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Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

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This audit was conducted as required by AS 44.66.050 and under the authority of AS 24.20.271(1). Alaska Statute 44.66.050(c) lists criteria to be used to assess the demonstrated public need for a given board, commission, agency, or program subject to the sunset review process. Currently under AS 44.66.010(a)(5), the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2006. The Council would have one year from that date to conclude operations.

In our opinion, the termination date for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault should be extended. The Council serves a public need and is operating in the public's interest. We recommend that the legislature extend the Council's termination date to June 30, 2014.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government audit standards. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and discussion presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology.

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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

In accordance with Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes, we have reviewed the activities of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) to determine if there is a demonstrated public need for its continued existence and if it has been operating in an efficient and effective manner. Currently, under AS 44.66.010(a)(5) the Council will terminate on June 30, 2006, having one year from that date to conclude its operations.

Objectives

There are two central, interrelated objectives of our report. They are:

1. To determine if the termination date of the Council should be extended.
2. To determine if the Council is operating in the public's interest. The assessment of the operations, and performance of the Council, was based upon AS 44.66.050(c). This statute sets out criteria to be used in determining a demonstrated public need for the Council.

Scope and Methodology

Our audit reviewed the operation and activities of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2005.

During the course of our examination, we attended the June 2005 funding meeting in Anchorage and interviewed various council members, staff, grantees, and individuals from state agencies. We also reviewed and evaluated the following:

- Applicable statutes and regulations
- Budget documents, session laws, and other legislative information related to the Council's operations
- Minutes of the Council meetings
- Grantee on-site monitoring performance and fiscal reviews prepared by the Council staff
- Statistical reports submitted by grantees
- Financial reports from the State Accounting System
- Other documents related to the Council's operations and mission, as necessary

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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) was established in the Department of Public Safety in 1981 by Alaska Statute 18.66. This statute gives the Council the authority "...to provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families and to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs."

The primary functions of the commission include:

- developing, implementing, maintaining, and monitoring crisis intervention and prevention programs in coordination with authorities in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- coordinating services with the Departments of Law, Education and Early Development, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, Corrections, and other state agencies and community groups;
- consulting with public employers, state and community agencies to provide continuing education programs for employees, and to formulate standards and procedures for health care employees;
- providing technical assistance to programs, state and community agencies; and
- dispensing, overseeing, monitoring, and coordinating existing services and developing expanded services/programs to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

The Council consists of seven members—four of whom are the commissioners or their designees—from the Departments of Public Safety (DPS), Health and Social Services (DHSS), Education and Early Development (DEED), and Law (DOL). The balance of the Council is comprised of persons from the public, appointed by the governor.

By statute, before making an appointment, the governor receives recommendations from and consults with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network) which is a nonprofit, private organization.¹

Council Members

As of November 23, 2005

Janna Stewart, Public Member, Chair
Susan Parkes, DOL, Vice Chair
Ann House, Public Member
Barbara Thompson, DEED
Karleen Jackson, DHSS
Kimberly Williams, Public Member
William Tandeske, DPS

The Council is staffed by an executive director, an administrative manager, three associate coordinators, a statistical technician, an administrative assistant, and an administrative clerk.

¹ The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is comprised of 20 programs, many of which are council-funded programs.

The Council is authorized to receive and disperse both state and federal funds. Traditionally, a large part of the Council's responsibilities involve administering grants made to local community organizations for domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs. Grant administration includes providing technical assistance and monitoring the activities of the various grantees and contractors.

The community programs funded by the Council provide a variety of services to the public. Most importantly, their efforts are directed toward providing victims a safe environment, either through housing at a community shelter or the use of a network of designated "safe homes." Additionally, the programs are involved in educating and counseling the victim about domestic violence and sexual assault issues and providing a batterer's intervention services.

The Council's coordination role and responsibilities with other state and local agencies is extensive. For FY 06, the Council approved 19 community-based victim services programs, four community-based batterer's intervention programs, and two prison-based batterers' programs. (See Appendix A)

Funding Sources

The Council receives state general funds from two separate funding sources: the state general revenue and withheld Permanent Fund Dividends from convicted felons and misdemeanants who are incarcerated.

The Council also receives state and federal funds through the use of interagency receipts from the Department of Corrections (DOC) and DHSS. DHSS funds are: Sexual Assault Prevention (SAP), Rape Prevention and Education (RPE), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Behavioral Health Alcohol Grant. Both SAP and RPE funds are part of the large Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant administered by DHSS.

Additionally, many of the grants issued by the Council are supported by direct federal funds. Federal funds are received by the Council from sources such as:

- Family Violence Prevention Services Act
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Family Violence Prevention Services Act provides federal funding to all states. This funding is used for domestic violence programs throughout Alaska. The programs receiving grants provide assistance funds to victims of domestic violence and their children. These programs operate shelter facilities which are staffed around the clock and provide a full spectrum of services, including basic food and immediate shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, and medical/legal/personal advocacy.

- Crime Victims Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

This grant authorizes financial compensation for victims of crime and financial support for state and local agencies that provide services to crime victims. This fund is a U.S. Treasury account, generated entirely by the fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes. The majority of this funding is awarded directly to programs providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
U.S. Department of Justice

The grant services combine a series of federal sanctions and initiatives—as well as national, state, and local resources—to improve the response to crimes against women. These funds are delineated to five specific areas: prosecution, law enforcement, victim services, judicial, and discretionary. In April 1995, Governor Knowles designated the Council as lead agency for coordination and management of VAWA funds for the State of Alaska.

To accomplish this mission, the statewide Violence Against Women Planning and Implementation Committee (committee) was created.² The committee developed the annual plan for VAWA funding upon the Council's approval. The Council was then responsible for funding distribution, and subrecipient monitoring, of these projects.

In FY 04 the Council decided to disband the committee, citing inefficiency and duplication of duties performed by Council members and staff. The Council approves the spending plans of the Departments of Law and Public Safety, the Alaska Court System, and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the prosecution, law enforcement, judicial, and victim services components, respectively. For the discretionary component, the Council distributes the fund through its Request for Proposal (RFP) grant process.

- Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies
U.S. Department of Justice

The Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program is a component of VAWA. This grant was focused on the development and implementation of laws, policies, and protocols that encourage or mandate the arrest of domestic violence offenders.

The Council currently receives supplemental funds to assist community-driven initiatives in providing regional state-tribal forums on domestic violence. The forums are attended by state troopers, local prosecutors, tribal/state judiciary, village public safety officers,

² The committee was comprised of 21 representatives of the VAWA components.

tribal members/citizens, victim advocates, probation/parole and other social service/care providers, to enhance their skills and develop a greater understanding of topics critical to the safety of women and their children, offender accountability, and coordinated response to domestic violence. The training is also designed to promote communication, cooperation, and a mutual respect among the tribal/state/federal response systems.

- Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization
U.S. Department of Justice

The Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant implements certain provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. While this grant closed out in FY 03, the program provided a unique opportunity for law enforcement and prosecution agencies, the courts and nongovernmental victim services, community organizations, businesses in rural communities, and Indian tribes to collaborate in creating protocols and strategies tailored specifically to meet the needs of rural populations.

- Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children
U.S. Department of Justice

The Safe Havens program provides an opportunity for communities to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

The State of Alaska through the Council—and in a collaborative effort with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Alaska State Court System, and Abused Women's Aid in Crisis—implemented the only supervised visitation center in the State.

- Denali Commission

To continue the capital improvement project started in FY 02 with private grants from the Wells Fargo Bank and the Rasmuson Foundation, the Council pursued grant funding with the Denali Commission. In FY 04, the Denali Commission received congressional direction to allocate \$5 million toward the upgrade and construction of shelters for victims of domestic violence. The Council has provided the Denali Commission with preaward, advisory input, and technical assistance to make optimal funding allocation decisions. As of March 2005, \$3.95 million has been committed for repair/renovation, new construction projects, or conceptual planning/design of shelter buildings.

REPORT CONCLUSIONS

Under AS 18.66, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) is authorized to provide for the State's planning and coordination of full-range services to victims, their families, and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault. Combating domestic violence and sexual assault is identified as an ongoing priority at both the state and national level.

Aside from the operational concerns addressed in this report, the Council is serving a public need and is operating in the public's interest. Currently, AS 44.66.010(a)(5) requires the Council to be terminated on June 30, 2006. We recommend the legislature extend the Council's termination date to June 30, 2014.

The Council is still facing personnel issues resulting from continual staff turnover. The Council has worked on developing personnel policies, procedures, and desk manuals to assist the staff; but due to limited staff, the Council was forced to focus primarily on grant maintenance and monitoring responsibility. Two of the Council's statutory mandates were not addressed. (See Recommendation 2)

The Council intends to work on a strategic plan to assess the effectiveness of services currently being provided by grantees and other state and local entities. The plan's overall goal is to identify and address existing gaps in service. One of the missions of the Council is to provide leadership in meeting the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. A long-term strategic plan is certainly needed to assist the staff in establishing priorities. The work plan will help Council staff to effectively plan and coordinate services with state and community agencies, as well as provide services previously not offered to reduce the causes and incidence of domestic violence and to alleviate their effects.

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's (Council) prior sunset audit³ reported several administrative weaknesses. Recommendation No. 1 is not resolved and reinstated below as Recommendation No. 2. Prior audit Recommendations No. 2 and 3 were resolved. Recommendations No. 4 and 5 were partially resolved and are readdressed and combined into Recommendation No. 1 below.

Recommendation No. 1

The Council should address its statutory responsibilities to consult with the Department of Education and Early Development and the Department of Health and Social Services.

Prior Finding

Statutory changes implemented in July 1, 1996, significantly increased the scope of the Council's responsibilities. In response, the Council's budgeted staff increased from four to eight positions. During our last sunset audit, the Council was unable to or ineffective in addressing some of their statutory responsibilities due to administrative weaknesses and lack of prioritization.

The prior sunset audit reported that grantees had varying degrees of success in gaining access to their local schools and used a variety of methods to address domestic violence and sexual assault education needs. In addition, although the Council collaborated with the Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), on a domestic violence and child abuse workshops, the Council has not worked with DHSS to develop standards and procedures as required in AS 18.66.300.

Alaska Statute AS 18.66.050(3) and (12) states the Council shall:

(3) consult with authorities in the field, develop, implement, maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs, including education programs...and school curricula on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault. [emphasis added]

(12) consult with the Department of Health and Social Services in the formulation of standards and procedures for delivery of services to victims of domestic violence by health care facilities and practitioners of healing arts and personnel in those facilities as required in AS 18.66.300.

³ Audit Control Number 12-20014-02, Department of Public Safety, Sunset Audit on Council on Domestic Violence Assault dated October 31, 2001.

Legislative Audit's Current Position

The Council has faced personnel issues resulting from position turnover since FY 01, particularly in the executive director and associate coordinator positions. During the past four years, three individuals were hired for the executive director's position. The executive director and associate coordinators are key positions for the Council to fulfill its 14 mandates.

With limited staffing and several mandates, the Council chose to focus primarily on their grant funding and oversight role. This is to ensure continued funding of grant programs. Grant accountability and reporting is time consuming, but essential for the programmatic and administrative oversight of grants for victim services and batterers intervention programs.

However, there is still a need for a more coordinated effort with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) towards education in school districts throughout the State. AS 14.30.360(b) states "*the state board shall establish guidelines for a health and personal safety education program. Personal guidelines shall be developed in consultation with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault...*" There are currently no health and personal safety education guidelines available on domestic violence and sexual assault for school personnel to use. The Council should consult with DEED, school district representatives, and grantees who have worked toward curriculum development, in creating a comprehensive standardized curriculum to be used within the schools statewide.

There is also a need for the Council to become involved with DHSS to ensure that standards and procedures are available for the delivery of services by health care facilities and its personnel. Council-funded grantees are often approached by health care providers on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

However, as the statewide representative, the Council should coordinate this effort at the departmental-level rather than at the grantee-level. The Council should consult with DHSS regarding development of comprehensive standards and procedures to be used by all agencies for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including council-funded grantees and health care providers within the State.

AS 18.66.050(3) and AS 18.66.050(12) discuss the Council working with state departments to develop standards, procedures, and education programs. However, due to limited staffing and the Council's focus on grant maintenance and monitoring, the Council has been unable to fully address these statutory mandates. Given the significance of these mandates, we recommend that the Council take immediate action and implement procedures to address both statutes.

Recommendation No. 2

The legislature should amend the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's statutes related to appointment of council members.

Prior Finding

The Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network) submits recommendations, to the Governor, of public members qualified to serve on the Council. The Network also receives grant funds from the Council. The Council consists of four state officials and three public members appointed by the governor. Alaska Statute 18.66.020(a)(1) and AS 18.66.020(b), in part, states:

(a)(1) The council consists of three persons appointed by the governor after consultation with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a non profit corporation; The Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall submit a list to the governor of persons recommended for appointment.

(b) ... A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor after consultation with the Network on Domestic Violence.

The Network also annually receives a grant from the Council for a legal advocacy project. The grant is the victim services⁴ allocation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) federal funding received by the Council.

The appearance of a conflict of interests exists when a council member reviews, evaluates, approves, and monitors a grant to the same nonprofit corporation which was responsible for recommending that individual to the council membership.

It is entirely appropriate for the governor to consult with any interested parties when making appointments to the Council. However, it is a statutory mandate for the governor to consult with the Network, over the appointment of public members, when the Network itself is a subgrantee of the Council that raises an appearance of a conflict of interest.

Legislative Audit's Current Position

Since the last audit, AS 18.66.020 has not been revised and the Network continues to get funding from the Council. However, of the last five public members appointed to the Council, only two were recommended by the Network.

⁴ The VAWA federal funds are distributed in the following manner: 5% for judicial; 25% for law enforcement; 25% prosecution; 30% for victim services; and 15% to discretionary funds.

To avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest between public member appointments and receiving funding, we continue to recommend the legislature amend AS 18.66.020 to: (1) eliminate the mandate for the Network to recommend individuals to the governor for appointment to the Council, and (2) eliminate the requirement for the governor to consult with the Network on the appointment or reappointment of the council's public members.

A ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED D

The following analyses of board activities relate to the public need factors defined in AS 44.66.050(c). These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but address those areas we were able to cover within the scope of our review.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.

The Council has awarded and administered grant funds to local community organizations and programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, batterer intervention services to perpetrators of domestic violence, and crisis intervention and prevention programs. The presentation element of the funding meeting is generally accepted and approved by all of the grantees. Public participation was encouraged and legislative intent was considered in the funding process. The Council strives to treat urban and rural participants fairly throughout the grant award process. The Council exercises oversight and performs on-site audits of most grant recipients.

The Council coordinates the efforts of many state and community agencies, working toward a comprehensive statewide system, to combat domestic violence and sexual assault. Overall, we conclude that the Council is performing its coordination duties.

The Council provides technical assistance in various forms to state agencies, law enforcement agencies, grantees, and community groups on a regular basis.

The Council worked on getting private and federal funding for capital improvement projects for the facilities of victim services providers. In addition, the State of Alaska, through the Council—in a collaborative effort with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Alaska State Court System, and Abused Women's Aid in Crisis—implemented the only supervised visitation center in the State with federal funding.

The Council has provided funds to assist in the development of training materials and participation in training events related to domestic violence and sexual assault. The Council has also provided statewide training with the regional State-Tribal forum on domestic violence. Training has been used by law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judicial officers, tribal citizens, probation/parole officers, social service providers, grantees, and community groups.

The Council provides domestic violence and sexual assault education on a local level through its grantees. The Council maintains a lending library with educational and reference materials available that are both adequate and appropriate to address the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Determine the extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices that it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.

The Council's board members have been appointed in accordance with Alaska statutes. All appointed members have shown an interest in matters dealing with the domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, the Council is in a position to facilitate the resolution of coordination issues at the local level with representatives who oversee these areas at the state level.

The Council installed a new web-based database system in early FY 05. Although fairly new, the database system will be able to provide accurate, unduplicated statistical programmatic information for decision making. Overall, this system is expected to meet a critical need for coordinated standardized measurement and recording of statistical data between agencies.

AS 18.66.050(10) requires the Council to submit an annual report to the governor, and notify the legislature about the availability of the report. Although the statute is silent if such report is to be based on the calendar year or fiscal year, customarily the Council has submitted reports on fiscal year basis. The Council submitted the report to the governor on time for FY 02; but a few months late for FY 03 and FY 04 due to staff vacancy.

For the FY 06 grant award, the Council did not fund new programs choosing to maintain core services with existing council-funded programs. With a shrinking budget, the Council faced tough grant-funding decisions. The Council's grant award process is objective. The Council members reviewed the overall needs, economies of scale, duplication of services within geographic areas, and sustainability of existing programs. During the FY 05 funding meeting, grantees presented their financial struggle in keeping staff due to increasing operational costs, such as heating, lighting, and health insurance.

Other than occasional operational costs, the victim services programs have not received substantial core services funding increases.⁵ In addition, the batterers intervention programs have not seen any increase in their grant awards. In fact, the community-based batterers intervention programs had their budget reduced from \$320,000 to \$200,000 in FY 04. The schedule of grants awarded between FY 03 through FY 06 is located on Appendix A.

The financial schedule shown in Exhibit 1 (on the following page) depicts the Council's actual operating expenditures and funding sources between FY 02 through FY 05. The Council's funding sources are federal, state general funds, permanent fund dividends⁶, and interagency receipts from DHSS and the DOC. Overall, the Council's operating budget has decreased between FY 02 and FY 05 and amounts paid by the general fund continue to fall.

⁵ Using carry over authorization from prior year federal grants, the Council funded an extra \$513,159 to cover health insurance cost increases in FY 03 for victim services programs. For the FY 06 grant awards, the legislature also appropriated an additional \$200,000 for the victim services programs to cover operational costs.

⁶ These are Permanent Fund Dividend amounts withheld from convicted felons and misdemeanants who are incarcerated. The PFD is the main source of funding for the Council's batterers intervention program.

Exhibit 1
Schedule of Operating Expenditure and Funding Sources

	<u>FY02</u>	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	432,156	486,533	441,162	380,137
Travel	54,548	47,743	87,933	116,594
Contractual	544,252	536,279	539,782	529,788
Supplies	7,233	15,270	6,001	14,418
Equipment	4,474	1,997	9,382	-
Grants to Programs ⁷	7,950,647	8,555,081	8,262,676	7,742,461
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 8,993,310	\$ 9,642,906	\$9,346,936	\$8,783,398
Funding Sources				
Federal Receipts	2,363,358	2,966,083	4,452,958	3,627,593
Interagency Receipts from DHSS ⁸	1,351,840	1,592,114	494,237	1,007,221
Interagency Receipts from DOC ⁹	155,382	174,565	174,700	157,990
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	291	507	701	438
General Fund Appropriations	5,122,439	4,909,637	4,224,340	3,990,156
Total Funding Sources	\$ 8,993,310	\$ 9,642,906	\$9,346,936	\$ 8,783,398

Additionally, in order to maintain funding for the grantee programs, the Council decided to fill their FY 05 budget shortfall through vacancies in Council staff. Although this is a reasonable decision, the Council has not fulfilled its statutory mandates due to limited staff resources, see Recommendation No. 1.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes that are generally of benefit to the public interest.

The Council is generally asked by other agencies to review statutory changes contained in proposed legislation. Typically, Council members/staff review and comment on proposed legislation rather than developing and seeking support for its own measures. The Council discusses pertinent bills deciding which legislation the Council should support, remain neutral on, or oppose. The executive director develops, analyzes, and testifies on bills at the direction of the Council.

⁷ Grant amounts exclude capital improvement expenditures funded through capital appropriations.

⁸ Department of Health and Social Services' RSA mostly funds the victim services programs.

⁹ \$98,238 of the Department of Corrections' RSA funds the prison-based batterers intervention programs, with the remainder amount funding the administrative costs for both community-based and prison-based batterers intervention programs.

Legislation that was supported by the Council include the following:

- HB 332 (Chapter 91 SLA 2002) – amended the Council's statute where the Council hires the executive director and the executive director now hires the staff. This legislation also placed the executive director and staff into exempt service.
- HB 328 (Chapter 15 SLA 2004) – related to certain victim's rights and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.
- HB 385 (Chapter 111 SLA 2004) – related to awarding child custody
- HB 398 (Chapter 19 SLA 2004) – established the domestic violence fatality review teams in areas of the State.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service that it has provided.

The Council encourages interested parties to comment on its decisions or regulations by publicly announcing its meetings. The Council holds at least four meetings per year, normally in Anchorage or Juneau. Meetings held in Juneau are typically teleconferenced statewide.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.

The Council encourages public participation by posting the Council's meeting schedule on their website. Time is provided on the agenda of every public meeting for public comment. Grantee agencies are allocated time to speak directly to the Council at the main "funding" meeting. Also at each of its meetings, the Council schedules time for presentations from the Network and other community groups involved in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Determine the efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the office of victims' rights or the office of the ombudsman have been processed and resolved.

We found no problems in this area. Complaint procedures are in place, followed when complaints are made, and files are maintained. No complaint activity was noted from FY 02 through FY 05.

Determine the extent to which a board or commission that regulates entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.

Since the Council does not regulate any occupations or professions, this is not applicable.

Determine the extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

No complaints against the Council were identified.

Determine the extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

The previous sunset audit reported administrative issues with the line of authorities and undefined job responsibilities with the staff. Although the administrative weaknesses have been resolved, the Council is still facing personnel issues related to constant staff turnover. It takes considerable time to train new personnel and finish projects due to staff turnover.

The Council chose to concentrate on fulfilling its mandates through grant funding although with fewer resources, and focused less on its other mandates such as: (1) consultation with Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to develop and implement standardized school curricula, and (2) Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to formulate standards and procedures for health care personnel.

There is still need for a more coordinated effort towards education in school districts across the State. The Council should consult with DEED's school district representatives and grantees, who have worked toward creating a comprehensive standardized curriculum to guide schools across the State.

There is also a need for statewide coordination efforts between the Council and DHSS, ensuring standards and procedures are available to health care facilities and practitioners of the healing arts and personnel in those facilities that provide services for victims of domestic violence in the communities across the State.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has effectively attained its objectives and purposes and the efficiency with which the board, commission, or agency has operated.

The Council's purpose is to provide planning and coordination of services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families, to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs.

The Council, as the state agency responsible for administering the majority of crime victim assistance funding resources in Alaska, has been very effective with their coordination of services and outreach efforts through their grant award process. As an effective means to use and spread limited funds, the Council has ensured that Council-funded programs provide

coordinated efforts within the local communities such as law enforcement agencies, tribal groups, social service providers, hospitals, schools, courts systems, among others.

To continue with its mission, the Council plans to work on strategic planning to assess the effectiveness of services currently being provided by grantees and other state and local entities. The overall goal of the plan is to identify and address existing gaps in service.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency duplicates the activities of another governmental agency or the private sector.

One of the Council's major objectives is the coordination of agencies, both state and local, that share the similar objective of combating the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault. No other agency is in a position to have an impact on this issue in this manner. Its existence is to help ensure that various agencies work together to effectively respond to Alaska's high rate of domestic violence and sexual assault. As a result, its activities do not duplicate the activities of the governmental agencies or the private sector.

Appendix A
 Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 Schedule of Grants Awarded FY 03 through FY 06
 (unaudited)

	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Victim Services Program Grants				
Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (Anchorage)	\$ 843,816	\$ 805,816	\$ 805,816	\$ 828,616
Advocates for Victims of Violence (Valdez)	237,598	213,181	213,181	219,576
Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (Juneau)	561,147	489,641	489,641	504,330
Alaska Family Services (Palmer)	418,486	418,486	413,486	453,575
Alaska Women's Resource Center (Anchorage)	215,636	197,836	137,836	199,634
Arctic Women in Crisis (Barrow)	244,703	242,571	242,571	249,848
Bering Sea Women's Group (Nome)	420,706	420,706	420,706	465,406
Cordova Family Resource Center	55,504	51,421	51,421	52,964
Emmonak Women's Services	180,855	183,599	183,599	-
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks)	694,296	679,296	679,296	702,642
Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center	285,551	264,326	264,326	272,256
LeeShore Center (Kenai-Soldotna)	413,389	397,401	397,401	409,323
Safe and Fear-Free Environment (Dillingham)	353,716	330,116	330,116	385,116
Seaview Community Services (Seward)	77,811	77,811	77,811	80,145
Sitkans Against Family Violence	339,766	303,401	303,401	312,503
South Peninsula Women's Services (Homer)	273,145	249,091	249,091	283,555
Standing Together Against Rape (Anchorage)	436,706	396,706	396,706	412,789
Tundra Women's Coalition (Bethel)	625,809	608,133	608,133	704,133
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence	133,607	123,001	123,001	126,691
Victims for Justice (Anchorage)	53,199	26,078	26,078	-
Women in Safe Homes (Ketchikan)	557,183	517,183	517,183	532,698
Total Victim Services Program Grants	7,422,629	6,995,800	6,995,800	7,195,800
Community Based Batterer Intervention Program Grants				
Alaska Family Services (Palmer)	\$ 57,000	\$ 55,812	\$ 55,812	\$ 55,812
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks)	68,500	67,312	67,312	67,312
Island Counseling Services (Sitka)	42,500	-	-	-
Ketchikan Indian Corporation	52,500	51,313	51,313	51,313
Sound Alternatives (Cordova)	-	-	-	-
South Peninsula Women's Services (Homer)	29,500	25,563	25,563	25,563
Tongass Community Counseling Center	70,000	-	-	-
Total Community Based Batterer Intervention Program Grants	320,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

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	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>
Prison Batterer Intervention Program Grants				
Alaska Family Services (Palmer)	\$ 40,000	\$ 56,589	\$ 56,589	\$ 56,589
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks)	25,386	41,648	41,648	41,648
Tongass Community Counseling Center (Juneau)	32,851	-	-	-
Total Prison Batterer Intervention Program Grants	<u>98,237</u>	<u>98,237</u>	<u>98,237</u>	<u>98,237</u>
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grants				
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	\$ 235,500	\$ 223,440	\$ 216,030	\$ 216,315
Dept. of Law Reimbursable Services Agreement	196,250	186,200	180,025	180,263
Dept. of Public Safety Reimbursable Services Agreement	196,250	186,200	180,025	180,263
Alaska Court System Reimbursable Services Agreement	39,250	37,240	36,005	36,052
Discretionary (See "Note" below)	78,500	111,720	108,015	108,157
Total VAWA Grants	<u>\$ 745,750</u>	<u>\$ 744,800</u>	<u>\$ 720,100</u>	<u>\$ 721,050</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 8,586,616</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,038,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,014,137</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,215,087</u></u>

Note: Between FY 02 through FY 05, the Council awarded the VAWA fund discretionary allocation to the Network, Wasilla Police Department, Safe and Fear-Free Environment (SAFE), South Peninsula Women's Services (SPWS), Aiding Women Against Rape Emergencies (AWARE), Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC), Standing Together Against Rape (STAR), and Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) for victim services projects.



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Finally, in general, the Council continues its strategic planning efforts, continues to explore grant and foundation funding for statewide domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and continues to strengthen and develop its own personnel and office resources.

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We appreciate the work of the Division of Legislative Audit and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Mason for Janna L. Stewart.

Janna L. Stewart
CDVSA, Chair

Cc: CDVSA Board Members

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Legislative Budget and Audit Committee SPONSOR STATEMENT SB 250

"An Act relating to the termination date of the Council of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and eliminating references to the network on domestic violence and sexual assault.

This legislation stems from recommendations contained in the Legislative Audit Report entitled "Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Sunset Audit", dated September 23, 2005.

Legislative Audit concluded that the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) continues to serve a public need and is operating in the public interest. Accordingly, SB 250 extends the sunset date of the Council to June 30, 2014 for an eight-year extension.

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The Network annually receives a grant from the Council for a legal advocacy project and the appearance of conflict exists when a Council member reviews, evaluates, approves and monitors a grant to the same nonprofit organization that may have been responsible for recommending that individual be appointed to the Council. SB 250 deletes both statutory references that produce this appearance of conflict.

This audit was conducted under revisions made last session to the sunset process. The standard sunset period for occupational boards and non-occupational boards was changed from "not to exceed four years" to "not to exceed eight years". Additionally, to better measure operational performance, two new criteria were added to statute that must be considered in the course of a sunset review by the auditors:

- The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has effectively attained its objectives and the efficiency with which it has operated.
- The extent to which the board, commission, or agency duplicates the activities of another governmental agency or the private sector.

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: SB 250

1 Page 1, line 2, following "Assault;":

2 Insert "adding qualifications on the appointment of persons to the Council on
3 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by the governor;"

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5 Page 1, line 7, following "governor":

6 Insert "based on the following criteria:

7 (A) none of the persons may be a state employee of the
8 departments identified in (2) - (5) of this subsection;

9 (B) at least one member must have shown a past interest in
10 and knowledge of the crimes of domestic violence or sexual assault or have
11 experienced or had a family member experience domestic violence or
12 sexual assault; and

13 (C) at least one member shall reside in a rural community
14 in the state that is not connected by road or the Alaska marine highway
15 system to the main road system of the state"

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17 Page 2, following line 14:

18 Insert a new bill section to read:

19 "** Sec. 4. The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
20 read:

21 APPLICABILITY. The provisions of AS 18.66.020(a)(1), as amended by sec. 1 of
22 this Act, apply to vacancies among public members of the Council on Domestic Violence and
23 Sexual Assault appointed by the governor that occur on or after the effective date of this Act."

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

February 13-14, 2000
 Department of Public Safety Conference Room
 450 Whittier Street, Juneau, Alaska

TELECONFERENCE AGENDA

		<u>Document</u>
12:00 p.m.	Call to Order Roll Call Acceptance or Revision of Agenda Approve Minutes of September 10, 1998 Meeting	99-15 99-16
12:05 p.m.	Financial Report: FY99 Year to Date	99-17
12:15 p.m.	Executive Director Report	99-18
12:30 p.m.	Community Programs: 1st Quarter Report FY00 Request for Proposal	99-19
12:40 p.m.	Batterers' Intervention Program: Status of approval process Reallocation of Nome BIP grant Port Graham BIP grant	99-20
1:20 p.m.	Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Report	99-21
1:30 p.m.	Public Comment Council Comments	
1:45 p.m.	Meeting topic: March 11, 1999	
2:00 p.m.	Executive Director Search	
2:15 p.m.	Adjournment	

Rep [Signature]

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Letter of Intent →

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House State Affairs Committee Rep. Paul Seaton, Chair

Letter of Intent HCS SB 250 (STA)

It is the intent of the Legislature to request the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to draft a strategic plan. This plan will assist the Council in fulfilling its statutory mandates at AS 18.66.010 through AS 18.66.990. It will assist the legislature in determining the effectiveness of the Council in addressing this vital concern of Alaskans. This report is to be submitted to the legislature on the first day of the 2007 legislative session. The report should detail the efforts of the Council on following issues:

1. Consistent with the recommendations of the 2005 LB&A audit, the Council needs to consult to a greater degree with the Department of Education and Early Development and develop curriculum on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.
2. Also consistent with the recommendations of the 2005 audit, the Council needs to work with the Department of Health and Social Services to develop standards and procedures as required in AS 18.66.300 for the delivery of services to victims of domestic violence by health care facilities.
3. In its Missions and Measures the Council needs to provide updated results and strategies with measurable objectives that will indicate whether the Council is progressing on its objectives.
4. The Council needs to establish a written plan for coordination of departmental responses to domestic violence and sexual assault.
5. The Council is responsible for holding public hearings on domestic violence and sexual assault. The Council needs to establish a plan to ensure continued public input on the state's response to these crimes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Seaton".

Representative Paul Seaton, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2006

TO: Senator Gene Therriault, Chairman
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

FROM: Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chairman *Kevin Meyer*
House Finance Committee

RE: Audit Request-Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

In consideration of the House State Affairs version of Senate Bill 250 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault, the House Finance Committee requests the Division of Legislative Audit conduct a follow-up audit to address the outstanding audit recommendations and the concerns expressed in the letter of intent adopted by the House State Affairs Committee.

Specifically, the House Finance Committee requests that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee direct the Division of Legislative Audit to conduct an audit that addresses the following:

- The degree to which the Council has met its statutory responsibility under AS 18.66.050(3) which is to "*consult with authorities in the field, develop, implement, maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs, including education programs....and school curricula on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.*"
- The degree to which the Council has met its statutory responsibility under AS 18.66.050(12) which is to "*consult with the Department of Health and Social Services in the formulation of standards and procedures for delivery of services to victims of domestic violence by health care facilities and practitioners of healing arts and personnel in those facilities as required in AS 18.66.300.*"

- The Council's progress on the development and implementation of a strategic plan and the plan's consistency with its adopted missions and measures and statutory responsibilities.

Further, the House Finance Committee directs the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to include in their annual report, required by AS 18.66.300(10), an update on the Council's progress on prior, outstanding audit recommendations made by the Division of Legislative Audit, as well as the development and implementation of a strategic plan.

The House Finance Committee requests that the audit be available to the 25th Alaska State Legislature by January 1, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Janna L. Stewart, Chair, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
House Finance Committee members
House State Affairs Committee members

CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT

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TO: HCS CS SB 250 (STA)

BY Representative Meyer

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2 After "Assault"

3 Insert "; and eliminative statutory references to the network on domestic violence
4 and sexual assault"

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6 Page 1, Insert new section

7 Section 1. AS 18.66.020(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The council consists of

9 (1) three persons appointed by the governor [AFTER CONSULTATION
10 WITH THE NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL
11 ASSAULT, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION; THE NETWORK ON
12 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SHALL SUBMIT
13 A LIST TO THE GOVERNOR OF PERSONS RECOMMENDED FOR
14 APPOINTMENT];

15 (2) the commissioner of public safety or the designee of the commissioner of
16 public safety;

17 (3) the commissioner of health and social services or the designee of the
18 commissioner of health and social services;

19 (4) the commissioner of education and early development or the designee of
20 the commissioner of education and early development; and

21 (5) the attorney general or the designee of the attorney general.

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23 Page 2, Insert new section

24 Section 2. AS 18.66.020(b) is amended to read:

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1 (b) The term of office of a member appointed under (a)(1) of this section is two
2 years. A member appointed under (a)(1) of this section serves at the pleasure of the
3 governor and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy on the council
4 shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor [AFTER
5 CONSULTATION WITH THE NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
6 SEXUAL ASSAULT].

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Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Questions for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

1. The Council is responsible for holding public hearings on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. When was the last public hearing held? What was the topic? When is the next one planned and what will the topic be? How do you plan to ensure continued input from the public on the state's response to these crimes? (AS 18.66.050[6])

2. The Council is responsible for consulting with authorities in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault in order to develop, implement, maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs, including educational programs, films, and school curricula on the cause prevention and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault. How does the Council fulfill this responsibility? (AS 18.66.050[3])

3. The Council is responsible for coordinating state departments' responses to the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault. Do the state departments discuss coordination of their services at the Council's quarterly meetings? If not, how is the coordination of services and responses carried out? (AS 18.66.050[4])

Several years ago, an interdepartmental agreement was developed for responding to child sexual abuse. Are there plans for routinely reviewing and revising this agreement? Is there an interdepartmental agreement for responding to adult domestic violence and/or sexual assault?

4. The Council is responsible for working with the department of health and human services to develop protocols for health care providers for interacting with victims of domestic violence when they enter a health care facility. How is this done? Who is responsible for keeping track of updated protocols? (AS 18.66.050[12])

The Council is responsible for consulting with the Alaska Police Standards Council and other police training programs in the state to develop training programs regarding domestic violence for police officers and for correction, probation, and parole officers. Is this being done and if so by which staff and how are the results of the consultation documented? (AS 18.66.050[13])

The Council is responsible for consulting with public employers, the Alaska Supreme Court, school districts, and prosecuting authorities who are required to provide continuing education courses in domestic violence to their employees. How is this done? Who is responsible for keeping track of updated curricula? When were they last updated? (AS 18.66.050[14])

5. The Council is responsible for tracking domestic violence and sexual assault statutes and for making recommendations to the administration for new legislation.

How is this tracked? Have you made recent recommendations for legislation? What are they? (AS 18.66.050[10])

6. How many community-based victim service programs are funded through the Council? How many batterers intervention programs? How are funding decisions made? (AS 18.66.050[7])

How are all the funded programs and projects monitored? Which staff/how many are responsible for the monitoring? (AS 18.66.050[8])

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In addition to funding the community-based programs, the Council has been designated the state administrator of STOP Violence Against Women Act funds. How does the Council distribute these funds? What projects are currently being funded? Victim service representatives are supposed to be included in the planning process for STOP expenditures. How does the Council ensure compliance with this federal requirement?

Are there additional projects being funded through the Council? If so, what are they and what is the Council's responsibility for them?

7. The Council is responsible for developing and implementing a standardized data collection system on domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention prevention. How is this accomplished? Once collected, how is the information used/disseminated? How does the Council ensure victims' privacy? (AS 18.66.050[5])

8. How is the Council office staffed? What are the functions of each position? Are there adequate staff to carry out your statutory duties? How is the Council's annual budget developed?

Suggested questions for the Council:

1. As I understand you just posted your yearly annual report – any particular findings of interest to the committee.
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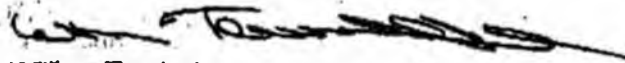
The Honorable Senator Gene Theriault
February 21, 2006
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current proposal may be to prohibit appointment of a PX or EX official other than the four designated in statute. That would allow qualified state employees who have interests in domestic violence and sexual assault issues to volunteer their services. CDVSA has had a number of highly motivated and productive public members who were state employees. It would be unfortunate to lose a candidate because of their unrelated employment.

As I have evaluated the proposed amendments to SB 250, I have tried to consider a number of questions, including: What needs to be fixed? How will these changes make the Council better? I am concerned that a number of the proposed changes will not improve CDVSA and only raise more challenges.

The views I am expressing are those of DPS and not the CDVSA, of which I am a member. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments. As always, I am available to discuss this with you or your staff should you wish.

Sincerely,



William Tandeske

cc: Jana Stewart, CDVSA Chair
Barbara Mason, Executive Director, CDVSA



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Finally, in general, the Council continues its strategic planning efforts, continues to explore grant and foundation funding for statewide domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and continues to strengthen and develop its own personnel and office resources.

We appreciate the work of the Division of Legislative Audit and look forward to working with you in the future.

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Sincerely,

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Cc: CDVSA Board Members

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February 22, 2006

Senator Gene Theriault, Chair
 Senate Legislative Budget and Audit Committee
 State Capitol, Room 119
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Theriault:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to SB 250. As you know this bill extends the sunset date for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to June 30, 2014. The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) supports this proposed extension.

However, DHSS does have some concerns regarding proposed changes or amendments.

- (1) DHSS recognizes the importance of maintaining a positive working relationship with all of the members of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) as well as the many other stakeholders that make up the domestic violence and sexual assault "services" system in Alaska. Because this system includes not only services for victims but other organizations such as the police, hospitals, programs for batterers, mental health and substance abuse providers, etc. we do not support a single group (ANDVSA) being identified in statute as having "exclusive" consultative authority re: appointments to the CDVSA.
- (2) DHSS supports the designation of one public member position being from a rural area. We think it's vitally important the Council is provided with a "rural perspective" when making programmatic and fiscal decisions. DHSS, however, does not support the overly restrictive language in the proposed amendment.
- (3) DHSS does not support the designation of a survivor, counselor or advocate for the two remaining public member positions. As indicated under number one (1), our system is much broader and therefore we should not "restrict" membership to these specific "categories" of individuals. In all likelihood there are people in the business community, as well as in the broader health and social services community, who have an interest in preventing and dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault.
- (4) DHSS does not support the addition of the Executive Director of the ANDVSA as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the CDVSA. This appears to create a potential "conflict of interest". Since the council makes recommendations for funding member agencies of ANDVSA, it would be inappropriate for the Executive Director of ANDVSA to be involved in these or decisions.

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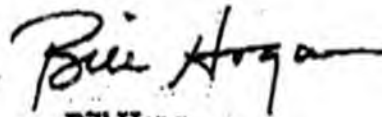
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(5) DHSS does not believe there should be a prohibition against state employees serving on the council. As suggested under number three (3), there are individuals both in the private and public sector (i.e. state employees) who would be excellent candidates for the council. I don't believe we should restrict our pool of qualified and committed potential council members.

In conclusion, I hope this provides the Department of Health and Social Services perspective on SB 250. We support the extension of the sunset date to June 30, 2014, but have several concerns and reservations about the proposed changes or amendments to the bill. These have been articulated above.

If you wish clarification or want to discuss this further please let me know.

Sincerely,



Bill Hogan,
Deputy Commissioner
Board Member CDVSA

BH: dj

cc: Senator Fred Dyson, Chair, Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee
Janna Stewart, CDVSA Chair
Barbara Mason, Executive Director, CDVSA

Jason Hooley

From: Susan Parke [Susan_Parke@law.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 3:24 PM
To: Jason Hooley
Cc: Tom Maher
Subject: SB 250

Jason - I am the Department of Law representative on the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This morning I received a letter sent to me on Friday requesting written comments regarding SB 250 and proposed amendments. I hope that this email will suffice; I apologize for its informality. I was traveling to Juneau today and have a 4:00 p.m. budget hearing.

I have seen a copy of Commissioner Tandeske's February 21, 2006 letter to Senator Therriault regarding SB 250. I support and echo his position regarding the bill and amendments. I would like to just make a few additional comments. First, the Network is a valuable resource to the Council. The Network has always been welcome at our meetings and have been given time on our meeting agendas to make a report to the Council.

We often solicit their input on other specific agenda items when we believe it would be valuable to our decision making. I believe they have a "voice" on the Council, without being made an "ex-officio member which creates the conflict discussed in Commissioner Tandeske's letter.

Finally, I also oppose the amendment which would exclude state employees as public members. Not only does it discourage good candidates who happen to work for the State, but it also creates a problem for any public member who may during the course of their appointment to the Council become employed with the State. It would require the individual to choose between continuing on the Council or a State job.

I hope that these comments are useful. Please let me know if you need anything further. I will be attending the hearing tomorrow on behalf of the Department of Law.

Susan

Alaska Commission on Aging

11 Members - Seven persons appointed by the Governor based on their knowledge and demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans; plus the chair of the Pioneers Homes Advisory Board; the commissioner of the commissioner of the Dept. of Commerce Community and Economic Development or designee; and the commissioner of the Dept. of Health and Social Services or designee; and a senior services provider-regardless of age. Names of persons qualified for and interested in serving will be requested from senior citizens' organizations. Appointments shall be made to assure representation of low-income and minorities and rural/urban areas and statewide geographical representation. At least 5 persons appointed by the Governor shall be 60 years of age or older, 2 of whom shall be 65 years of age or older. Each must be a resident of the State of Alaska.

Alcohol/Drug Abuse

15 members: 14 public members appointed by the Governor, and the Director of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse ex officio (Karen, the statute actually says the commissioner of health and social services ex officio). The 14 public members shall consist of the following: one member who is licensed to practice medicine in the state; one member who is admitted to practice law in the state; four members who are chronic alcoholics with psychosis who are recovering; three members who are substance abuse treatment professionals who represent public and private providers of substance abuse prevention and treatment services; and five members who have shown an interest in the problems of alcoholism or drug abuse and who have knowledge of the social problems associated with alcoholism or drug abuse.

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

12 members: 3 non-attorneys appointed by Governor: (subject to legislative confirmation); plus 9 active members (Alaska Bar) elected by active members of Alaska Bar (2 from 1st judicial district, 4 from 3rd judicial district, 2 from 2nd/4th judicial districts and 1 at-large); triennial rotation regarding judicial districts used for appointments (see statute).

Function: Governs Alaska Bar; administers Bar exam; approves/recommends rules concerning practice of law to State Supreme Court; provides disciplinary actions; provides continuing legal education and membership services.

Alaska Childrens Trust Board

Seven members: Four public members appointed by the Governor giving a preference to persons who have experience and expertise in children's or prevention programs or private sector finance; plus the Governor or a designee of the Governor; the

Commissioners or their designees of the Dept. of Health and Social Services and the Dept. of Education.

Alaska State Community Service Commission

Commission shall consist of at least 15, and not more than 25 members. All appointed by the Governor. Required members: Individual with expertise in the education, training, and development needs of youths, particularly disadvantaged; Individual with experience in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism; Representative of community-based agencies or community-based organization; Commissioner of Commerce; Representative of local governments; Representative of local labor organizations; Representative of business; Individual between age 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor in a national service program; Other members may include: local educators, experts in the delivery of human, education, environmental, or public safety services to communities and persons; Representative of Indian tribes; Members of out-of-school youths or other at-risk youths; Representatives of entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973; Corporation for National Service Representative. The Governor may also appoint, as ex officio nonvoting members representatives of state agencies operating community service, youth service, education, social service, senior service. and job training programs.

Board of Education and Early Development

7 members appointed by governor: with consideration of recommendations made by recognized educational associations in the state; 1 representing each judicial district; 3 at-large; at least 1 representing regional educational attendance areas. Board designates chair. Members serve at pleasure of the Governor. (Non-voting advisory members include: student representative nominated by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Association of Student Governments and selected by the board; and military representative nominated by the ranking General of the Alaska Command and selected by the board -- 4 AAC 03.025).

Statewide Independent Living Council

Members are appointed by the Governor: including at least 1 director of a center for independent living chosen by the directors of such centers within the state; a representative from the designated state unit and representatives from other state agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities (ex officio, nonvoting). In addition, the Governor may appoint other representatives from centers for independent living; parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities; advocates of individuals with disabilities; representatives from private businesses; representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities; and other appropriate individuals. A majority of members shall be persons with disabilities and not employed by any state agency or center for independent living. Council elects chair from among membership.

5 members appointed by the Governor: appointments are made with due regard for representation of the ethnic, racial, gender and cultural populations of the state: 1 member who resides in the first judicial district, 1 in the third judicial district, and 1 member who resides in either the second or fourth judicial districts; at least 1 appointee must have experience in the field of criminal justice. Governor appoints chair.

Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board

5 members appointed by the governor from among citizens of the state; 1 member appointed who is a veteran of active service in the armed forces; 1 member who is the chair of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and one who is chair of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council.

Board of Professional Counselors

5 members appointed by the Governor: 4 licensed professional counselors, of which at least one shall be employed in the private sector and at least one should be employed in the public sector; and 1 public member who has never been a licensed professional counselor or employed in a commercial or professional field related to counseling; or lives in a household with a person who is or has been a licensed professional counselor or employed in a commercial or professional field related to professional counseling.

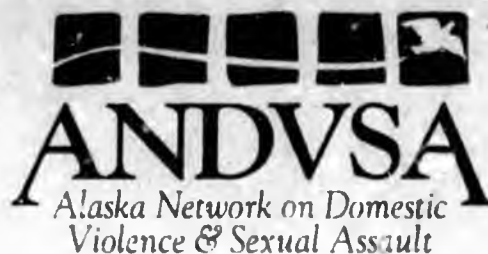
Statewide Suicide Prevention Council

The council consists of 15 members, 11 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: 2 employees of the executive branch of state government; 1 member of the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; 1 member of the Alaska Mental Health Board; 1 individual recommended by the Alaska Federation of Natives; 1 individual who is employed as a counselor in a secondary school; 1 adult who is active in a statewide youth organization; 1 individual who has experienced the death by suicide of a family member; 1 person who resides in a rural community in the state that is not connected by road, or the Alaska marine highway, to the main road system of the state; 1 individual who is a member of the clergy; and one individual who is under the age of 18. In addition, the President of the Alaska State Senate shall appoint 2 members of the Senate, one member of the majority and one member of the minority, and the Speaker of the House shall appoint 2 members of the Alaska House of Representatives, one member of the majority and one member of the minority.

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

3 members appointed by Governor: at least 1 member must be a medical or osteopathic physician licensed to practice in Alaska, or holding a retired status license in Alaska; 1 member must be an attorney licensed to practice in Alaska, or retired from practice in Alaska; Governor designates chair; serve at pleasure of Governor.

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April 27, 2006

Representative Paul Seaton
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Seaton:

We would like to respectfully request that you support the House Finance version of SB250, "An Act extending the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" when it comes to the House Floor. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) plays a key role in our fight against domestic violence and sexual assault and we strongly support the four year extension through June 30, 2008.

For over 25 years, the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network) has been designated in AS18.66.020(a) to forward recommendations to the Governor on appointments to the Council's public member seats. This system has worked well over the years to provide the Governor with a selection of people who are knowledgeable about the issues and representative of all areas of the state.

We agree with the Chair of the Council when she wrote on December 21, 2005; "...it is important to note that the Governor is not bound by any recommendation made by the Alaska Network on Domestic violence and Sexual Assault (Network). Because of this safeguard, the Council believes that obtaining input from the Network, which has significant knowledge and expertise, outweighs any limitations or theoretical conflicts." (A copy of this letter should be in your bill packet.)

We ask that you support this position, keep the Network in statute and vote for SB250 as passed by House Finance.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

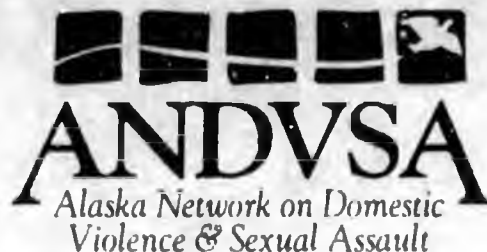
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TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION
WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Michelle DeWitt
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April 13, 2006

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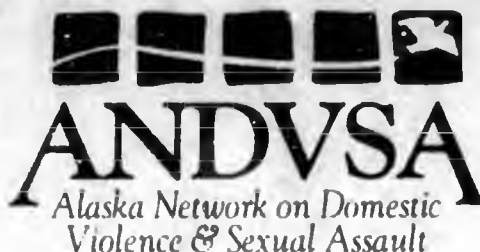
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Alaska Violence Against Women Act Funding Distribution 2005/2006

- 25% Law Enforcement
- 25% Prosecution
- 30% Victim Services (domestic violence/sexual assault programs via competitive grant process)
- 5% Court System
- 15% Discretionary (The Network's (ANDVSA) Legal Advocacy and Immigrant Women Projects are two of seven currently awarded)
- 5% Administrative Cost

Council Seat Recommendations by to the Governor – how it works:

1. Local domestic violence/sexual assault program find a local person knowledgeable about the issues and willing to serve.
2. The name is sent to the Network's administrative office in Juneau.
3. The Network's Executive Director forwards the name to the Governor's office.
4. If the Governor appoints the person, he or she is probably entirely unaware of the Network's administrative involvement – their connection is to their local program.

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 250

Short Title: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL

Summary:

- Extends the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to June 30, 2014.
- Eliminates statutory references to the network on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Benefits:

- Continues the planning and coordination of full-range services to victims, families and the perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Helps combat domestic violence and sexual assault, an on-going priority at both the state and national level.

Background:

- SB 250 implements a recommendation of Legislative Audit to extend the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. It also removes references to the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to avoid potential conflicts of interest in the appointment process. The Network receives a grant from the Council and the appearance of conflict exists when a Council member may evaluate and approve a grant to the same non-profit organization that may have been responsible for recommending that individual be appointed to the Council.

States began adopting sunset laws in the 1970s as part of a national movement to increase the accountability of government and to reduce bureaucracy. The routine redetermination of the need for some aspect of government increases the likelihood that government growth is productive and deliberate.

Council on Domestic Violence and Domestic Assault (CDVSA)

FACT SHEET

(February 2006)

The Mission of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is to implement a statewide system of services for the protection of individuals and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

The goals of CDVSA are threefold;

- **Manages the State and Federal funds to programs that provide services to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.**
- **Coordinate with the Departments of Public Safety, Law, Education and Early Development, Health and Social Services, Alaska Court System and community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, crisis intervention and prevention.**
- **To provide statewide leadership and coordination in addressing the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and meeting the needs of victims of violent crimes.**

In order to address the mission and goals, CDVSA:

- **Coordinates services with the Departments of Law, Education, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, and other state and community groups dealing with our identified population.**
- **Manages the funds received from the State of Alaska and the Federal Government.**
- **Distributes funds through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to the providers.**
- **Oversees and audits the funded programs.**
- **Administers the state certified Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPS).**
- **Provides training on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault to government agencies and to communities.**
- **Uses a proprietary database to capture information from funded CDVSA programs.**
- **Conducts public meetings on a quarterly basis.**

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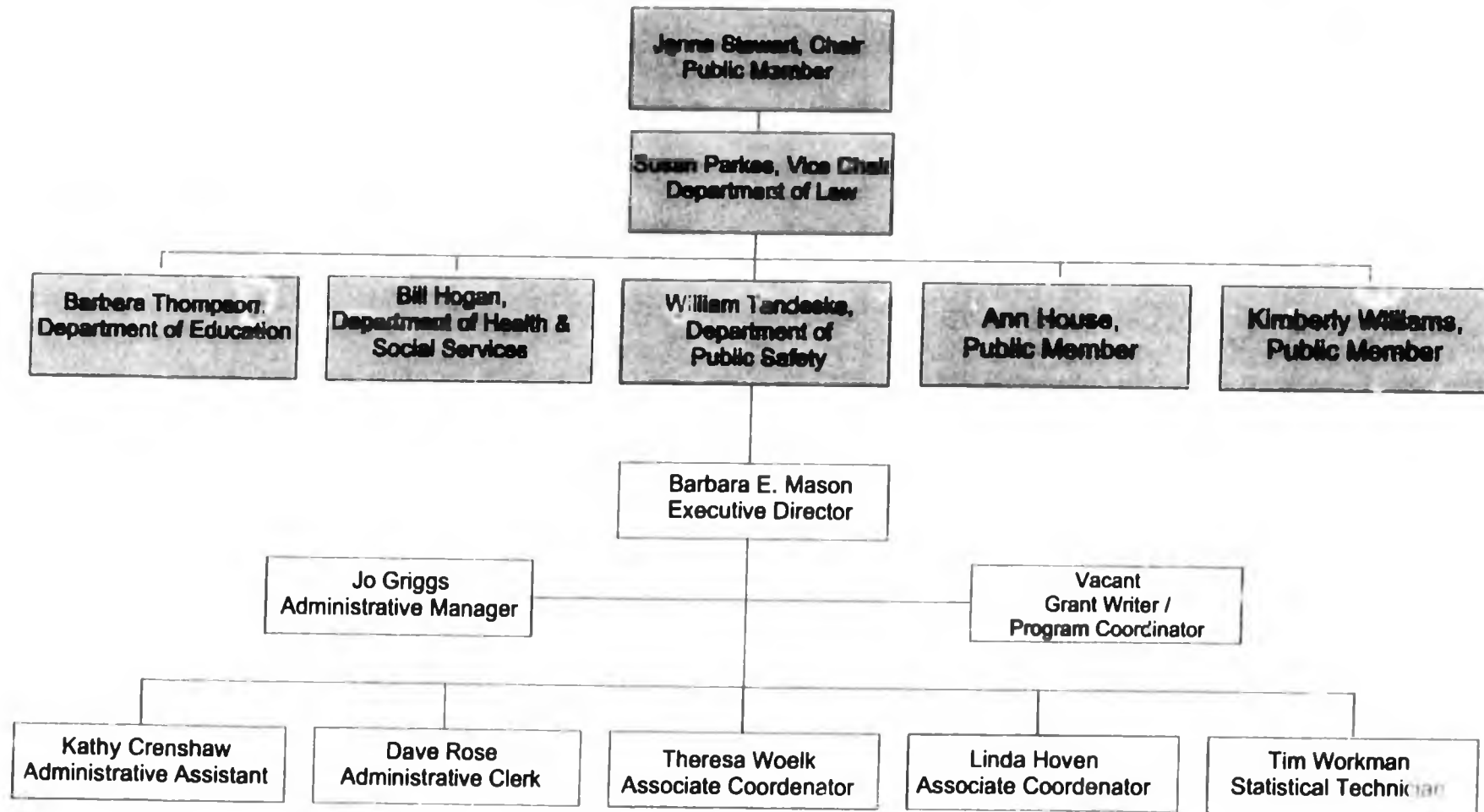
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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
FY 2006**



CDVSA FY 2006 Budget

	Total	Programs Victim & BIP & Other Services*	CDVSA
Interagency Receipts			
DHSS SAP/RPE	107,981.00	88,822.00	19,159.00
DHSS TANF	550,000.00	550,000.00	0
DHSS Alcohol	367,200.00	367,200.00	0
DOC (BIP)	68,500.00	0	68,500.00
DOC (PBIP)	106,200.00	98,200.00	8,000.00
 PFD Criminal Funds	 2,585,600.00	 2,585,600.00	 0
Federal			
VOCA	1,311,290.00	1,252,000.00	59,290.00
FVPSA	750,567.00	687,686.00	62,881.00
VAWA	759,000.00	721,100.00	37,900.00
GTEA/Safe Havens	294,966.00	250,966.00	44,000.00
 General Funds	 2,306,700.00	 1,719,492.00	 587,208.00
	<u>Totals 9,208,004.00</u>	<u>8,321,066.00</u>	<u>**886,938.00</u>
 Denali Commission Project	 10,509.00 <u>Totals 9,218,513.00</u>	 0 <u>8,321,066.00</u>	 10,509.00 <u>897,447.00</u>
 Unrealized I/A Auth.	 113,519.00	 0	 0
Unrealized Fed. Auth.	324,068.00	0	0
	<u>Total 9,656,100.00</u>		

*Other Services included VAWA, Training, and Safe Haven Programs

** This is 9.6% of the total funds received from state and federal sources.

The Challenge: Victim Safety in Alaska

A special report from the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
On behalf of 20 member programs and thousands of Alaskan victims of violence

Safety for Alaskan victims of violence is at risk.

The Issue:

Alaska's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault services are in crisis. Alaska leads the nation in sexual assault, homicides of women and child sexual assault while victim programs are going broke. Decreasing state funds, only small increases in federal funding, limited grant funding for operations and increasing competition for community contributions leave Alaska programs running "in the red" at a time when demand is at an all time high.

Alaska Stats – Way Too High:

- Child sexual assault 6 times the national average
- Rape rate 2.4 times the national average
- Highest rate in the U.S. of men murdering women
- Among the top 5 states in per capita rates of domestic violence
- Over 11,000 Alaskan women and children received Network program services to escape from violence in FY2005
- Over 6,000 incidents of domestic violence were recorded in FY2005



OUR GOAL
*Safety for all
Alaskans*

What do Network programs do to serve Alaskans?

- Save lives
- Respond to over 11,000 crisis calls a year
- Break down isolation of victims and their children
- Provide a safe and healthy environment for victims of violence
- Prevent homelessness
- Help people live free of violence and with hope for their families
- Connect victims and their children with essential needs: housing–employment–child care
- Facilitate victims' access to the protections of Alaska's legal system
- Educate professional groups, community members and children
- Work with communities to end domestic violence and sexual assault
- Prevent future generations from experiencing ongoing abuse

Why are costs increasing?

- More recipients are being served – 41% increase since 2001 (6500 to 11,000)
- Nights spent at shelters and safe homes increased 58% (50,000 to 73,000)
- Facility costs are up –utilities by 15%; insurance & bonding by 30%
- Costs of helping victims travel to safe shelter are up 44%
- Costs of fuel, workers' compensation, payroll taxes and insurance are continuing to increase operational expenses

What about the funding?

- Federal and state funding for victim programs from the Council of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault has only increased 4% in the last 5 years
- Some Network programs were saved from closure by increased funds for FY2006 operating expenses; the increase came from a minimal 3% overall budget increase and by "defunding" two programs, Victims for Justice and Emmonak Women's Services
- Maniilaq Family Crisis Center: lost all their funding from Dept. of Health and Social Services and did not receive Council funding in FY2006

What are programs doing to cope with the challenge?

- Reduce staff and/or hours
- Cut wages, health insurance, and pension plans (in turn leading to higher staff turn over – 60% in some agencies due to low wages and lack of other benefits)
- Reduce paid holidays, sick and vacation leave
- Apply for all possible grant funding (although most other grant funding cannot be used for operating costs)
- Increase requests for donations, municipal and in-kind supports

What is needed to continue basic safety and support for victims?

- 20% increase (from FY06) to cover shelter and advocate services \$1,439,260
- Fund Emmonak Women's Shelter (FY06 request-not funded) 228,290
- Fund Maniilaq Family Crisis Center (FY06 request-not funded) 354,922
- Total Basic Need \$2,022,472

What will happen with no increase in funding?

- Rural services for women and children are at risk of closure
- Services will be curtailed – advocacy services will be cut, including support to secure housing, child care and employment necessary to support victims' ability to be safe and financially independent of both their abuser and assistance programs
- Homelessness of at-risk women and children will increase
- Transportation to safety from villages/small communities will be reduced, leaving women and in dangerous and life-threatening living situations
- Children will continue to live in abusive environments, putting them at risk for chronic health problems, entry into the child welfare and/or juvenile justice system, and increasing the chance that they will continue the cycle of violence as adults

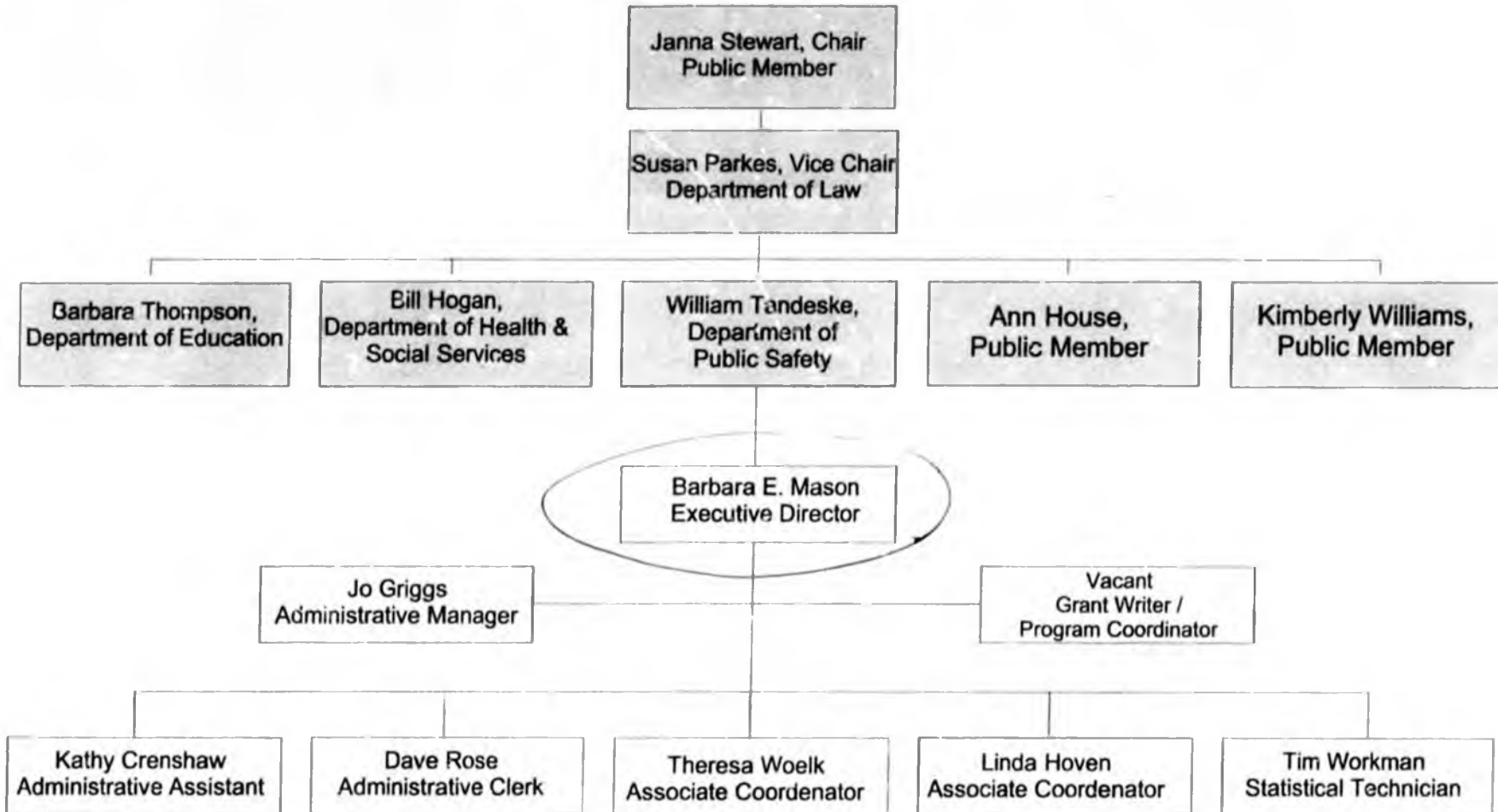
Why invest in services for Alaskan victims of violence?

- Save lives of women and children
- Help keep children out of the child welfare and juvenile justice system
- Relieve pressure on the law enforcement system
- Support victims to be economically stable, working and living healthy lives
- Reduce costs to justice and corrections systems
- Build healthy communities



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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
FY 2006**



CDVSA FY 2006 Budget

	Total	Programs Victim & BIP & Other Services*	CDVSA
Interagency Receipts			
DHSS SAP/RPE	107,981.00	88,822.00	19,159.00
DHSS TANF	550,000.00	550,000.00	0
DHSS Alcohol	367,200.00	367,200.00	0
DOC (BIP)	68,500.00	0	68,500.00
DOC (PBIP)	106,200.00	98,200.00	8,000.00
 PFD Criminal Funds	 2,585,600.00	 2,585,600.00	 0
Federal			
VOCA	1,311,290.00	1,252,000.00	59,290.00
FVPSA	750,567.00	687,686.00	62,881.00
VAWA	759,000.00	721,100.00	37,900.00
GTEA/Safe Havens	294,966.00	250,966.00	44,000.00
 General Funds	 2,306,700.00	 1,719,492.00	 587,208.00
	<u>Totals 9,208,004.00</u>	<u>8,321,066.00</u>	<u>**886,938.00</u>
 Denali Commission Project	 10,509.00 <u>Totals 9,218,513.00</u>	 0 <u>8,321,066.00</u>	 10,509.00 <u>897,447.00</u>
 Unrealized I/A Auth.	 113,519.00	 0	 0
Unrealized Fed. Auth.	324,068.00	0	0
	<u>Total 9,656,100.00</u>		

*Other Services included VAWA, Training, and Safe Haven Programs

** This is 9.6% of the total funds received from state and federal sources.



2005 Annual Report

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Justice
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Violence Prevention



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Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Mission:
To promote, nourish and sustain a collective movement to
end violence in Alaska



Message from the Director

This year's Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Annual Report tells about the accomplishments and challenges of the Network projects and our member programs in providing victim services to Alaskans. Each day, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Network programs are providing safety, support and resource connections to Alaskans escaping and recovering from abuse.

Alaska can be a dangerous place, especially for women and children. We continue to have the highest rate of sexual assault of any state in the nation, with our two largest cities in the top ten on the city list. We remain number one per capita in men murdering women. Child sexual assault is rampant.

As I write this at the end of calendar year 2005, 3 women and a child have been murdered by a husband, a father and a boyfriend in the last 6 weeks.

I invite you to join me in this New Year with the following resolutions:

- I will do everything I can to make sure our policy-makers hear the voices of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Pledge with me to remind our elected officials - our voices matter and our votes count!*
- I will work with all the Alaska Network member programs and other agencies in anti-violence campaigns and initiative, knowing that all across the country I will be joined by hundreds of thousands of allies working to "take back the night" for victims of sexual assault.*
- I believe in our shared dream of a world free of domestic and sexual violence, and all other forms of violence, oppression, and intimidation. I see that world, envision it, and work towards creating it. The future belongs to those who believe in the power of their dreams.*
- Above all, I resolve to NOT give in to apathy, to feelings of powerlessness, to a rising sense of depression over the current state of Alaska being #1 in domestic violence related homicide and #1 in the nation on rates of sexual assault. I know that most change is at the local level, and I will join those who take up the challenge of change.*
- I will remember those who have died, those who were displaced, those who continue to suffer in silence, those who are on the road to safety, autonomy and wellness.*

There is much work being done and much remains to be done. For those of you working to end the epidemic of interpersonal violence in Alaska, I hope this report helps inform you and galvanizes you into action to appreciate and join with Network agencies and our community partners in the fight.

Peggy Brown

Executive Director

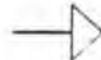
Network Programs Respond to the Challenge

Challenge: Alaska's Stats are Among Highest in Nation



- Over 6,000 reported incidents of domestic violence in 2005
- Alaska has highest rate per capita of men murdering women
- Alaska rape rate is 2.5 times the national average
- Child sexual assault is 3 times the national average

Response: Network Programs Serve Record Numbers in 2005



- Network programs across Alaska provided over 11,000 people with safety and support services – a 41% increase since 2001
- Nights spent at shelters and safe homes increased 58% since 2001 to 73,000.
- Programs answered over 11,000 crisis calls in 2005

The Voices of Network Participants

"Having the shelter has provided me with the tools to learn how to fend for myself. If I had never come here I would probably still be physically and mentally abused. I was forced to stay because I really believed that if I had left that I would lose my children. I later learned from the advocates that it was not so. I learned what to do to protect myself and my children."



"IWC responded quickly with getting us out of the village and with shelter, food and clothing. All away from stress, violence, and of course being put down.

God bless them for being there and I hope people in need would pick up the phone and call if they need it. Once again, I sayanna."

"My husband left me, saying that I was too disabled to be of any use or worth. I went to stay with family where the verbal, mental and physical abuse was turning me into a basket case. My doctor made the arrangements for me to come to the Lee Shore Center. Since coming here I have found good friends and all the support that any one could ask for."

"If there wasn't a place and program as this I honestly don't know where I would be today. If there were more places like this I believe that more women wouldn't have to go through what was not intended for them. Such as physical, verbal and sexual abuse. I've learned finally that I don't need to go through life like that. It is too short. There's more to life than having to go through "Hell" (sorry for that word but it's true)."



"If it wasn't for AWARI, I'm sure I'd be dead."

"The shelter has helped me to be safe and gave me time to think things over. It has shown me that I'm not the only one going through a rough time, and that I'm not alone. It has taught me that help is available and that I can be heard."

Prevention - Stop Violence before It Starts *The DELTA Project*

DELTA means change. The Alaska DELTA Project is a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) funded initiative to prevent intimate partner violence. The Network funds four agencies and communities to participate in the DELTA project. They are SAFE in Dillingham, AWARE in Juneau, SAFE in Sitka, and WW in Valdez.

DELTA Projects use a coordinated community response team to engage many community participants to develop and implement local strategies focused on violence prevention.

2005 DELTA Alaska activities included:

- Promotion of the International White Ribbon Campaign to engage men to work to end violence against women
- Collaboration with Association of Alaska School Boards' Initiative for Community Engagement (ICE) to bring the Assets Framework to our interpersonal violence prevention work
- National violence prevention educators Paul Kivel & Nell Myhand presented a 3 day training for community

team members and service providers on the *Making the Peace* curriculum for youth

- Interpersonal violence prevention expert Donna Garske presented training to community team members on building sustainable prevention efforts in their communities
- 20 community members and advocates from the four DELTA communities attended a CDC sponsored training to learn how to organize their communities around prevention efforts.



Network Programs in Dillingham, Valdez, Sitka and Juneau are leading DELTA programs.



The Council, The Network - What's the Difference?

This question is asked so often that we thought this was a good place to clear it up.

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network), is a statewide nonprofit organization that is a coalition to end violence against women. Created in 1978 by concerned women to address domestic violence in Alaska, it is now comprised of 20 domestic violence sexual assault programs from across Alaska. The Network worked closely with the Alaska Legislature in 1981 to establish the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) in the Alaska Department of Public Safety.

The Network provides technical assistance, legal advocacy support, pro bono

attorney connections, training, and resource materials to member programs, attorneys, community organizations and other stakeholders. The Network also works with state and federal policy makers on legislative and other policy issues affecting victims of violence.

The Council coordinates state government response to domestic violence and sexual assault and distributes and oversees funds to local shelters.

The seven member Council includes representatives from the Departments of Law, Public Safety, Education & Early Development, and Health & Social Services. Additionally, three public members are appointed by the Governor for one to two year terms when vacancies of the Council. The Network is

authorized by Alaska statute to recommend applicants for the Council's public seats.

The Network and the Council have worked cooperatively together since 1981 to ensure a comprehensive response to the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault. Coordinated activities include:

- Co-sponsoring statewide training, conferences and media campaigns
- Providing resource materials
- Advancing legislation to promote victim safety and hold offenders of domestic violence accountable for their actions.

The Legal Advocacy Project

"If you want Peace, work for Justice" Pope Paul VI



Our Goal: Increase the ability of domestic violence and sexual assault victims to access the civil and criminal justice systems

Training for Advocates and Attorneys:

- 1,542 advocates trained in domestic violence and family law since 1996
- Provides the only Continuing Legal Education (CLE) training for attorneys on domestic violence law in AK. In 2005, 68 attorneys and others were trained at the 6th Annual CLE.
- Organized six web and teleconferences in 2005 for continuing training on crucial issues such as trafficking and federal gun laws
- Trained 80 advocates at our three-day 7th Annual Legal Advocacy Conference in 2005

Technical Assistance

- 15,120 case consultations provided since 1996 through phone, email, and listserv
- Published and updated information for reference, including the *Alaska Legal Rights Handbook, Domestic Violence Protective Orders, How to Create a State Enforcement, and Manual on Family Law*
- Catalogued a lending library with over 300 legal resource materials
- Publish a bi-annual newsletter
- Maintain a website with legal sources. The site had 79,102 hits since 1998

Pro Bono Project

- Trained and recruited 202 volunteer attorneys since 1997; 75 were trained in 2005
- Received 833 referrals for legal assistance since 1999 and successfully placed 60% of cases referred with volunteer attorneys
- 53 cases were handled by volunteer attorneys in 2005

Immigration Project

- Provided funding to support the transition and formation of the Alaska Immigration Justice Project (AIJP), which provides representation to immigrant battered women and children



The Training Project

"Knowledge is Power" Francis Bacon

Our Goal: Advocate through Education

Training

- Provided 3543 contact hours of training to 502 advocates and community partners in FY05
- Held regional conference in May for 76 advocates, health care providers and other providers
- Convened series of intensive 40-hour community based trainings for advocates and community partners in Kodiak, Kotzebue, Ketchikan, Cordova and Emmonak
- Provided training for educators, Coast Guard, Air Force, law enforcement, health care, tribal and other community partners across the state

Technical Assistance

- Offer on-going consultation on public health issues pertaining to occurring issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, substance abuse, pregnancy
- Provide technical assistance on community Review participation to advocates and community partners
- Staff Exchange Program to create opportunities for advocates to learn skills and enhance cultural understanding
- Developed Educator ListServ support program educators addressing teen dating violence in the schools

Resource Development

- Published *Getting You and Your Real Tools You Can Use*. This unique kit includes a support group manual and tools designed to help advocates and providers better meet the safety needs of battered women and survivors of sexual assault who are impacted by their own or another's substance use, misuse or addiction
- Developed curricula and audio-visual materials for under-reached populations
- Village participation on shelter boards program continues to promote the development of partnerships between villagers and shelter programs



Report from the Hill 2005 24th Legislative Session

Network staff, member agencies, and Lobbyist Caren Rolanson worked with other victim advocates to support legislation providing additional protections to victims of interpersonal violence. Legislation passed and signed in 2005 includes:

- An expansion of the definition of dangerous instrument used in the commission of a crime. This empowers law enforcement to make the more serious felony charge in cases of strangulation during domestic violence and/or sexual assaults. (HB219)
- Repeat convictions of indecent exposure to a person under 16 is now a felony. (HB91)
- On line enticement of minors is made a felony under Alaska law. This is electronic distribution of indecent materials to minors. (SB149)

During the 2006 2nd Session of the 24th Legislature, the Network will continue to speak for proposed legislation strengthening support for victims including:

- Laws against trafficking of persons and the sex tourism trade (HB 148, HB101)
- Reauthorization of the Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, retaining the directorate for the Network to make recommendations to the Governor on filling the public seats on the Council (HB 104, SB250)
- Funding Alaska Legal Services Corporation (HB175, SB19)
- Protective orders for sexual assault victims (SB54)
- Increasing penalties for repeat sex offenders and requiring polygraph testing for parolees (SB215)
- Providing adequate funding so programs can sustain their core resources to provide safety to victims of violence

The Network will continue to work to educate legislators and the public about the unintended consequences of SB20, Crimes Against Unborn Children, as currently written. We will encourage lawmakers to address their concern of injury to pregnant women and/or her fetus by increasing the penalties associated with the crime when the victim is pregnant.

Network Programs Make a Difference

This survey from SAFE in Dillingham is representative of the effectiveness of network member programs.

- 80% of the women who used the SAFE shelter said they "know more about what resources and help are available to you and your family and how to access those resources"
- 82% said they are more likely to use those resources after having stayed in the shelter
- 70% said they knew more about legal issues and their rights under the law
- 80% said they are more likely to report abuse to the police or other intervening agencies
- 70% said they felt stronger about their right to be free from violence
- Over half said they are better able to respond to the needs of their children since staying in shelter

"Many thanks for your interest — and for all you do for Alaska's kids."

Legislator to Network Directors, 2005 Session

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue		Expense	
Federal Grants	\$ 921,013.25	Personnel Services	\$ 502,251.56
CDVSA Grant (for L.A.P.)	198,782.81	Travel	169,094.84
Member Dues	69,021.99	Facilities/Communications	92,592.72
Health Insurance Revenue	3,906.00	Commodities/Supplies	55,805.43
Other Grants	46,927.94	Other Contractual	55,773.06
United Way Strategic Planning	104,530.77	Grants/Contracts	317,820.52
Donations/Fees	1,638.00	Pro Bono - Equipment	55,835.48
Interest Income	1,364.01	United Way Planning to Programs	84,151.61
Other	564.66	Other	16,320.29
Total Revenue	\$ 1,374,749.43	Total Expense	\$ 1,349,645.51



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The Network acknowledges and thanks Barbara Lavallee for allowing use of her artwork to support our work to end interpersonal violence in Alaska.

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Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Anchorage

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)

Judy Cordell, Executive Director

Alaska Family Violence Prevention (Affiliate)

Linda Chamberlain, Executive Director

Alaska Women's Resource Center (AWRC)

Ida Hildebrand, Executive Director

Standing Together Against Rape (STAR)

Anna Fairclough, Executive Director

Victims for Justice (Affiliate)

Susan Sullivan, Executive Director

Barrow

Arctic Women in Crisis (AWIC)

Linda Stanford, Executive Director

Bethel

Indra Women's Coalition (IWC)

Michelle DeWitt, Executive Director

Cordova

Cordova Family Resource Center (CFRC)

Nicole Songer, Executive Director

Dillingham

Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFE)

Ginger Baum, Executive Director

Fairbanks

Interior Alaska Center for Non Violent Living (IAC)

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Homer

South Peninsula Women's Services (SPWS)

Peggy Coleman, Executive Director

Juneau

Aiding Women in Abuse & Rape Emergencies (AWARE)

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The IceShore Center

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Women in Safe Homes (WISH)

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Kodiak

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Metchikaq

Metchikaq Family Crisis Center (MFCC)

Susan Jones, Program Coordinator

Nome

Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG)

Samaria Ross, Executive Director

Panquet/Wasilla

Alaska Family Services (AFS)

Donn Bennice, Executive Director

Seeward

Seeward Community Services (SCS)

Melissa Stone, Executive Director

Sitka

Sitka's Against Family Violence (SAFV)

Chris Bauman, Executive Director

Unalaska

Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAASFV)

M Lynn Crane, Executive Director

Valdez

Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV)

Marcie Robertson, Executive Director

The Network Board of Directors is comprised of the member agency's directors as listed above.

Remember: There is no excuse for abuse.

Call the National 24 hour toll free Hotline for information and referrals, including connection to Alaska Programs

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) and 1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

State and Tribal Service Maps



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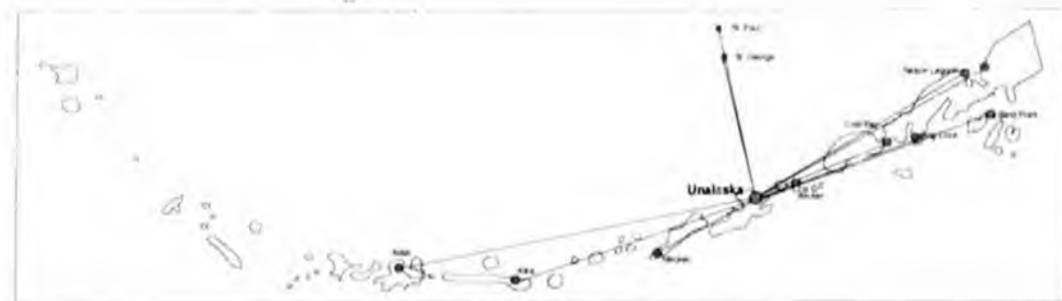
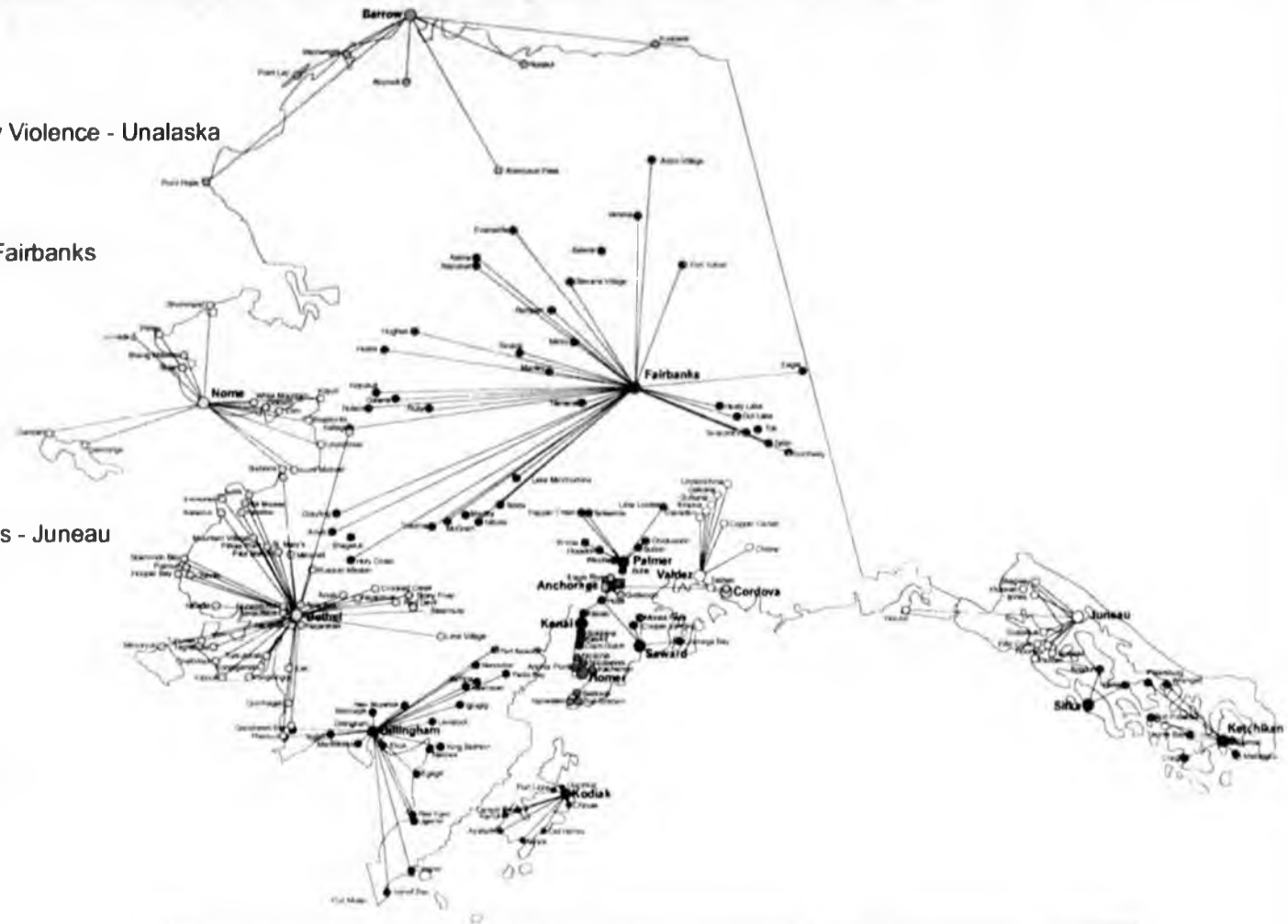
CDVSA Funded Service Provider Catchment Areas Fiscal Year 2006

Shelter Service Providers

- Arctic Women In Crisis - Barrow
- Bering Sea Women's Group - Nome
- Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - Unalaska
- Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel
- Seaview Community Services - Seward
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks
- Alaska Family Services - Palmer
- Advocates for Victims of Violence - Valdez
- Safe and Fear-Free Environment - Dillingham
- The LeeShore Center - Kenai
- Women In Safe Homes - Ketchikan
- Abused Women's Aid In Crisis - Anchorage
- Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies - Juneau
- Silkans Against Family Violence - Sitka
- South Peninsula Women's Services - Homer

Other Victim Services Providers

- ★ Standing Together Against Rape - Anchorage
- Cordova Family Resource Center - Cordova
- Victims For Justice - Anchorage



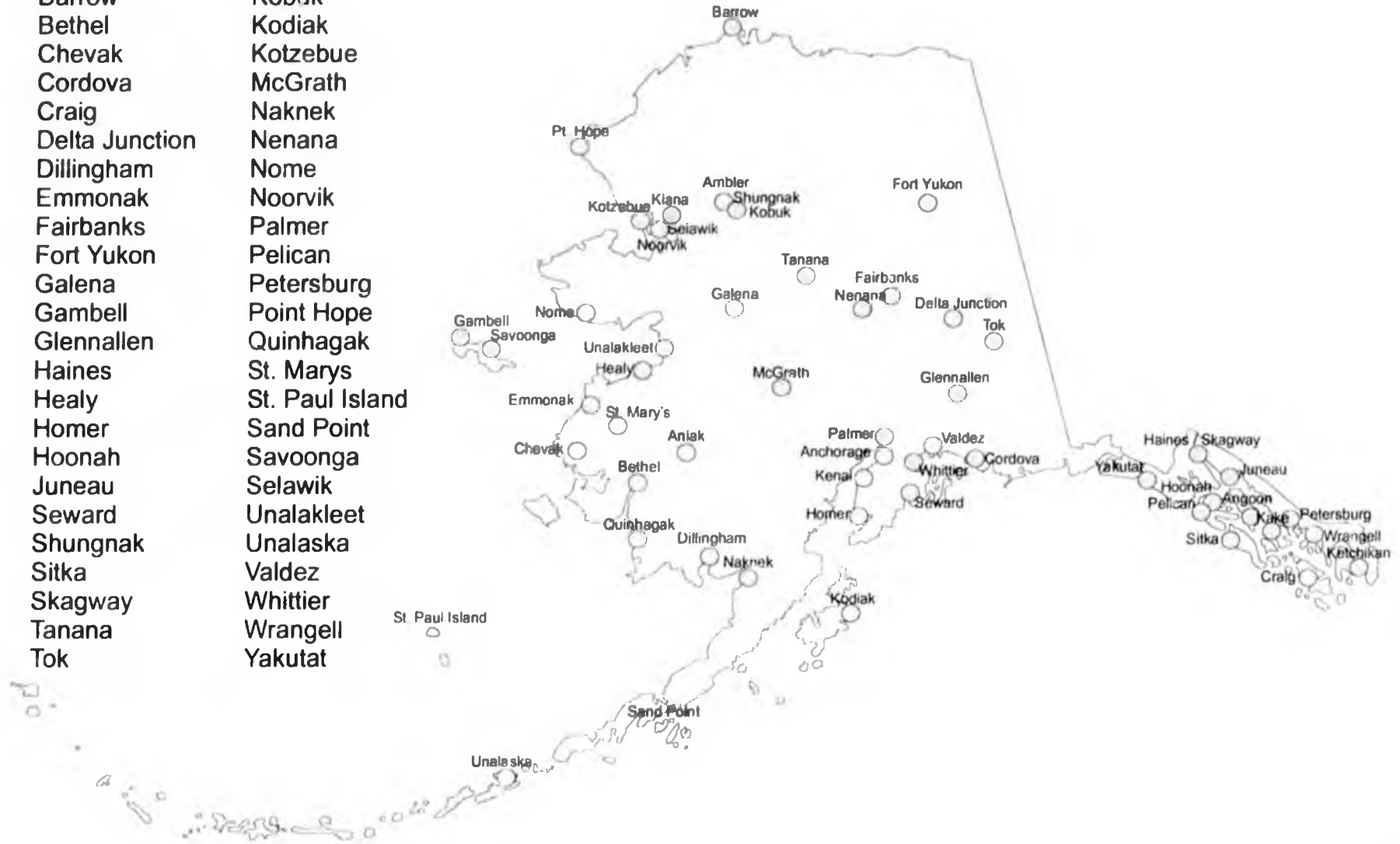
Batterers' Intervention Programs Fiscal Year 2006

- Funded Prison Program
- Funded Community Program
- ◐ Non-Funded Program



Alaska Court System

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| Anchorage | Kenai |
| Angoon | Ketchikan |
| Aniak | Kiana |
| Barrow | Kobuk |
| Bethel | Kodiak |
| Chevak | Kotzebue |
| Cordova | McGrath |
| Craig | Naknek |
| Delta Junction | Nenana |
| Dillingham | Nome |
| Emmonak | Noorvik |
| Fairbanks | Palmer |
| Fort Yukon | Pelican |
| Galena | Petersburg |
| Gambell | Point Hope |
| Glennallen | Quinhagak |
| Haines | St. Marys |
| Healy | St. Paul Island |
| Homer | Sand Point |
| Hoonah | Savoonga |
| Juneau | Selawik |
| Seward | Unalakleet |
| Shungnak | Unalaska |
| Sitka | Valdez |
| Skagway | Whittier |
| Tanana | Wrangell |
| Tok | Yakutat |



Alaska H&SS-OCS Offices

Anchorage Regional Office

Anchorage Family Services

Southeast Regional Office

Craig
Juneau
Ketchikan
Petersburg
Sitka
Wrangell

South-Central Regional Office

Aniak
Bethel
Cordova
Dillingham
Homer
Kenai
King Salmon
Kodiak
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