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Date: February 26, 2016 at 12:22:53 PM AKST
To: Gigi Pitcher <gigipilcher51@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Request for information/document

Hello Ms. Pilcher:

Please find attached the motion that was made with regard to funding WISH through the remainder of FY2016 and the confirmation of their continued probation. Diane Casto made the motion and it was seconded by Patty Owen. All present Council members voted in favor of the motion and it passed.

Everyone at CDVSA is committed to safe services being provided in the Ketchikan community and will continue to work toward that goal. I will pass along your thanks to the staff and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Lauree Morton

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From: Gigi Pitcher [<mailto:gigipilcher51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 12:04 PM
To: Morton, Lauree B (DPS)
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Dear Ms. Morton,

I respectfully request a copy of any public document/s from the CDVSA's February 24th, & 25th, 2016 meeting regarding the probation of WISH that may be available at this time. Specifically, if available, a copy of the motion, second and any amendments regarding the probation.

I realize that no minutes from this meeting are available at this time but thought there might be a written document from staff to the Council or perhaps the actual motion made, who made the motion and who seconded the motion as well the vote count for and against it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for all the assistance you have provided me with and for your true dedication to the safety, empowerment and care of the women and children, all people, who need the services that the CDVSA helps to ensure are provided in a respectful manner.

Respectfully yours,
Gigi Pilcher

Sent from my iPad

As a result of the CDVSA’s Executive Session on February 24, 2016, regarding the current probation of the Women in Safe Homes (WISH) Ketchikan shelter program, I move to modify the financial burden imposed on WISH in September 2015, returning to quarterly advance grant payments instead of monthly reimbursable payments. This change will begin with the FY2016 3rd quarter payment and continue through FY2016. Let it be clearly stated that this modification in no way reduces or diminishes the initial probation conditions, including the nine (9) specified corrective actions, placed on WISH—all other probation conditions remain in place. While there has been modest progress made toward improving the identified concerns, more comprehensive and focused attention must be made to satisfy the concerns of the CDVSA members. Of particular concern are:

- Improvement of agency leadership/management to guide WISH and its services;
- Shelter practices for participants;
- Trauma informed philosophy, practice and programming;
- Empowerment for staff and service participants;
- Rebuilding public trust, support and confidence; including improved community partnerships.

In making this motion, the CDVSA members recognize and respect the strong public concern expressed during the public comment section of the February 24 meeting, and thank those members of the Ketchikan community for stepping forward to express concern regarding the current situation, as well as a desire for WISH to resolve and remedy these issues to rebuild a strong, safe and productive women’s shelter for their community.