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**Subject:** Update: 508527 - Information BN re Provincial Domestic Violence Plan - Year Two/Three Funding and Commitments  
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The attached Briefing Note have been approved by Lori.

Thank you, Kathy

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**Subject:** 508527 - Information BN re Provincial Domestic Violence Plan - Year Two/Three Funding and Commitments

The attached Briefing Note has been prepared for the information of the Minister. Lori has not had an opportunity to review/approve the BN, but we will advise if she has any changes.

Thank you, Kathy

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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For INFORMATION for Suzanne Anton, Attorney General and Minister of Justice

**ISSUE:** Provincial Domestic Violence Plan – Year Two/Three Funding and Commitments

**SUMMARY:**

- In February 2014, the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence (PODV) released its three-year Provincial Domestic Violence Plan.
- Highlights from the \$5.5M plan include:
  - \$2M to develop and deliver programs specifically for Aboriginal women, men and children affected by domestic violence – including victims and perpetrators.
  - \$1M to provide support and intervention programs for perpetrators prior to potential involvement in the criminal justice system.
- The Ministry of Health is providing \$3M in one-time funding to support the above initiatives. These funds must be expended by March 31, 2015. \$2.5M will be distributed by the Ministry of Justice (JAG), by way of grants, on behalf of PODV. \$500,000 was provided directly from the Ministry of Health to BC Housing.
- PODV, JAG and the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) have worked in collaboration to discuss options for moving forward with the year 2 and year 3 commitments in the plan and the \$3M will be distributed as follows:

**\$2M - Services for Aboriginal Women, Men and Children Impacted by Domestic Violence**

- **\$500,000 to BC Housing** to support women and children with limited transportation options to access safe shelter and support services this includes supporting Aboriginal women on and off reserve in rural/remote communities. The funding will also be used to enhance direct service delivery of Safe Home and Transition House programs operated by Aboriginal organizations that work with women and children impacted by domestic violence.

- **\$1.5M to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres** to support initiatives that focus on direct services under the Provincial Domestic Violence Plan focus area of *Direct services to Aboriginal Children, Youth and Families*.

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres will be required to work with MARR and its representatives as a condition of accepting the funds. The priorities for direct services will be determined utilizing a collaborative approach with government, non-government and Aboriginal representatives.

#### **\$1M - Services for Perpetrators of Domestic Violence**

- **\$800,000 to Stroh Health Care** to develop and implement a project focused on prevention programming for perpetrators of domestic violence prior to the conviction/sentencing stage of the criminal justice process. This may include treatment services prior to a person's involvement in the criminal justice system, or services at some stage prior to conviction. The project will also include an evaluation component with key success indicators.
- **\$200,000 to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres** to evaluate and enhance domestic violence programming for perpetrators of violence (e.g. *Awakening the Warrior*).

The Ministry of Justice will work in collaboration with Stroh Health Care to determine priorities for the \$800,000 in funding collaboratively. Stroh Health Care currently delivers part 2 of the Respectful Relationships program under contract with Ministry of Justice (Corrections Branch) and the organization has extensive experience in this area. To develop the specific components of the evaluation of domestic violence programming for perpetrators, a collaborative approach between government, non-government and Aboriginal representatives will be used.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- Released in February 2014, the three-year Provincial Domestic Violence Plan was coordinated by the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence, the Plan includes a \$5.5M commitment to strengthen approaches to addressing domestic violence.

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- The funding being made available through the Ministry of Health is one-time only in nature. There is no secured funding source going forward. It has been made clear to partnering organizations that the funding currently being provided is one-time only and projects will be designed accordingly. Further discussions amongst

government Ministries with respect to the funding issue going forward will be required.

- The Ministry of Justice is on track to complete its commitments in the plan including providing more than \$1M in Civil Forfeiture grants to support Domestic Violence Units. This funding has assisted in the development of new Units in Kelowna, Surrey and Nanaimo as well as the enhancement of existing Units in Vancouver, New Westminster, Abbotsford and the Capital Region.
- The Ministry has also undertaken the following:
  - Opened a third Justice Access Centre in Victoria over a year ago.
  - Finalized a framework for domestic violence courts, which is informing the development of a broader strategy for specialized courts in the province.
  - Provided an additional \$2 M to support justice transformation initiatives with the Legal Services Society. This funding has supported the launch of five legal aid pilot projects aimed at expanding criminal duty counsel and child protection and family legal aid services.
  - Identified and implemented improvements in communications between Police and Crown Counsel at the charge assessment stage.
  - Continued to work with the Community Coordination for Women's Safety program to provide ongoing support to cross-sector initiatives including the development of Interagency Case Assessment Teams, which respond to highest risk domestic violence cases. There are currently over 20 fully operational Teams in the province.

**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- The following Ministries have been consulted
  - Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
  - Ministry of Child and Family Development (PODV)
  - BC Housing

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Kathy over to you in Jeannie's absence.

Lynda

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Jeannie, we are going to slide this topic in during one of my other briefs with the minister on Monday. So am forwarding with the request that, if possible, it be cliffed and added to MSA share point Monday morning by you, I will have no one around to do it. And Lori if you have a chance to review ahead great, but if not you know the background already.

Thanks.

Lynda

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