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From: Shaw, Barbara
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To: NRI and SNW Grantees
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Good morning, all.

It is with mixed feelings that I write this morning to inform you that the House Public Safety Appropriations Committee prevailed in their legislative proposal to remove the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI) and the Safety Net Works Program (SNW) from IVPA appropriations and appropriate $15 million to another State agency instead, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). The legislation does not specifically name either program in the appropriation to ICJIA. The language states that the $15 million is for "grants to community-based organizations for violence prevention programs. " The House Resolution (HR1110) to audit NRI for Fiscal Years 11 and 12 also passed.

While I am happy and thankful that funding was appropriated for community-based violence prevention programs, I am disappointed that IVPA will not be able to continue the wonderful partnerships we have developed with all of you as we worked hard together to build a local infrastructure in 23 communities that engaged nearly 200 organizations to deliver a range of critical, community-based supports for our youth. We did good, meaningful and effective work, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to have worked with such committed and capable community leaders.

It would seem that the best next step regarding FY 13 funding is for the grantee community to work with the Governor's Office and ICJIA to ensure that the appropriated dollars are used to continue the great work we started. Redesign will certainly be necessary given the reduction in available funds, but, hopefully, you will successfully advocate that the integrity and infrastructure of the program will be continued with as little disruption as possible.

IVPA stands ready to assist in the transition process in any way we can. My thoughts are with all of you today as we face the changing situation with determination to achieve the best continuation of the purposeful and highly effective work we began through NRI and SNW to build safer communities that support our youth to thrive and grow.

Enormous thanks and kudos to all of you who advocated so well for continued funding for NRI and SNW, which would not have happened ***at all*** without your efforts. Special thanks to David Whitaker and his CAP team for their leadership in the advocacy effort, and to IVPA staff and all stakeholders for their tireless work in building NRI and SNW. We can all feel proud of the terrific job we did putting the NRI Initiative together at lightning speed after the Governor initiated this wonderful program in 2010. And, we did it using accountable processes that helped build community capacity to utilize public funds to implement the program effectively and gather data to measure outcomes.

I'm sure that the NRI/SNW community will effectively stay the course and work with the State to ensure that these important efforts continue.

Thanks,
Barbara