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## QUARTERLY REPORTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS 2004

JULY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2004

#### I. Community Awareness, Education and Special Projects

- ❑ Co-sponsored 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Take Back the Night (approximately 400-500 people attended)
- ❑ Website development – continued collection of information and resources for proposed Health Department website
- ❑ Review of all collateral materials to update and translate. “You Are Not Alone Brochure” and “Solutions for Men” first priority
- ❑ Support for Wings of Faith 4<sup>th</sup> annual seminar on domestic violence and sexual assault issues
- ❑ Support for American Indian Task Force 4<sup>th</sup> annual Safe Night event
- ❑ Coordinated appointments and re-appointments to the Commission
- ❑ Continued work with agencies through case reviews on complex domestic violence and sexual assault cases
- ❑ Ongoing work with the Judicial Oversight Initiative staff on future sustainability plans
- ❑ Continued work with underserved populations through soundbytes, event support, translation of materials, training, etc.:
  - Asian American Task Force – DELTA Project
  - LGBT Advisory Council – training provided to Waukesha Women’s Center and Women’s Community Center (Wausau) for LGBT clients; surveys on attitudes perceptions and experiences of LGBT people related to domestic violence & sexual assault.
  - American Indian Task Force – working with the Healing Center and Latina Resource Center to train volunteers on sexual assault issues
- ❑ Held annual retreat in October 2004 – five goals for 2005 and the future:
  - Goal #1 – Create a public voice – “One Voice for Change”
  - Goal #2 – Develop a public policy and action committee
  - Goal #3 – Increase inclusivity and partnership to accomplish our mission
  - Goal #4 – Re-define the Commission mission, goals and leadership
  - Goal #5 – Increase understanding and awareness of the need for prevention services addressing domestic violence and sexual assault

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## **II. Executive Committee**

- Continued quarterly process of meeting with chairs of subcommittees in order to facilitate communication among groups
- Conducted elections for new Executive Committee for 2005
- Established an ad-hoc Leadership Committee to begin meeting in 2005
- Continued monitoring pending legislation regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and related issues

## **III. Outside Community Affiliations**

- Judicial Oversight Initiative/Office of the Chief Judge
- Jewish Family Services
- Latina Resource Center/UMOS
- Wings of Faith Ministries
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- LGBT Community Center
- Sexual Assault Treatment Center
- UWM Women's Resource Center
- Task Force on Family Violence
- Sojourner Truth House
- The Counseling Center
- Asha Family Services
- The Healing Center
- The Parenting Network
- The Women's Center
- Medical College of Wisconsin/Project Ujima/Family Strengthening Project
- Hmong American Friendship Association/The DELTA Project
- Institute for Community Peace
- Bureau of Child Welfare
- Various law enforcement and judiciary groups – Milwaukee Police Department, West Allis Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Circuit Court judges, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Department of Corrections – Probation and Parole