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Dear Jayne,

As the Perinatal Systems Manager and Office of Women's Health Coordinator for the Maternal and Child Health Section (MCH) of the Wyoming Department of Health, I recently contracted with Dr. Jeanne King to present a workshop to public health nurses on how to identify signs of domestic violence, and methodology to assist victims of domestic violence heal. Your former colleague, Beth Shober, who is now the MCH Program Manager, believes there is a tremendous need for this type of presentation in the state of Alaska, and also that you are a person that can be instrumental in getting this brought to your state.

Dr. Jeanne King is a psychologist, professional speaker and leading expert in identifying the subtle communication patterns of battering relationships. The presentation was entitled *Shattering the Myths; Shining the Light* and discussed how to identify domestic abuse before it spirals out of control. Evaluation comments from public health nurses who attended the workshop included:

What was most helpful?

- *helping the client identify the feeling, not just the violation*
- *recognizing and helping the victim recognize subtle forms of abuse/control*
- *[recognizing how] our judgments cast a shadow on the client*

I am also including as an attachment the program description of the workshop Dr. King presented for your review.

My hope is that the state of Alaska will be able to negotiate with Dr. King to provide her valuable insight based on her groundbreaking work.

If I can be of further assistance in contacting Dr. King, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,


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Cc: Beth Shober, MCH Program Manager