

Appendix C

Recruitment Protocols 1, 2, 3 and 4:

Domestic Violence Focus Group/Interview Project

We will recruit participants from a variety of community and institutional settings, including DV victim services, health care providers, social service agencies, and local community sites.

Protocol 1:

In most settings we will recruit potential participants by distributing a flyer. (Please see list of sites where we will post flyer.) The flyer (Appendix F) will invite those interested in the project to contact the study representative at the phone number specific to their ethnic or cultural group, who will screen for eligibility. The study representative will screen potential participants on the phone (see screening protocol, Appendix I). If screening questions confirm eligibility, the participant will be invited to a focus group or interview.

Protocol 2:

We will also recruit participants through our partner DV provider agencies, including Ina Maka Family Program, the Seattle Indian Health Board, Advocates for Abused and Battered Lesbians, Refugee Women's Alliance, East Cherry YWCA, Consejo Counseling Services. Study representatives who work at these agencies will introduce the project to women being served at their agencies. They will introduce the project in a neutral manner by saying:

* I am working with Health Department and University researchers on a research project that is trying to understand how we can better meet the needs of women who are experiencing violence or abuse in intimate relationships.

*We would like to talk with women who have experienced either physical, sexual or emotional abuse in an intimate relationship. The study will involve participating in either a two-hour interview or a 1 1/2 hour focus group discussion. If you are interested in participating, you will have the option of an individual interview, participating in a focus group interview with your current support group, or participating in a focus group interview with other (Latina, Indian, etc.) women outside of a support group. Whether or not you decide to participate will not in any way affect your relationship with (the agency introducing the study) or the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. The study will compensate participants \$35 hours for their time and will provide transportation and childcare upon request.

*If you are interested in participating, we can talk more about it now and I can schedule you into a focus group or interview (use Screening Protocol beginning with Question #7

to schedule participation). Or, you can call the study later at (phone #). Feel free to take one of these flyers that explains the study if it is safe for you to do so. The safety of potential participants is of the utmost importance. Please do not volunteer to participate in the research project if doing so could put you or other participants at risk.

Protocol 3:

We will also be doing face-to-face recruitment through non-partner agencies and settings (types of partner agency and settings are described above). Providers will approach clients who identify with one of the ethnic groups included in the study or self identify as a lesbian/bisexual or transgender. The provider will give their client a flier for the study and will say:

*The Health Department is conducting a research project that is trying to understand how to better meet the needs of women who are experiencing domestic violence. They would like to talk with women who have experienced domestic violence in an intimate relationship--either physical, sexual or emotional abuse. This flier explains the study and has a contact number you can call if you are interested in participating. Feel free to take one of these flyers if it is safe for you to do so. The safety of potential participants is of the utmost importance. Please do not volunteer to participate in the research project if doing so could put you or other participants at risk. It is entirely up to you whether or not you decide to participate. Either way, it will not affect your relationship with (the agency introducing the study) or the Seattle King County Department of Public Health. If you are interested, please call the number on this flyer and the study staff will tell you if you qualify for the study.

Protocol 4

Flyers will be posted in communal locations at the Kent Regional Justice Center. The flyer (Appendix H) will invite those interested in the project to contact the study representative from the SIHB either by phone or in-person, who will screen for eligibility. The study representative will screen potential participants on the phone or in-person (see screening protocol, Appendix I). If screening questions confirm eligibility, the participant will be invited to her choice of a focus group or interview.