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REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT
AN ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SPECIAL FUND

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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund is administered by the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH), Family Health Services Division, Maternal and Child Health Branch (MCHB). Utilizing a public health approach, the MCHB's Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs incorporates information and recommendations obtained through local community needs assessments, the Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews (DVFR) and national data resources to identify the primary comprehensive prevention strategies needed to reduce and end domestic violence in Hawaii. The MCHB has the fiduciary and administrative responsibility to ensure that the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Special Funds are managed and utilized in accordance with statute. Specific tasks include: fiscal management, contract development, program management and evaluation, coordination of trainings related to domestic and sexual violence, convener of stakeholder meetings to plan for future activities related to violence prevention, and facilitator of the DVFR and other violence prevention workgroups and planning meetings. Evaluation tools are also used to determine the effectiveness, quality of services, and outcomes of preventative programming on a continuous basis.

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review (DVFR) conducted through the DOH Maternal and Child Health Branch is a multidisciplinary and multiagency review of domestic violence fatalities, near deaths and suicides to reduce the incidence of preventative intimate partner homicides. These reviews are vital for developing preventative domestic violence recommendations and activities, understanding barriers that domestic violence survivors encounter, recommending systems improvements, and informing communities of domestic violence preventative activities.

Following a review of the compiled recommendations from the DVFRs 2000-2009, the January 7, 2016 DVFR briefing for State and County government agencies, and a survey conducted with government employees, the priority recommendation called for increased "Domestic Violence Training" to raise awareness in the community for co-workers, neighbors, family members, and systems first responders; police, fire and emergency medical systems. Other recommendations included promoting collaboration among public and private agencies to strengthen multi-systems responses, strengthening firearms protocols, i.e., surrendering and confiscation standards, developing systemic tracking of domestic violence cases from start to finish, integrating linguistic and cultural competency practices among multi-systems responders and program providers, and providing grief and trauma counseling for families, co-workers and others affected by homicides and near death cases related to domestic violence.

Findings from this review indicated that in more than 95% of the fatality cases, there was a known history of domestic violence prior to the fatality and in fatality cases where four or more agencies were involved prior to the fatality, the top three agencies were law enforcement, health care (e.g., Emergency Medical Services, hospitals, etc.), and the court system.

Results from the DOH's ongoing community needs assessments confirms a focus on needed primary prevention activities for children to young adults, ages birth to 24 years. The DOH follow up activities includes utilizing the Social Ecological Model to prevent violence before it begins. Data collected from the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey in

Hawaii showed that 1 out of 6 middle school students have been forced to do unwanted sexual things (i.e. kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse). These statistics indicate that preventative activities are important and needed at younger ages. MCHB's strategies to prevent domestic and sexual violence for youth and young adult populations include:

1. Grades K-12

Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children's Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) implemented statewide sexual violence prevention curricula K-12. The program aims to increase knowledge, attitudes and behaviors that promote respect and protect against all forms of sexual violence. In addition, SATC partners with the Honolulu Theatre for Youth to provide interactive theatrical performances based on SATC's middle and high school sexual violence prevention curricula.

A partnership is also being developed between DOH's domestic violence and sexual violence prevention programs and the Domestic Violence Action Center's Teen Alert Program. This developing partnership supports activities to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence statewide.

2. High School Athletes

Hawaii Family Law Clinic, in partnership with the Hawaii State Department of Education, implemented and continued statewide expansion of the evidence-based Coaching Boys into Men program for coaches and high school male student athletes.

3. College Students (18 to 24 years old)

University of Hawaii's Prevention, Awareness, and Understanding (PAU) Violence Task Forces continues successful outreach to large numbers of students. According to the 2017 University of Hawaii Annual Security & Fire Safety Report, incidents of violence-related events were mixed on the Manoa campus. There was an increase in sex offenses (rape) and stalking, but a decrease in sex offenses (forcible fondling) and domestic and dating violence.

The MCHB initiated partnerships and collaboration with other DOH programs and State agencies, including the violence prevention community, to plan violence prevention efforts in 2017. Two public health approaches (training and community mobilization activities) have been identified from the DVFR recommendations and the five-year Sexual Violence Prevention Plan for implementation since 2017.

MCHB's public health training approach is based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Principles of Prevention" designed for those working with children, families and adults to stop violence from ever happening. This approach supports professionals in moving from the problem to the solution and emphasizes the foundation of effective violence prevention methods incorporating the research (evidence based and best practices) on what works.

The Community Mobilization approach provides an opportunity to encourage individual families and communities to be allies in preventing domestic and sexual violence while also teaching skills and reinforcing norms that reduce risk for future perpetration. This approach fosters healthy positive norms about respectful relationships regarding masculinity, gender and can be implemented in targeted peer groups; sports teams, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning or queer (LGBTQ) advocates, students from high schools, colleges and community based organizations.

Through the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program, MCHB strives to improve the health and well-being of women, particularly mothers and children. DOH selected reducing the rate of child abuse and neglect for children ages birth to five (5) years, as a priority need. MCHB's Family Support and Violence Prevention Section (FSVPS) aligns prevention efforts with the Title V priority need of reducing child abuse and neglect statewide through the provision of training and technical assistance for community providers (i.e. First Responders [police, fire and emergency medical services], Judiciary, Courts, Attorney General's Office, Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services) to promote safe, healthy, and respectful relationships.

- MCHB conducted Children Exposed to Violence/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) trainings to build the capacity of community providers to understand how all forms of domestic violence influences the negative health outcomes of children, families, and adults. These training sessions are intended to review prevention strategies, educate and raise awareness about the impact violence has on children over their lifespan such as trauma, substance abuse problems, running away from home, and behavioral problems. By understanding ACEs, programs can be more effective as they work with clients. The ACEs Study by Vincent J. Felitti, M.D. found a strong relationship between the breadth of exposure to violence during childhood and the multiple risk factors for several of the leading causes of death in adults. In Hawaii¹, the percent of children investigated/assessed who were found to be victims of child abuse and neglect was 41%. Moreover, according to the compiled 2000-2009 Hawaii DVFR findings, there were children in the family unit in 88.9% of the fatality cases, and in almost 70% of the fatality cases, children were present at the location of the fatality event.

MCHB contracted the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute to coordinate and provide the following trainings: 1) 4-day Hawaii Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Conference on Oahu, 2) 1-day ACEs training in Hilo, and 3) 1-day training in Kona. In addition, the Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs partnered with MCHB's Home Visiting Program and the Child Abuse and Neglect Program and with the Department of the Attorney General to provide a 2-day ACEs Conference on Oahu and a 1-day ACEs training on Kauai.

¹ This information is from the federal National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), and represents the federal fiscal year 2015 reporting period (October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015). Data are publicly available in Child Maltreatment 2015, available from <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2015>.

- The Engaging Men as Allies to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence in Hawaii project is part of a national movement. Futures Without Violence has partnered with the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women to encourage men and boys to become allies in preventing violence against women. During this reporting period, MCHB continued to convene a small and committed workgroup of men from the military, higher education, service providers, and advocates for youth on Oahu. This workgroup met regularly to identify community needs and next steps for engaging other men statewide. A "kick-off" gathering of twenty-five (25) men and women was held in March 2017. The gathering included in-depth discussions on masculinity and gender stereotypes, presentations from local programs that work with youth, and a panel of men who experienced trauma as children and young men.

The goal of the engaging men's workgroup is to create a culture that encourages healthy and respectful relationships and rejects violence against women. The workgroup is currently partnering with graduate students from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Public Administration Program, on a project to plan and implement the following activities: 1) participate in the 2017 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Men's March, 2) conduct a needs assessment at a community outreach event on men's health and wellness, and 3) develop an agenda and objectives for a national expert to provide training on engaging men as active participants in ending all forms of domestic and sexual violence.

Based on strategies included in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's STOP SV Technical Package, the theme for the 2016 Annual Sexual Violence Prevention Training was *Engaging Men as Allies to Prevent Sexual Violence*. This event brought together statewide community action teams made up of representatives from government agencies, service providers, and community organizations. The focus of the training encouraged communities to engage and mobilize men to promote social norms that protect against teen dating, intimate partner, and sexual violence.

- MCHB is an active participant in the Hawaii Early Learning Action Strategy Initiative. This is a statewide public-private collaborative that recognizes the strength of communities and works across sectors to increase the number of young children in Hawaii who are born healthy, developing on track, ready for school when they enter kindergarten, and proficient by the third grade. To address the prevention of children exposed to violence and child sexual abuse, the FSVPS are co-conveners of Team 2: Safe and Nurturing Families. The goals of this team include the reduction of actual cases of family violence in homes with young children and strengthening early childhood education providers' capacity to educate on the protective factors and provide community referrals for families at risk. During this reporting period, MCHB provided funding (Department of Human Services provided matching funds) to contract with FrameWorks Institute to provide research, technical assistance, and recommendations for a public awareness campaign to decrease child abuse and neglect and intimate partner violence in

Hawaii. This project aims to embed concepts related to social issues in creative media products and strategies, and include evaluation metrics with the goal of informing future prevention programming and encourage appropriate changes in organizational policies. The intention is to develop effective communication outreach for long-term success and sustainability.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 ACTIVITIES

Domestic Violence Prevention Program

1. Domestic Violence Fatality Review (DVFR) Initiatives

- In early 2016, the DOH and the Department of the Attorney General co-hosted a statewide briefing to inform state and county government agencies on DVFR data, findings, barriers, and recommendations. During a guided discussion, participants agreed that domestic violence training is essential and should be prioritized, especially for systems responders (i.e. first responders, health care professionals, and service providers).
- Much of this current reporting period involves the development, planning, and implementation of statewide "Domestic Violence 101" trainings for State and County systems responders who work with people that experience or may experience domestic violence. The DOH, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services, and Judiciary formed a Collaborative to develop, plan, and implement the statewide domestic violence trainings. A domestic violence training assessment survey was developed and analyzed by the Collaborative, which verified the training needs identified at the 2016 statewide briefing. In consultation with the local domestic violence community experts, the following "Domestic Violence 101" training topics were developed: Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Characteristics of Abusers, and Childhood Development. The first statewide "Domestic Violence 101" training was planned and developed for State and County systems responders. On June 26, 2017, a successful Fundamentals of Domestic Violence training for 150 State and County government systems responders was conducted on Oahu. The "Domestic Violence 101" training will be presented for the remaining Hawaii counties in 2018.
- The DOH trained two new members of the DVFR Statewide Team on the fatality review process, roles and responsibilities, and confidentiality.
- In November 2017, the DOH sponsored a national expert, Dr. Neil Websdale, to conduct a DVFR Training for the DVFR Statewide Team, Neighbor Island partners, and other mortality review partners on the intent and process of the DVFR. The training session participants were guided through homicide, suicide, and near-death mock reviews.
- Dr. Websdale also introduced the concept of coordinated community response for the DVFR Statewide Team and other systems partners.

The DVFR's were resumed in August of 2016 utilizing the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Special Funds for a full-time domestic violence prevention position. In 2009, following the economic downturn in Hawaii and the State Reduction in Force, the original domestic violence coordinator position was eliminated. It is estimated that at a minimum twelve cases will be conducted each year during the DVFR statewide.

Recommendations for systems improvement and prevention efforts will be analyzed and prioritized on an annual basis.

2. Domestic Violence and Developmental Disabilities Curriculum and Training

According to the May 2015 Bureau of Justice Statistics: *Crime Against Persons with Disabilities, 2009-2013*, rates of serious violent victimization were more than three times higher for persons with disabilities than the rate for persons without disabilities. As this population is at elevated risk for violence, the DOH's MCHB and the Developmental Disabilities Division, along with the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, have partnered to develop a curriculum and training to educate developmental disabilities case managers on domestic violence, domestic violence providers, and advocates for people with disabilities. On October 21, 2016, a pilot training was conducted for statewide Developmental Disabilities case managers. A curriculum on working with people with disabilities was developed and presented to domestic violence service providers in 2017. The agencies involved with this critically important initiative meet regularly to plan the next steps for refining and delivering the curriculum to the appropriate audience.

Sexual Violence Prevention Program

1. Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Services for Youth and Young Adults

DOH contracted with the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children's Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) to implement the sexual violence prevention curricula developed by SATC. The curricula was developed in collaboration with the Department of Education to inform school staff on child sexual abuse and to share resources to promote healthy, respectful relationships. SATC also partners with the Honolulu Theatre for Youth and engages youth leaders in the annual Rally for "Respect" which was held during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 2017.

- a. 11 professionals trained in the train-the-trainer sessions, including school administrators, counselors, educators, social workers, school psychologists, youth leaders, coaches, and community-based educators.
- b. 307 students attending public and private school or community-based programs statewide received SATC's curricula.
- c. 49 professionals and community members received training on a range of child sexual abuse topics.
- d. 78 high school students, teachers, family, and community members participated in the annual SAAM Rally for "Respect" event on Oahu.

2. Coaching Boys into Men Curriculum

- a. DOH contracted with the Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola to implement the Futures Without Violence Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) curriculum which provides high school athletic coaches with resources to promote respectful behavior among players

and help prevent relationship abuse, harassment, and sexual assault. The CBIM curriculum consists of a series of coach-to-athlete trainings that illustrate ways to model respect and promote healthy relationships. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes CBIM as an effective and promising evidence-based prevention program.

- b. 720 high school male student athletes and twelve (12) high school coaches (primarily football) participated in the CBIM program.

3. Prevention Awareness and Understanding (PAU) Violence Program

DOH contracted with the University of Hawaii (UH) Women's Center PAU Violence Program to provide sexual violence prevention (SVP) training, education, and awareness through sexual violence task forces on each of the ten UH campuses. The PAU Violence Program supports the task forces on each campus to promote sexual violence prevention including sexual harassment, assault, rape, dating violence, stalking, and cyber-stalking, as well as provides victim services.

- a. 4,702 UH students attended statewide public awareness activities.
- b. 1,757 incoming freshmen, housing students, international students, ROTC, Native Hawaiian Studies students, and student athletes received sexual violence prevention training and education.
- c. 342 faculty, staff, and student employees from the College of Education, and all newly employed teaching assistants in the Graduate Division, received SVP training.

4. Kau Rural Health Community Association

Oahu-based Community Action Team Leaders from the sexual violence prevention community and a teen dating violence prevention partner traveled to Hawaii island to present at the 19th Annual Kau Rural Health Conference on March 17, 2017. The focus of the conference was to raise awareness of all forms of sexual violence and how the community can prevent it. Presentations included information about local sexual violence prevention and teen dating violence prevention programs, resources, and information on the intersection of alcohol and sexual violence. A total of 190 Kau community members and service providers attended this event.

5. Workforce Development Training

MCHB provided professional development training for domestic and sexual violence service providers at the 2-day Hawaii Association for Play Therapy Conference on February 22-23, 2017 on Oahu. Scholarship recipients included representatives from SATC, the Domestic Violence Action Center, the University of Hawaii PAU Violence Task Forces and Chaminade University. The training included practical play therapy interventions when working with troubled children and families and children who have been traumatized or sexually abused.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund
Revenues for FY 2017
(Receipts from Fees for Vital Records Certified Copies,
Tax Designations, and Interest Earned)

<u>Date of Receipt*</u>	<u>JV No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<i>From Fees for Vital Records Certified Copies--</i>			
07/21/16	00JM0167	21,490.00	
08/12/16	00JM0479	20,455.00	
09/26/16	00JM1324	21,545.00	
10/14/16	00JM1793	20,459.00	
11/14/16	00JM2310	20,391.00	
12/15/16	00JM2963	19,584.00	
02/14/17	00JM4120	44,441.00	
03/15/17	00JM4856	22,823.00	
04/13/17	00JM5482	23,767.00	
05/19/17	00JM6344	20,976.00	
06/07/17	00JM6805	23,309.00	
		Subtotal:	\$ 259,240.00
<i>From Tax Designations--</i>			
07/25/16	00JM0199	30,001.11	
02/01/17	00JM3863	4,372.23	
		Subtotal:	\$ 34,373.34
<i>Interest earned from investment pool--</i>		4,599.86	
		Subtotal:	\$ 4,599.86
<i>Credits from Prior Year Payment</i>		0	
		Subtotal:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$ 298,213.20</u>

* Source: DATAMART-Rev Download, date receipt processed to FAMIS system

**Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund
Expenditures for FY 2017**

FY 2017					
Description	Planned Total	Expenditures as of 6/30/17	Encumbrances as of 6/30/17	FY17 Enc. Liquidated in FY18	Remaining Balance (as of 10/19/17)
Domestic Violence Fatality Review (DVFR): DVFR reviews; training; travel; mail; supplies	\$ 28,886.05	\$ 1,812.85	\$ 27,550.15	\$ 27,073.20	\$ -
Domestic Violence Prevention Program Specialist: payroll, mileage	\$ 70,408.96	\$ 70,108.96	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Sex Abuse Treatment Center: K-12 SVP Curricula	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,574.44	\$ 12,425.56	\$ -	\$ 12,425.56
Hawaii Family Law dba Ala Kuola: Coaching Boys into Men curriculum	\$ 65,830.00	\$ 11,876.00	\$ 53,954.00	\$ 13,024.00	\$ 40,930.00
Hawaii Family Law dba Ala Kuola: SVP Community Action Team training	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,524.22	\$ 1,475.78	\$ -	\$ 1,475.78
19th Annual Ka'u Rural Health Conference	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 2,743.32	\$ 2,156.68	\$ -	\$ 2,156.68
Child Sexual Abuse Training: Resiliency, trauma-informed care, and workforce development	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
University of Hawaii: PAU Violence Program	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 40,162.72	\$ 34,837.28	\$ 20,620.55	\$ 14,216.73
SV/DV Training: Adverse Childhood Experiences Training	\$ 69,057.45	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 24,057.48	\$ 17,208.67	\$ 6,848.78
Training, Registration Fees, and Related Travel	\$ 6,442.05	\$ 6,442.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
University of Hawaii: Middle School Healthy Relationships Collaboration	\$ 10,713.00	\$ -	\$ 10,713.00	\$ 10,713.00	\$ -
Hawaii Coalition Against Domestic Violence: domestic violence and developmental disabilities curriculum	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Central Services Administrative Fee	\$ 18,427.88	\$ 18,427.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$395,140.39	\$203,147.44	\$192,469.93	\$ 88,639.42	\$103,353.53