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To: MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH/OFFICE OF FAMILY PLANNING BRANCH BATTERED WOMEN SHELTER PROGRAM GRANTEEES
SUBJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNSERVED/UNDERSERVED TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT & WORKPLAN REVISION.

This letter provides the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health/Office of Family Planning (MCAH/OFP) Branch policy regarding participation in the Domestic Violence Unserved/Underserved Training and Technical Assistance (U/U TAT) Project.

July 1, 2006 marked the onset of the U/U TAT project. The purpose of the project is to provide training and technical assistance to Battered Women Shelter Program (BWSP) grantees to build their capacity to provide services to three priority populations: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ); Disabled/Developmentally Disabled (DDD); and women experiencing Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MH/SA) problems. Project activities that will involve BWSP grantees include: On-site Needs Assessment; Regional Trainings; Technical Assistance; and Continuous Quality Improvement.

The aforementioned project activities will be conducted by the three (3) contractors that were successful in the competitive bid process for the three components of the U/U TAT project.

The contractors are:

- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence – LGBTQ
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The AGENCY CAPACITY & INFRASTRUCTURE section of each BWSP grantee's workplan states that grantees will "Attend all MCAH sponsored/offered meetings, trainings, workshops, or conferences." This workplan activity includes participation in the U/U TAT Project. It is MCAH/OFP Branch's expectation that all BWSP grantees participate in the U/U TAT project.

Training sessions will be offered regionally and will be in a 'train the trainer' format. The contractors will allow up to two (2) attendees per each DVP shelter agency. Because space is limited and to facilitate practical application of training objectives to day to day shelter operations, DVP agencies should be strategic in determining who should attend the trainings and be responsible for training agency staff. We recommend Executive Directors, Project Directors, Shelter Managers, and/or Training Coordinators.

The training and technical assistance is free to BWSP grantees. However, there may be costs associated with travel so that staff may participate in regional trainings. MCAH/OFP understands that this may require budget revisions that shift monies to the travel line item. These adjustments may also require revisions to workplans to correspond with redirected funding. BWSP grantees also have the option to add participation in this project to the Unserved/Underserved section of their workplan. MCAH/OFP program and contract staff will exercise flexibility in reviewing and approving these revisions for grantees.

You can expect to be contacted by the three (3) U/U TAT project contractors, or their designee, in the next few weeks to schedule an on-site needs assessment for your agency. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project. Our goal is to ensure that ALL battered women in California have access to culturally sensitive, adequate, and appropriate domestic violence services.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact your Program Consultant.

Sincerely,



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