

Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

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Agency of Human Services Leadership, Management and Staff:

As the Statewide Coordinator of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence I wholeheartedly endorse this report. Over the past two years the Agency for Human Services has taken the lead in creating an internal task force to improve the AHS response to domestic violence. I applaud the Agency's leadership and willingness to utilize internal and external expertise to this end. The Agency allocated resources to the collaborative discussion that culminated in the "Report on Domestic Violence Policy and Practice at the Vermont Agency of Human Services: Recommendations for Systems Change".

On behalf of the Network and the sixteen local programs we are pleased to join with you in collaboration to help alleviate and end domestic violence in the state of Vermont. Implementing the recommendations in this report and engaging in policy and practice discussions within divisions of AHS is vitally important to move this work forward. I enthusiastically look forward to the work each of the Commissioners will spearhead to keep this project moving forward.

I would also like to express the continued commitment of the Network office and sixteen local programs to assist the Agency in moving forward to implement the recommendations contained in this report. I am pleased to offer our contribution of staffing and our commitment to continue to explore avenues for financial assistance for this project.

Congratulations AHS Task Force on Domestic Violence for work well done. I believe that your work will serve as a national model and other states would be well served if they emulated your leadership, commitment, and innovation.

Working for Peace,

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