

Services to Victims of Crime Project Update

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Dear Service Provider,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Services to Victims of Crime initiative which will prepare contracted service providers who deliver victim service and violence against women programs for the process of open procurement. As you know, the initiative has involved several phases of consultation over the past year and a half.

Phase 3 of the initiative involved the development and distribution of a draft procurement plan. The draft plan built upon work undertaken through various stages of the initiative and directly incorporated feedback received through various phases of consultation. The draft plan was posted for further consultation in June and service providers were invited to provide feedback and comments through an online survey. In addition, a webinar was held on June 16, 2015 guiding participants through the various sections of the plan and addressing questions and comments.

I am pleased to provide the attached report which provides a high-level summary of the survey results. The survey was launched on June 8, 2015 and closed on July 24, 2015 and contained questions specific to the various sections of the draft plan. We received 138 completed responses to the survey—116 from contracted service providers and 22 from other interested parties.

We continue to work through the feedback received through the survey. All feedback will be considered as we work toward finalizing the plan. Many service providers have questions about the timing of open procurement. We will continue to provide you with regular updates on this initiative and we are committed to providing you with as much notice as possible with respect to the timing of procurement activities.

We encourage any service providers and staff to continue to contact us with questions. Please contact your Program Manager or Jamie Lipp, Director of Community Programs. Jamie can be reached by email at jamie.lipp@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 604 660-1872.

We thank you for your ongoing participation in this initiative. The comments and feedback received will assist us greatly in finalizing the plan.

Sincerely,



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