



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Work Plan Human Services Department Briefing

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 | Seattle Human Services Department | Dannette R. Smith, Director

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Objectives

1. Context for HSD priorities
2. Background: Role of HSD with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
3. Six-Month Update: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Work Plan
4. Support from City Council
5. Questions & Answer

Mayor/City Council Charge to HSD

1. Create a seamless service delivery system;
2. Reorganize, redesign contracting infrastructure and processes; and
3. Develop a data-driven environment that guides investments.

Background

- HSD plays a critical role as a *system builder* by convening and collaborating with stakeholders, system and program design, seeking public and private resources, and community engagement.
- HSD plays a lead *investor* role in ensuring that all adults and children are safe from domestic violence and sexual assault—\$3,700,000 is invested annually in services and programs.
- Investments include criminal justice and victim service programs which help victims and survivors find safety.
- HSD partners with the Domestic Violence Prevention Council (DVPC) for coordination and implementation of citywide efforts to reduce and prevent domestic violence.

Work Plan Goals

1. Provide consistent, quality services to all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and commercial sexual exploitation of youth.
2. Provide consistent, quality services and accountability for batterers and men who purchase sex (Johns).
3. Enhance collaboration and coordination across systems, institutionalizes system improvements.
4. Enhance prevention and awareness-raising efforts about domestic violence, sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation of youth.

Work Plan Updates: Goal #1

- 1,120 domestic violence and sexual assault survivors increased knowledge of supportive resources .
- 192 unduplicated Limited English Proficient domestic violence survivors called the Peace in the Home Helpline and 158 called the after-hours cell phone contact.
- Forty-five (45) adult women, who are involved in the sex trade, attended the Sex Industry Workers Classes.
- Sixty-nine (69) commercially sexually exploited youth received advocacy services (safety, counseling, resource referrals, and related).
- Eighteen (18) commercially sexually exploited youth received residential recovery services.

Work Plan Updates: Goal #1 (cont.)

- 582 domestic violence survivors have gained or increased safety strategies.
- 647 domestic violence survivors obtained legal assistance.
- 540 sexual assault survivors received phone-based advocacy services.
- 328 sexual assault survivors can make decisions and plan for the future.
- Nine clients moved from homelessness into permanent housing.

Work Plan Updates: Goal #2

- Seventeen (17) batterers completed the batterer intervention program.
- Twenty-six (26) men, who purchased sex, completed the John School program.
- Forty-three (43) service providers attended Shop Talk Training on Batterers' Intervention .

Work Plan Updates: Goal #3

- Five new agencies joined the Day One Program for a total of 25 agencies.
- Continue staffing of monthly CSEY Coordinated Regional Response Planning Committee to develop a three-five year strategic plan for Seattle-King County; expected completion in Spring 2012.
- Continued staffing of quarterly Domestic Violence Prevention Council (DVPC) meetings.
- Continue staffing of the Domestic Violence Criminal Justice (CJ) Strategic Plan monthly meetings.
- Continued collaboration with other HSD divisions in development of homeless housing strategies.

Work Plan Updates: Goal #4

- Thirty-nine (39) middle school youth participated in the Healthy Teen Relationship Initiative:
 - 27 (70%) of participants completed the 12-15 week program and reported increased understanding of dating, domestic and interpersonal violence
 - 12 of 13 (92%) who are teen advocates demonstrated attitudes and values that support ending dating and interpersonal violence
- Eight hour trainings on CSEY are provided every 4th month to community members and service providers; average attendance is 40 participants. Next training scheduled for October 25, 2011.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month event scheduled for October 11, 2011 with anticipated attendance of more than 100 stakeholders.

Support from City Council

1. Support continuation of adequately resources to HSD so that investments in domestic violence and sexual assault continue.
2. Support HSD's efforts to increase city-wide, cross-departmental awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation of youth.
3. Support HSD's efforts to expand outreach efforts and community partnerships to build a client-centered, integrative service approach with shared best practices.

Questions & Answer Dialogue

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