- Member of International Association of Forensic Nurses (2003-2015)



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
Total State Funding Authority	12,826,800

Federal Funding Authority

Federal Receipts (FED)	8,718,400
Total Federal Funding Authority	8,718,400

Total Authority for FY 2019 **21,545,200**

OPERATING BUDGET

	GF	DGF	I/A	FED	TOTAL
Line 1000 - Payroll	897,000	-	38,000	203,800	1,138,800
Line 2000 - Travel	166,400	10,000	2,000	50,000	228,400
Line 3000 - Services & Contracts	310,000	668,000	3,000	464,100	1,445,100
Line 4000 - Commodities	85,800	10,000	-	-	95,800
Total by Funding Type	1,459,200	688,000	43,000	717,900	

Operating Budget for FY 2019 **2,908,100**

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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	9,135,579	1,311,814	133,237	7,875,391	

Program Budget for FY 2019 **18,456,021**

BUDGETED OBLIGATIONS BY FUNDING TYPE

General Funds (GF)	10,594,779
Designated General Funds (DGF)	1,999,814
Inter-Agency Receipts (I/A)	176,237
Federal Receipts (FED)	8,593,291

Total Budgeted Obligations for FY2019 **21,364,121**

Total Unobligated Authority: 181,079



Grants Awarded FY 2019

Second Quarter Council Meeting

BUDGET AUTHORITY DESIGNATED FOR GRANT AWARDS (Line 7000)

State Grants Budget Authority

General Fund (GF)	9,190,400
Designated General Fund (DGF)	1,312,000
Inter-Agency (I/A)	134,200
Total State Fund Authority	10,636,600

Federal Grants Budget Authority

Federal Receipts (FED)	8,000,500
Total Federal Funds Authority	8,000,500

Total Grant Award Authority in FY 2019 18,637,100

FEDERAL GRANTS

Federal Grant Award	Awarded	Expended	Remaining Encumb.	Unobligated	End Date
FFY15 VAWA: 2015-WF-AX-0007	800,075	788,675	-	11,400	6/30/2018
FFY15 SASP: 2015-KF-AX-0027	299,269	220,061	79,208	0	7/31/2018
FFY15 VOCA: 2015-VA-GX-0060	4,909,151	4,896,697	-	12,454	9/30/2018
FFY15 VOCA: DISC 2015-VF-GX-0057	101,183	100,815	-	368	9/30/2018
FFY15 JFF: 2015-FJ-AX-0006	501,015	387,965	112,019	1,030	9/30/2019
FFY16 VAWA: 2016-WF-AX-0025	882,640	664,130	109,532	108,978	6/30/2019
FFY16 SASP: 2016-KF-AX-0053	395,340	200,960	194,380	-	7/31/2019
FFY16 VOCA: 2016-VA-GX-0020	5,476,300	2,025,203	3,205,078	246,019	9/30/2019
FFY17 FVPSA: G-1701AKFVPSA	761,084	675,082	87,543	(1,541)	9/30/2018
FFY17 SASP: 2017-KF-AX-0037	375,013	10,884	347,377	16,751	7/31/2019
FFY17 VAWA: 2017-WF-AX-0052	872,917	116,129	450,175	306,613	9/30/2020
FFY17 VOCA: 2017-VA-GX-0002	4,628,960	352,321	1,490,607	2,786,032	9/30/2021
FFY18 FVPSA: G-1801AKFVPSA	764,502	27,047	695,983	41,472	9/30/2019
FFY18 SASP: 2018-KF-AX-0055	371,087	-	-	371,087	7/31/2020
FFY18 VAWA: 2018-WF-AX-0041	876,923	-	-	876,923	7/31/2020
FFY18 VOCA: 2018-V2-GX-0019	7,912,465	-	-	7,912,465	9/30/2021
Totals	29,927,924	10,465,971	6,771,903	12,690,051	

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
			16,396,896
Designated General Funds (DGF)	Community-Based Batterers Primary Prev. P	5	820,163
			820,163
Unrestricted General Funds (GF)	Batters Intervention Program	6	213,529
Inter-Agency (I/A)	Batters Intervention Program	1	35,000
			248,529
STOP VAWA (Fed)	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	3	241,522
			241,522
Designated General Funds (DGF)	Community Readiness	7	491,651
			491,651
Unrestricted General Funds (GF)	Prison-Based Batters Program	2	16,659
Inter-Agency (I/A)	Prison-Based Batters Program	3	98,237
			114,896
JFF (Fed)	Justice Systems Response to Families (JFF)	2	142,364
			142,364

Total Awarded to each Program by Funding Type 18,456,021



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
	10,580,630

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
	7,875,391

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
	8,905,391	5,760,592	830,490	900,423	213,529	35,000	16,659	98,237	491,651	820,163	241,522	142,364	

Total Amount Awarded to Sub Recipients

18,456,021

CDVSA Executive Director's Update

July - September, 2018

Prepared by L. Diane Casto, Executive Director

Update on activities/highlights July 2018 –September 2018

FY19 Funding:

July 1, 2018 was the beginning of the new fiscal year 2019. The beginning of a new fiscal year and the end of the previous fiscal year are always busy times. On June 12, CDVSA held its FY17 Q. 4 Board meeting, reviewed all funding recommendations for community-based victim services, battering intervention and prevention grant programs, authorizing CDVSA to award \$18.2 million to 24 victim services programs, 12 prevention programs and 6 battering intervention programs. All grantees were notified of their grant award prior to July 1.

Due to the changes that occurred with the awarding of our FY19 grants, much time was committed to working individually with grantees to assist them in submitting the appropriate forms, with signatures and returning their FY19 grant agreements. As I reported in the last ED report, a technical assistance teleconference was held July 24 to provide foundational information about the changes to our grant award process and funding. As we discussed previously, many of the award and funding changes were in response to our VOCA federal site visit, where it was discovered we had not awarded federal money in alignment with federal financial policies and practices.

Another first for CDVSA this year was the introduction of a mandatory All Grantee Meeting. Late July through early September was filled with planning, organizing and creating an agenda to orient all grantees to our new practices, an introduction for our four (4) new victim services grantee, and topical training to address critical needs of our grantee programs. We were fortunate to receive TA and training assistance from OVW/DOJ for a series of trainings, during the All Grantee Meeting, on topics such as Board development, agency strategic planning, financial planning and succession planning and personnel issues. CDVSA staff provided training on our new financial procedures, and enhanced program monitoring. We had topical trainings on data and evaluation, managing substance abuse in shelter programs, enhancing the use of social media to get agency messages to the community, and the role of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

The meeting was held at the Anchorage Marriott September 18-20. Over 80 people attended—Day 1-2 were required (a grant condition) and Day 3 was discretionary. We also coordinated an afternoon presentation and training by the Dept. of Health and Social Services Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention (OSMAP) providing training on how to use NARCAN in the case of an opioid overdose, along with each attendee receiving a NARCAN kit for their program.

Our intent is to have the All Grantee Meeting be an annual event. We collected evaluation feedback to help guide next year's event. In addition, next year's event will be 2-days, not three (a little too long for everyone) and will focus on skill-building, targeted training for Prevention, Victim Services and Perpetrator Rehabilitation programs. In addition, we will build in more networking and time for learning from each other.

Staffing and personnel issues:

As reported last quarter, with the significant increases in VOCA funding that we continue to receive (at this time) have caused us to rethink our current staff resources. We realize our staffing is not adequate to allow us to award and monitor new increased VOCA federal grant funds. Without new staff resources we will be unable to expend the current VOCA funding we have received through FFY18. As we discussed last quarter, two new full-time positions were requested for FY20. The positions are a Criminal Justice Planner and a Grants Administrator II (this will replace the long-term non-perm we currently have vacant). In early October CDVSA was informed that OMB approved these two new positions for FY19 (because we were not requesting new funding, just the positions). We are now developing two new position descriptions to send to classification for review and approval and we hope to be able to recruit for both positions by late November. With these two new positions, CDVSA will be back to nine (9) positions. This increase in staff resources will allow us to comply with required federal monitoring of all programs every two years, to complete annual risk assessments of each grant program including fiscal reviews, and to issue a new solicitation using VOCA federal funds. These new positions will also provide us with appropriate staffing to restructure and expand our Battering Intervention Programs, that are currently lacking attention and critical expertise.

As reported at our last Board meeting, one temporary solution to our lack of staffing was the approval of a UAF School of Social Work Practicum student. I am sorry to report that at the last minute there was a glitch in the process and John Hawkins will not be joining us this year. We plan to recruit another practicum student for next year!

Communications, outreach and media:

In FY19 Walsh|Sheppard continues as our Communication Services contractor. During this quarter, W|S developed new TV, radio and social media ads/public awareness announcements to enhance Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Our next project will be the development of our FY18 Annual Report (as discussed at our Q. 1 Board meeting); continued refresh and rebranding of our current media and communications presence; and the development of new media materials for February's Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

In addition to their work on CDVSA media projects, Walsh|Sheppard staff prepared and provided a 90-minute workshop presentation during our All Grantee Meeting on maximizing your social media presence and impact. The workshop was well attended and provided great ideas for our grantees to enhance their outreach and communications work.

Miscellaneous meetings, presentations and activities:

- Attended the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission meeting in Anchorage on July 20 to provide an update on CDVSA expenditures of our SB 91 reinvestment funds in FY18;
- Attended the Annual VOCA Administrator's Conference in Savannah, GA August 7-9;
- Traveled to Fairbanks to attend the ANDVSA Quarterly meeting and present an update on CDVSA activities; also met with LEAP and Lisa Hay who is one of our BIP providers;
- CDVSA Q. 1 Board Meeting August 21-22 via teleconference;
- Participated in the Governor's ACEs and Trauma Informed Care in Alaska: Learning Collaborative in Anchorage, September 4-5;
- Met with the Municipality of Anchorage Health Department Senior Leadership to discuss possible collaborations and partnerships;
- Met with Dr. Andre Rosay and Dr. Ingrid Johnson, UAA to discuss planning and funding for the FY2020 Alaska Victimization Survey. Greg Gallagher, UAA Senior Development Office with the College of Health joined the conversation to discuss possible funding opportunities;
- Participated as a panel member at the State Forum on Public Safety at UAA, on September 11;
- September 18-20 CDVSA Annual All Grantee Meeting in Anchorage;
- September 24, participated in the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission meeting, where recommendations for future reinvestment funding and project support were presented and voted on; the Commission agreed to support perpetrator rehabilitation programming that is evidence-based, data driven and adequately funded.

CDVSA Staff Activities/Issues:

The CDVSA Team continues to work diligently to support and guide all grantees to establish their FY19 grant awards/programs. New forms have been developed for fiscal reimbursement, quarterly reporting and monitoring practices.

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

- **Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS)** in FY2020—we are continuing to make plans for our next AVS as it has been five years since our last statewide survey in FY2015. 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. 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 am plan to

solicit donations from other Alaska funders /foundations to broaden the “buy in” for this survey and its importance. We requested, through the department FY20 budget a one-time general fund increment of \$600,000 dollars in our FY2020 budget request. Unfortunately, our request did not get included in the final DPS FY20 budget plan. I feel confident we will be able to acquire the necessary funding to complete the FY20 AVS.

- **Battering Intervention Program (BIP)** – we continue to develop a plan for revising, enhancing and expanding our perpetrator rehabilitation programming. In partnership with the Alaska Judicial Council (AJC), CDVSA created a survey that was sent to all approved BIP/PBP programs—both funded and unfunded by CDVSA. The survey was created using Survey Monkey and sent to each program, via an email link. The response return rate was 100%. Once the surveys were completed, the results were sent to Susan Dipietro and Teri Carns from the AJC for their review and analysis. Final results will be compiled into a report on the current status of BIP/PBPs in Alaska. During our FY19 All Grantee Meeting in September, during a lunchtime breakout session for all BIP programs, the AJC staff, UAA Justice Center staff and I facilitated a dialogue and discussion of next steps.

There is a great deal of interest in improving and expanding our BIP programming in Alaska. The Alaska Criminal Justice Commission has discussed in detail, recommending we move forward with reviewing other programming options; and Representative Kawasaki (Fairbanks) and his staff are reviewing and offering to assist in improving Alaska’s BIP programming.

- **Victim Services Regulations**—we are continuing our slow and deliberate work to create a final document with revised victim service regulations. Kurt West, a Regulations Writer and Consultant is continuing to work with CDVSA staff to finalize draft regulations that will be submitted to Department of Law for final review before public posting and review.

Upcoming events

Activities, events and meetings will be happening during the next quarter:

- **November 1-2**, Fy19 Q. 2 CDVSA Board of Directors Rural Outreach meeting, Nome;
- **November 1-2**, Annual Alaska Housing and Homelessness Conference, Anchorage;
- **November 6-9**, Regional SART Training, Cape Fox Lodge, Ketchikan;
- **November 13-15**, 2018 Alaska Conference on Child Maltreatment, Changing Futures, Anchorage;