

Memorandum

Date: August 22, 2013
To: Healthy WA Coalition
From: University of Washington Women's Center
Re: Human Trafficking - Health Care Research

The University of Washington Women's Center, in partnership with Dr. Suzanne Poppema, Director of International Medical Consulting, and Retired Physician and Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the UW are developing a study on the interactions human trafficking victims and survivors (person who is obtained or held in compelled service, such as involuntary servitude, debt bondage, and forced sex and no-sex labor) have with the health care community in Washington State. This data will be used to inform the development of a formal model to train health care professionals in WA State to identify and appropriately intervene when they suspect human trafficking.

The Women's Center is seeking information from health care and other service providers to broadly learn:

- (1) Are human trafficking victims interacting with the health care community;
- (2) Where and for what conditions victims of human trafficking are being brought to health care centers;
- (3) What are the current practices or policies used in health care centers to identify and respond when human trafficking is suspected; and
- (4) What do service and health care professionals believe to be necessary for a successful training model?

For more information or if you are interested in sharing your knowledge with the University of Washington Women's Center or can recommend additional individuals, clinics, and organizations for the Women's Center to contact, please contact Johnna White, Program Manager at jwhite23@uw.edu or (206) 685-2940.