

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.