

# **Women in Safe Homes (WISH)**

## **Membership Meeting Agenda**

March 16, 2016

5:30pm. Cape Fox Lodge

Dial-In Conference: 866-590-5055 Access Code: 7165163

**Statement:** The State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), conducted a special on-site review in July 2015. On September 9, 2015 WISH was placed on probation by CDVSA. WISH being placed on probation with their largest funding source was not reported to the membership or noted in the Annual Report. Instead membership found out through public documents from the CDVSA during the month of January. At the WISH Annual Meeting on January 27, 2016, membership asked questions regarding the probation status. Still no report was made to the membership regarding the status of the probation. The questions asked by the membership have not been answered, instead the reply has been, "we're working on it", or in most cases, there has been no reply at all. In the interim several formal written requests have been made to WISH for relevant documents, and few have been released. A Special WISH Membership Meeting was called by 40% of the membership during the February 17, 2016 regular Board of Director's meeting.

WISH programs and services are vital to Ketchikan and SE communities. The membership has the right and the obligation to make sure WISH is in compliance with the agreements it signs and the mission for which it was created. The WISH membership elects the Board of Directors and the Board answers to the membership. Not one member of WISH would like to see WISH lose its funding.

On February 25, 2016 the CDVSA voted unanimously to keep WISH on probation until the end of the fiscal year, adding further requirements to the original probation letter. *See attached motion.*

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

1. To ask questions and get answers from the WISH Board of Directors relevant to the current probation status, progress made, and plans to remedy the issues of concern by the CDVSA and membership. The meeting is to discuss events specifically occurring July 2015 through March 16, 2016 that pertain only to the WISH probation status.

**Ground Rules:** As per the articles of incorporation and WISH by-laws, the membership meeting will be conducted by following the Alaska Open Meetings Act and Roberts Rules of Order.

Questions should be limited to agenda items.

Personal or individual attacks will not be allowed.

One speaker at a time.

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

### III. Persons to be Heard

- a) [QUESTIONS TO THE BOARD]

### IV. Adjournment