

United Way Domestic Violence Summit Clark County Inventory Meeting – June 24, 2010

Attendees: Beth Funk, SafeChoice YWCA; Vicki Hipp, SafeChoice YWCA; Tammy Kost, DOL; Deedee Pegler, SA YWCA; Daphne Morrison, Institute for Family Development; Jennifer Frederick, SafeChoice YWCA; Lisa Wats, SafeChoice YWCA; Jo Waddell, YWCA CASA Program; Debbie Medeiros, Cowlitz Indian Tribe; Mary Blanchett, CJC; Brad Petersen, ANLCC; Brenda Stuart, AWARE; Songcha Bowman, Consulting Services Multi-cultural; Andrew Lindsell, APCC; Debby Bashor, Bashor Counseling; Robert Johnson, A Better Way Counseling; Charles Malik, Columbia Pastoral Counseling; Penney Wilson, Cowlitz Tribe Pathways to Healing Program; Matt Bachelder, Vancouver Police; Jennifer Nugent, DVPC; John Furze, CHSW; Debra Adams, YWCA SafeChoice. **Facilitators:** Kamala Bremer, Megara Kastner; Sarah McDowell

Welcome

Debra Adams, Director of YWCA Clark County SafeChoice DV Program, welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions (see attachment for list of attendees). Sarah McDowell of United Way reviewed the purpose in holding these meetings. It has become clear that domestic violence homicides are a continuing problem. United Way wants to look at the existing regional response to domestic violence, the strengths of each county's system, the gaps that exist, and how the response might be improved. The focus of this project is limited to intimate partner violence, and the effect on those partners and their children. Facilitator Kamala Bremer then reviewed the model for structuring the discussion and the categories of response that we will be using (see handout "Shelves and Bins: Categories of DV Response – United Way DV Summit Project"), and started a process to answer the questions posed in the agenda.

I. Agencies and Linkages

The following agencies were identified as being central in this county to the delivery of services targeted for domestic violence victims/survivors, perpetrators/offenders, or children who have been affected by domestic violence. Networks identify key groups that coordinate among these service providers.

Agencies

- A Better Way Counseling
- Abuse, Recovery, Ministerial Services (ARMS)
- A New Life Christian Counseling
- Anchor Point Counseling
- Bashor Counseling Services
- Clark County, Department of Corrections
- Clark County Sheriff's Office
- Columbia Pastoral Counseling
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing (PTH) Program – Native American services
- Domestic Violence Prosecution Center (DVPC)/City and County
- Domestic Violence Therapeutic Court
- Landerholm Counseling
- Living Hope Church, Abuse, Recovery, Ministerial Services (ARMS)
- Police Departments: Battle Ground, Camas, LaCenter, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, Yacolt
- State of Washington, Dep't. of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
- State of Washington, Dept. of Children and Family Services/ Child Protective Services (DCFS/CPS)
- SW Washington Hospital, Stop Domestic Violence
- YWCA Clark County SafeChoice DV Program

Networks

- Clark County Sexual Trafficking Task Force
- Domestic Violence Community Response Network (currently merging with DV/SA Task Force)
- Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Task Force, YWCA Clark County SafeChoice DV Program
- Family Court Task Force
- Northwest Association of Domestic Violence Perpetration Treatment Providers
- Shared Hope, International – Domestic Minors in Sex Trafficking
- Tri-County Shelter Managers (Portland Metro)
- Tri-County Batterers Intervention Meeting (Portland Metro)
- Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Economic Justice meetings (advocates)
- Washington State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

II. Services

The group identified services that are provided locally in each of the matrix sections. Primary providers are those with domestic violence-specific programs and serve as the major referral source for this need.

Category of Service	Primary Service Providers in <u>Clark</u> County	Secondary Services
A. CRISIS RESPONSE		
Victim/ Survivor Support		
Crisis Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 911 • Clark County Sheriff's Office • Police Departments: Battle Ground, Camas, LaCenter, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, Yacolt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, PTH Program • DV Prosecution Center • YWCA Clark County SafeChoice – advocates at state DSHS DV Program
Crisis Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – DV Program DV Hotline 	
Safety Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, PTH Program • Domestic Violence Prosecution Center • YWCA Clark County SafeChoice – advocates @ DSHS DV Program 	
Safe Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWCA Clark County SafeChoice DV Program – temporary DV shelter for women and men • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing Program – emergency shelter/funds for shelter 	
Safe Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing 	
Emergency Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing Program – emergency funds 	
Protection/ Restraining Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Prosecution Center (DVPC) 	

Perpetrator/Offender Accountability		
Crisis Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement – arrest • Clark County Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Officers 	
Children/Youth Services		
Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janus Youth Corp, emergency placement (Vancouver) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Justice Center (CJC)

B. INTERVENTION		
Victim/ Survivor Support		
Shelter & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice DV Program, temporary shelter for women and men • Cowlitz Indian Tribe PTH Program – transitional housing • Shelters in other counties used too often 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motel vouchers – Portland Women’s Crisis Line / Volunteers of America Home Free
Counseling (individual) / Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Better Way Counseling • A New Life Christian Counseling • Anchor Point – perpetrator groups, chemical dependency counseling • Bashor Counseling Services – male/female • Columbia Pastoral Counseling • Landerholm Counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural Counseling – individual, group, couple, intercultural
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz Indian Tribe – cultural advocacy • YWCA Clark County, advocates at SafeChoice and at DSHS DV Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute for Family Development • Lutheran Services – Immigration and legal advocacy
Protection/ Restraining Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clark County Department of Corrections, Victim/Witness program • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, PTH Program • Family Court Facilitators – advocates • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice DV Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute for Family Development • YWCA Clark County, Sexual Assault Program
Legal Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLEAR, Coordinated Legal Education and Advice Resource (Northwest Justice Project) • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice DV Program Legal Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Lawyers Program
Prosecutor-based victim assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Prosecution Center – advocates • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice DV Program – advocates, including bilingual Spanish and Russian 	

Perpetrator/Offender Accountability		
Counseling: Individual and group perpetrator treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Better Way Counseling • Anchor Point – perpetrator and chemical dependency counseling • A New Life Christian Counseling • Bashor Counseling Services – male/female • Choices DV Intervention – male/female • Columbia Pastoral Counseling • Landerholm Counseling • Multicultural Counseling Services 	
Batterer’s Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Better Way Counseling • Anchor Point – perpetrator and chemical dependency counseling • A New Life Christian Counseling – non-court mandated men • Bashor Counseling Services – male/female • Choices DV Intervention – male/female • Columbia Pastoral – non-court mandated individuals counseling • Landerholm Counseling • Multicultural Counseling Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WorkSource, Employment Assistance – specializing in working with felons • Youth Offender Re-offense Prevention (YORP) – youth offenders aged 18-24.
Protective Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served by Sheriff
Legal Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest Justice Project • Court appointed attorney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Lawyers
Criminal Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Corrections, Probation/Parole; and Stress Anger Management (SAM) – adults only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggression Replacement Training – Juvenile Court order for youth on probation
Couple/Family Support		
Counseling(with Conditions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Better Way Counseling • Anchor Point Counseling Center – couples • Bashor Counseling Services – anger management groups and workshops • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing Program – secondary victim advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia Pastoral Counseling Center , Effective Parenting Program • Department of Corrections, Partners in Parenting – probation • Institute for Family Development
Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A New Life Christian Counseling • Heart Connections – couples, mediation • Multicultural Counseling Services – Intercultural and cross-cultural counseling 	

Children/Youth Services		
Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A New Life Christian Counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Home Society, Family Solutions • Columbia River Mental Health

C. PREVENTION – EDUCATION AND OUTREACH		
General Community		
Community Awareness and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchor Point Counseling • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWARE, Parent Education about teen culture – healthy relationships
Employer Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – presentations on request 	
Health and Human Service Provider Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Better Way Counseling • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing – cultural presentations • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – presentations 	
Targeted Groups		
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – a including North County Outreach 	
Targeted High Risk: Reduce Risk Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural Counseling Services (MCS), Cultural Specific Services • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A New Life Christian Counseling
Children/Youth		
Ask about Violence in Early Childhood Intervention		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Home Society • Had RN visiting program, but funding eliminated
School-Based Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWARE – Middle School/High School , healthy relationships, high risk behaviors • Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Pathways to Healing • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – presentations to middle/ high schools 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggression Replacement Training – Juvenile Probation Court ordered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Home Society, Triple Point – lesbian/gay/ bisexual, 13-21 years
Domestic Violence Policy and System Coordination		
Domestic Violence Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Task Force, YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Community Response Network (currently merging with DV/SA Task Force)

System Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice – lobbying in Olympia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Task Force, Clark County YWCA Clark County SafeChoice
System Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Task Force, YWCA Clark County SafeChoice • Domestic Violence Prosecution Center, misdemeanors – includes DA Office prosecutors, Vancouver Police investigators, Victim Felony advocates, YWCA Clark County SafeChoice advocates • YWCA Clark County, SafeChoice DV Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Community Response Network (currently merging with DV/SA Task Force)

III. Assessment of System Capacity

Clark County participants noted that most services necessary for addressing domestic violence exist in the community. They occasionally rely on specialized services in the Portland metro area. However, the primary gap is the lack of adequate funding and thus lack of capacity to meet current needs.

Specific gaps in the current system were then identified and prioritized. The number of votes for each is in parentheses. Higher priority items have been moved to the top of the list.

Gaps in Service

- Legal assistance – Clear Hotline is only 3 hours a day and limited focus; also needs to cover related issues not domestic violence specific. (8)
- More shelter beds (now only 35 for the entire county). (6)
- Lack of affordable transitional and permanent housing. (6)
- Lack of resources for juveniles affected by domestic violence who are now offending (especially for kids on Medicaid). (6)
- Native American culturally specific shelter (closest currently is in Bellingham) (3)
- One-stop shopping for victim DOC, Legal Aide, wraparound services, CASA. (3)
- Domestic Violence specific therapy for victim. (3)
- Immigration Services – victims who don't know their rights/responsibilities; hard and costly to send to Portland or Seattle. (2)
- More discussion/communication between domestic violence advocates, law enforcement, perpetrators treatment providers, and corrections; on specific issues and best practices. (3)
- Groups for children (by age group) who have witnessed domestic violence. (3)
- Supervised visitation – and funding (2)
- Safe exchange programs (for children) and related costs. (1)
- Increased awareness of what each other's program offers. (0)
- Coordinated media response when a fatality. (0)
- Holding perpetrators more accountable. (0)
- Prevention work* (added after dot exercise as something originally missing but vital)

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