



2015 Think Tank Executive Summary

The National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan

Introduction

This report provides a summary of the meeting of the 6th annual Think Tank of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV) held August 22nd 2015, in San Diego, CA. The Action Teams from the NPEIV met to discuss the seven areas of focus (public awareness, training and mentoring, practice, research, public policy, dissemination/translation, and global peace).

This year there were 120 members in attendance at the all-day Think Tank; additionally many stayed for 2-4 days of the 20th *International Summit & Training on Violence, Abuse and Trauma*. Members shared how they have collaborated over the last year in the areas of research, training, practice, funding, policy and community action as it relates to Interpersonal Violence. Additionally, a new Action Team was formed this year becoming the 7th NPEIV Action Team with a focus on global peace. Action Teams were to create a 2015-2016 timeline of monthly goals, topics and projects, develop a list of resources needed, designate specific roles/duties and tasks for each portion of the timeline and identify other Action Teams to collaborate with on specific projects.

All members were provided the Executive Summary draft of *An Awesome Opportunity: A National Plan to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan*.

The development of a large-scale partnership of all Think Tank attendees and NPEIV members overall is necessary to provide a single, unified voice to influence policy makers while remaining politically neutral. It is important to ensure that interpersonal violence reduction becomes a national priority, and that research, service, advocacy and policy are linked.

The first two hours of the morning included several keynote speakers who presented on specific topics related to current issues in interpersonal violence prevention. Dr. Robert Geffner, NPEIV Founding Co-chair and Executive Committee Board Member, welcomed the attendees and outlined the schedule of events for the day. Next were four presentations from leading experts in the fields of violence, abuse and trauma.

The first speaker, Martha Davis, MSS, a senior program officer for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focused her presentation on child abuse and intimate partner violence and the Foundation's work devoted to preventing these types of violence. Martha presented the *culture of health action framework* highlighting action areas for 1. Making health a shared value, 2. Fostering cross-sector collaboration to improve well-being, 3. Creating healthier, more equitable communities, and 4. Strengthening integration of health services and systems, discussing the truth about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

The second speaker was Ron LeGrand, JD, who is currently serving as Vice President with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), having recently retired from the position of Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations. Ron presented *Domestic Violence Counts 2014, A 24-Hour Census of*

Domestic Violence Shelters and Services discussing figures provided by 1,697 participating programs on victims served in one day, unmet requests for services in one day, services provided by programs, hotline calls answered, individuals attending prevention and education trainings, and causes of unmet requests for help. He reviewed his draft on *Federal Appropriations: How to approach policy and funding with Congress* prioritizing key funding and providing information on the 1. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), 2. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the 3. Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA).

The third speaker was Joyce Thomas, RN, MPH, PNP, FAAN, the President/CEO and co-founder of the Center for Child Protection and Family Support, Washington, DC. Joyce presented on the importance of understanding and addressing cultural/racial/ethnic needs when working with survivors of interpersonal violence. She identified such challenges as: the limited understanding about how culture works as it related to violence prevention; few standards exist to guide the process of integration or application of culture into our programs; the lack of consensus on a definition of culture and how to operationalize it in victim services; and current research often overlooks and misses the potential power of culture. She further mentioned the significance of economic and social determinants that often confront ethnic/diverse families that further complicate understanding of culture. Finally she pointed out that the Office of Minority Health and the National Institute of Health provide excellent frameworks for navigating the issues of cultural tailoring.

The final presentation was given by Victor Vieth, JD, the Director of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC), a Department of Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, Inc., a state of the art training complex located on the campus of Winona State University in Minnesota. Mr. Vieth presented NPEIV's current draft of *An Awesome Opportunity: The National Plan to End Violence Across the Lifespan* which includes 24 concrete recommendations divided into five categories: 1. Develop a competent workforce, 2. Improve medical and mental health responses, 3. Improve criminal justice responses, 4. Improve development and delivery of prevention, and 5. Public awareness, public policy and research.

Dr. Geffner then provided an overview of the agenda and goals for the Action Team breakout sessions which attendees participated in for the majority of the remaining Think Tank time. Once in separate Action Teams, members were asked to identify what portions of the National Plan Executive Summary they could continue to prioritize and outline implementation steps around. Additionally, Action Teams mapped out the 2015-2016 timeline of goals, topics and projects, created a list of resources needed (and who will help with those), designated specific roles/duties and specific tasks for each portion of the timeline and lastly, identified other Action Teams to collaborate with on determined projects. Once all of this was accomplished, Action Teams reconvened as a large group and presented their upcoming goals and action steps. The time dedicated to these afternoon reflection and closure presentations by each Action Team informed and engaged all members in discussion, and increased collaboration among Action Teams.

A new addition this year included lunchtime critical issue discussions which provided opportunities for members from different action teams to meet and address a variety of topic areas including race/culture/ethnicity and violence, the misuse of DNA in rape cases, bias and unfair scrutiny of women's credibility in interpersonal violence cases, the misunderstanding and unfair expectations regarding injuries in sexual violence cases involving child victims, how to assess the effectiveness of trainings, and gender and violence among other issues.

Action Team Reports

Action Team # 1: Public Awareness

Goals

Action Team 1 identified an overarching goal to enhance public awareness by expanding the reach of the current NPEIV newsletter to key stakeholders to ensure maximum impact. The hope is that this will greater enhance the ability of NPEIV to engage these stakeholders in dialogues about the prevalence and impact of violence in their communities in order to promote greater awareness and the development of effective strategies to both address and prevent interpersonal violence.

Recommendations/Next Steps

Key action steps will include rebranding the newsletter to engage a variety of audiences with the new title “The Conversation to End Violence;” the generation of newsletter topics, articles and survivor stories which are reflective of current events and/or legal cases and which also support the objectives of The National Plan; the identification of and outreach to specific community and national stakeholders to expand the newsletter’s reach; the development of a press list and subject matter expert list; and the compilation of resources specific to the various ways that interpersonal violence impacts individuals, families and communities across the lifespan.

Action Team # 2: Training and Mentoring

Goals

Action Team 2 has four subcommittees: 1) Mentoring, 2) ACES, 3) Alternate Training Resources, and 4) Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST)/Child and Adult Advocacy Studies Training (CAAST)/ChildFirst training programs. Each of these subcommittees identified their goals for the next year. Action Team 2 discussed the 20 page Executive Summary of the National Plan. Overall, reactions were very positive that this was the right length and tone to use in discussions with politicians, grants agencies etc.

Mentoring Subcommittee, Bettye Mitchell (Chair)

NPEIV’s training and mentoring committee has been working on developing a mentoring program. The team wishes to develop this program based on the premise of “pay it forward” in order to create the next generation of leadership for NPEIV. NPEIV committee members are encouraged to serve as mentors. Ideas for the implementation of this program include a web-based platform. A webmaster would also be necessary to create the database and mentoring program’s platform. With this platform, two applications are necessary to create the relationship: a mentor application and a mentee application. The team will need to generate a roadmap and acquire support from NPEIV, collaborate to obtain a home for the program, and steering committee. Team will also need to develop recruitment strategies including an orientation for both mentors and mentees. With this, a guidebook for protocol would be necessary to keep policies and procedures aligned.

ACES Subcommittee, Charlie Pacello (Chair)

This subcommittee focuses on how to use up-to-date research on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in practical trainings and advocacy efforts. For the coming year, this subcommittee will create an article for local community or college newspapers. It will briefly outline ACEs research and the impact of ACEs exposure. It will also incorporate the ACEs questions, to allow readers to calculate their own ACEs score. Finally, it will provide ideas for how individuals could get help processing any of their own personal traumatized experiences. It will be an emotionally evocative article that is tied to some of the personal experiences that Charlie experienced as the child of a highly traumatized parent. While Charlie will take a lead in creating the article, the entire subcommittee will take responsibility for polishing it as well as for

getting it out to many different newspapers. They will also reach out to the entire action team to spread the article to as many newspapers as possible.

Alternate Training Resources Subcommittee, Debra Wingfield (Chair)

This subcommittee focuses on developing and disseminating alternative training resources for individuals who are not currently within academic settings. The general feeling was the more online programs that the committee could make available the better because it is a cheaper resource and would allow both national and international access. The need to make these interactive programs and to be designed with adult learning models in mind would be emphasized. The William Glasser website would be an important resource and gaining the ability to have links to other programs that have free online trainings would be sought. The plan for the year will be to start out with 10 resources on the partnership website and then keep adding books, audiovisual materials, and training programs as they become available.

CAAST/CAST Subcommittee, Victor Vieth (Chair)

Child Advocacy Studies and Child and Adult Advocacy Studies were discussed. At this time, CAST undergraduate and graduate programs are running in 34 institutions of higher education. At this time there is no funding and therefore professionals cannot be brought to Winona to attend the CAST training. Suggestions for seeking funding for training were discussed.

Recommendations/Next Steps

Specific feedback on each section of the National Plan Executive Summary was provided to Victor Vieth. The team was in support for increased attention to cultural factors, attention to training for professionals already in the field, and greater clarity in the prevention section as examples. For the more in-depth information provided in the lengthy National Plan, the team preferred the idea of a free access, set of online chapters to the idea of a violence handbook. A website, similar to WebMD, was recommended where each in-depth chapter, could be easily downloaded as well as easily updated. The general outline that had been shared at the NPEIV Board meeting on August 21st, for what topics to include as the initial offerings on the website was approved.

Mentoring Subcommittee, Bettye Mitchell (Chair)

Possible interactions between mentors and mentees could be at future NPEIV meetings as well as the IVAT Summit. Breakout sessions would provide a chance for hands on, experiential mentoring and to further connections within the program. Benefits resulting from this program are unmeasurable. NPEIV members carry a wealth of knowledge that would benefit mentees by providing access and resources unavailable outside of the mentoring program. Mentoring can take place in two forms: within the NPEIV membership and outside the membership. It would allow connections to be made cross-culturally, as well as internationally. The mentoring program could extend to university settings including mentees enrolled in Master's programs and higher education. With the help of current NPEIV members willing to provide mentorship, future leadership will flourish.

ACES Subcommittee, Charlie Pacello (Chair)

Plans for the Year 2015-2016

The ACES subcommittee will be creating an article for local community or college newspapers to be sent out to Action Team members Feb 15th for dissemination. Charlie will lead in the creation of the article with the entire subcommittee finalizing and distributing it to several different newspapers. This article will briefly outline ACES research and the impact of ACES exposure with Charlie weaving in his personal story to integrate personal experience and research.

Alternate Training Resources Subcommittee, Debra Wingfield (Chair)

Plans for the Year 2015-2016

Three tasks:

- 1) Get the 6 resources specifically identified by September 30th
- 2) Develop 19 more resources by the end of the year (25 total)
- 3) Getting these resources out to the public
 - 1) How do we get them to other professionals?
 - 2) How do we partner with other like-minded organizations?
 - 3) Getting our Action Team members to share these resources through their media platforms

6 Resources for the Newsletter - 1 resource for each of the newsletters for the year

- 1) Family court: One of Debra Wingfield's trainings <http://HouseOfPeacePubs.com/products.htm>
- 2) Military: Gail Soffer has a 2 hour presentation that can be videotaped (mindfulness with the military; exploring peace and violence) and can also put her website for her live work with military
- 3) Child sexual abuse: Diane Cranley has a book but also a free online training, violence prevention in youth serving organizations
- 4) Elder abuse: "in their own words" a training guidebook that has videos of victims talking about their experience, by national clearing house
- 5) Disabilities: training developed by Nora Baladerian
- 6) Peaceful parenting (choice theory): the William Glasser institute U.S.
 - Could have the William Glasser Institute publish these resources to its members:
 - Blog from the Glasser Institute could also publish some other resources
 - Robin Sax books for attorneys "when survivors give birth" for OBGYNs

CAAST/CAST Subcommittee, Victor Vieth (Chair)

Plans for the Year 2015-2016

- Within the next year, CAST/CAAST will be implemented in 50 new institutions
- Attend the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting on Oct. 31st, 2015 and have a CAST booth
 - Try to get CAST known in the public health setting
- Create marketing tools for people who want to implement CAST into their university or institution but need help marketing it to administrators.

Action Team #3: Practice

Goals

The Practice Action Team spent the opening portion with introductions, a review of the history of the Think Tank and our Action Team and team members in relation to our current goal focus (i.e. where we have been and where we are going). Members were given an outline and plan for the structure of the day. Feedback on the National Plan Executive Summary was solicited from participants. Karen Rich presented a PowerPoint on Trauma Informed Care (TIC) as a jumping off point for a discussion on what are barriers are to implementation of TIC in different service industries and how we overcome those obstacles. Our goal is to make specific recommendations to ground-level providers/practitioners on best practices that are supportive of TIC and ending interpersonal violence.

Recommendations/Next Steps

We discussed several key tasks to accomplish and achieve these objectives:

Provide Feedback for the National Plan

- Identify how to improve the delivery of mental health service to help end interpersonal violence
- Identify how mental health providers can more effectively collaborate with and serve as resources for other disciplines

Develop Policy Statements on How to Implement Trauma Informed Care across Multiple Disciplines

- Focus on identifying needed resources to support implementation

Feedback for the National Plan

- Recommendations for Integrated Care:
 - Integrating National Law Enforcement Organizations from both Top-Down and Bottom Up
 - Dissemination with Social Media
 - Develop Collaborative Approach with Therapist and Client
 - Bridge Gap among Clergy, Client, and Practitioners

Develop Policy Statements on How to Implement Trauma Informed Care

- Identify Stakeholders
- Identify Obstacles to Implementation
- Identify Resources for Implementation

Action Team # 4: Research

Goals

Our team recommitted to coordinating with Action Team 6 (Translation and Dissemination) to assist with the review of current research for the Violence Research Digest. Our second goal is to develop a pre-summit training on statistical analyses and research design. Our most significant goal this year is to design a system by which research teams and programs can find each other, identify needs and goals, and collaborate to advance their goals to provide service, advance research, and demonstrate effective outcomes. It seems that by sitting at a table collaboratively researchers and service providers will make the most progress in evaluating what works, for whom, and why.

Recommendations/Next Steps

We are adding our voice to a call for revising the National Plan to consistently reflect ethnic/cultural concepts in research and applied research. NPEIV is in an interesting state of change with both growth and fluid membership that offer opportunities for gains but also create challenges to action. We would like to see the Executive Committee explore creating an infrastructure for a list serve that would facilitate coordinated efforts in many areas (e.g. review research, disseminate findings, and generate cross-site projects.) We are taking immediate steps to produce guidelines for collaborations between research teams and program teams but soon we will need website space and design resources to generate capacity for professionals to be able to download templates and other documents as well as disseminate the project beyond NPEIV. We believe these efforts directly speak to the goals of NPEIV and may be unique to other

national resources. We will explore mechanisms for statistical workshops whether in a pre-summit training or during the IVAT Summit and Training Seminar is feasible.

Action Team # 5: Public Policy

Goals

The Public Policy Action Team reviewed the 20-page Executive Summary for the National Plan and made the following recommendations:

- 1) There needs to be an overarching Vision Statement for the Plan to create a foundation for all recommendations and practices that is rooted within an understanding of the context (culture, gender, age, human rights/dignity, etc.) for all persons with whom we work. There was consensus regarding the need to: incorporate key terminology that addresses current and historical oppression and unequal access to protection and services; build key terminology within the National Plan that addresses multiculturalism, and specifically culturally-sensitive training and implementation in the structure and content of the National Plan. Lastly, the National Plan needs to be malleable to the social ecological determinants of communities.
- 2) The group recommended that the content previously provided by Joyce Thomas on cultural tailoring be incorporated into the Plan. That content will be provided to Victor Vieth, Pearl Berman, and NPEIV board members for inclusion.
- 3) The Action Team agreed in principle with the five main topic areas in the Plan (Developing a Competent Workforce, Improving Medical and Mental Health Responses to Violence, Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Cases of Violence, Improving the Development and Delivery of Prevention Initiatives, and Improving Public Awareness, Public Policy, and Research) with the following recommendations:
 - a. The group recommended the action domains be re-ordered, with **prevention** as the first domain and **awareness** being the second. Empirical research validates the need to emphasize prevention first.
 - b. Developing a competent work force should include vocational training to ensure that staff at all levels and across all disciplines receive ongoing education and training to include culturally and linguistically appropriate service delivery.
 - c. Section III: Change the title, *Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Cases of Violence*, to **Justice System vs Criminal Justice**. The Action Team recommends that the Plan distinguish between practices and protocols in training and implementation by the Juvenile Justice System and the Criminal Justice System.
 - d. Section IV: Change the title from *Improving the Development and Prevention Initiatives* to **Reshaping Social Norms to Prevent Interpersonal Violence**. In addition, the group expressed the following concerns about the prevention section:
 - i. There is too much emphasis on child abuse with no discussion about other forms of interpersonal violence (IPV). This section should be expanded to include prevention at all levels and address all forms of IPV.
 - ii. The group recommended clearly framing the prevention section within a public health model as a major health issue.
 - iii. It was suggested that awareness about IPV and prevention should be expanded across/within all communities with an emphasis on changing social norms in conjunction with taking action.
 - iv. Underscoring the implications of intergenerational and vicarious trauma should be included. Among areas for further discussion, prevention should include ACEs within a medical paradigm and re-conceptualize trauma as a public health policy issue, with emphasis on health implications and financial burden to the individual and society across the lifespan.

- e. Section V: Improving Public Awareness, Public Policy and Research. The following recommendations were made:
 - i. Research should have its own section - followed by *Improving Public Awareness, Public Policy, and Practical Interventions*.
 - ii. Expand the research section and make connections to influence social norms, oppression, differential distribution, and prevalence of violence to research, policy, and practice.
 - iii. Translating current research for practitioners as well as defining additional research needs are both important. It was suggested that a paradigm shift to human rights would encourage translation from research to evidence-based strategies with improved implementation.
 - iv. Action team members endorsed building a section to identify objectives that intend to alter and inform public policy and practitioners' utility of findings and results, and pragmatic implications for treatment.
- f. To improve the National Plan's structure and content, the members recommended cross-discipline and cross-referencing throughout the Plan, with emphasis on environment, education, and social norms.
 - i. The following key terms need to be included or amended: culture, oppression, and human rights within the context of child abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, bullying, and stalking.
 - ii. Members proposed creating a template for each chapter to include specialization and cross-referencing between chapters and volumes. There is a need for a comprehensive, educational resource on Family Violence, and implications for social conflicts.

Goals and Objectives achieved in 2014-2015:

- 1) The sexual violence policy statement was approved at the August NPEIV board meeting. It was suggested that the working title be changed to "Sexual Violence/Abuse" for cross-discipline utility, specifically within the parameters of forensic pediatric guidelines and terminology.
- 2) The corporal punishment policy statement was drafted and has been reviewed by subject matter experts and the NPEIV board. Revisions were suggested and have been made. The goal is to have a revised version ready for review and approval at the September NPEIV board meeting.
- 3) Planning was started for a Congressional briefing on corporal punishment to be conducted potentially in November 2015.

Recommendations/Next Steps

- 1) Plan and execute a Congressional briefing on corporal punishment. Continue to network with congressional staff and key lawmakers, and possibly collaborate with other child-centered NGOs for sponsoring efforts.
- 2) Begin developing relationships with legislators at the Federal and state levels.
- 3) Create a template for policy statement position papers.
- 4) Complete the position paper on corporal punishment. Include the executive summary from the position paper and a bibliography in an information packet for the Congressional briefing along with information about NPEIV.
- 5) Write position papers for the sexual violence policy statement. Topics could include child sexual abuse, sexual assault of women and girls, sexual assault of men and boys, military sexual assault; and campus sexual assault. Each position paper would address cultural and human rights issues and address implications across the lifespan. There will be further discussion with the sexual violence policy statement working group to move forward with this work.
- 6) Operationalize how to connect with other action teams and effectively disseminate products.

Action Team # 6: Dissemination and Translation

Goals

Violence Research Digest

The goal of having an official rollout of the Violence Research Digest (VRD) at the 2015 Think Tank was partially met. We were able to provide the first edition with 3 articles, though the goal was to have a full edition consisting of 5 or 6 articles. An additional 3 articles are in the queue, needing practitioner commentaries before being ready for publication. This state of affairs led to discussion of goals and needs for the VRD in the coming year.

In addition to the specific goals listed, the Action Team considered the following issues in the continued development of the VRD.

- We need to recruit a large group of academic people to write the digested articles, and we need a large group of practitioners/policymakers to provide written commentaries on the value of the research summarized in digested articles for workers in the field. The importance of recruiting editorial board members that represent a broad diversity of expertise across multiple facets of violence and trauma was discussed.
- Dr. Chris Murphy outlined a template he is developing for producing digested articles in the context of seminars with undergraduate and graduate students. As this template evolves, he will share it with others to increase volume of submissions.
- Action Team (AT) 6 will work with the Research and Practice Action Teams to develop strategies for recruiting digested articles and practitioner/policymaker commentaries.
- AT 6 also discussed article format for the VRD. It was agreed that we should develop a formal format to ensure that manuscripts contain the information needed for optimal value to the reader. It was stressed that articles be balanced in terms of positives and constructive explication of study limitations, as well as taking care to not overinflate the implications of a single study.

The National Plan

Although AT 6 is willing to work to support the National Plan by publishing digested research that empirically supports key parts of it, the AT expressed concern throughout the Think Tank that many aspects of the plan are not grounded in current research, leading some to question the action team's role in the rollout of the National Plan. This concern was characterized as a fundamental conflict between two different world-views related to the plan development and dissemination - a legal view that is based on precedent and a scientific view that is based on evolving knowledge. We were not able to find an answer to the conflict at this Think Tank.

AT 6 also voiced concern about the number and specificity of the recommendations contained in the plan. This led to concern about the plan being too prescriptive, which could result in a) pushback by organizations and stakeholders who do not feel they were engaged in the development process and b) ignoring the Plan's recommendations, thus rendering NPEIV as irrelevant and non-credible. Consensus emerged that NPEIV would be better served by using a more general statement and leaving it to the field to develop the specific programs that support the plan. Consensus also developed that it would be advantageous for NPEIV to push policymakers and organizations to create policy and the framework that supports the overall goal of NPEIV.

Recommendations/Next Steps

Violence Research Digest

Goal 1: VRD will publish digested articles that provide empirical support for the National Plan, where such evidence exists.

Goal 2: VRD should be fully operational by 2016. We encourage engagement from other members of NPEIV to increase contributions to the journal and involvement in the goals of AT 6 to disseminate empirically based information.

Goal 3: Funding is needed to ensure the success of the VRD. Specifically, funding is needed for the following areas:

1. Support is needed for support staff.
2. The journal needs a new graphic for the website. We will need to hire a professional graphic artist to develop the new graphic.
3. The VRD needs website support to improve access to the journal in the most user-friendly manner possible. At present, access is clunky at best.
4. Funding is needed for legal consultation and review of our processes and potential areas of liability. Areas identified as needing assessment include legal defense in the event that someone threatens a legal suit if a digested article presents an author's work in a negative light, guarding against plagiarism, who has the liability - the journal, authors?, copyright release and related issues.

Action Team # 7: Global Peace

Goals

Logistics for Future Meetings and Chair Elect: The team agreed to bi-annual meetings at the August Summit in San Diego, CA and at the March Summit in Honolulu, HI. To facilitate communication between the team members, the team agreed to quarterly calls with the first being scheduled in late November/early December. Also, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng was proposed as Chair Elect based on her work with the U.S. Institute of Peace and the development of the Ceeds of Peace programming. She was unanimously approved as the Chair Elect for this team.

Implementation of the National Plan: Although this team began a discussion of the National Plan, concerns were expressed that the purpose of this new action team needed to be clarified. A brief critique of the National Plan was offered with respect to the absence of a feminist perspective or a gendered analysis of violence. Additionally, the team from the Pacific indicated that they would be working to implement the National Plan in the Pacific (primarily the U.S. jurisdictions of the Pacific) but would be revisiting gender violence and violence against women and other marginalized populations as part of the implementation analysis.

Recommendations/Next Steps

Proposed Purpose for Action Team: Co-chair Michael Levittan offered a proposed purpose for the Global Peace Action team (the full text of the proposed purpose was read to the group the morning of the Think Tank and is copied below) which would involve using the skills and expertise of NPEIV as a voice for reasoned solutions to international conflict. Anna Sokolova indicated she wanted to participate in this process if a subcommittee is formed as part of the Global Peace Action team to pursue this proposed outreach.

Specific Initiatives Proposed for the Global Peace Action Team: In the afternoon, each participant identified either specific concerns, proposed initiatives or an interest in collaboration based on the suggestions provided by other Think Tank participants. The participants suggested projects or research that

each is currently engaged in with a goal of expanding to international partners. We will be reviewing this at the first conference call scheduled next quarter to determine which projects would become subcommittees and which would simply be projects available for collaboration. Each of the 11 initiatives or suggestions below will be reviewed on the winter conference call to determine whether it is appropriately a sub-committee or simply a project of interest for the team. Michael's proposed purpose for the team will be the basis for a separate sub-committee or a separate action team.

1. Regional Collaborations in the Asia - Pacific region.
2. Collaborations Addressing Capacity in Russia and Central Asia/Eastern Europe.
3. Strategic Planning/Cross-Cultural and Behavioral Aspects of Global Business.
4. Reflections on poverty/abject poverty.
5. International/intercultural project for development of childhood narratives as a technique for preventing violence.
6. Linkages between faith partners, healers and professionals working to address violence.
7. Human Rights and Social Justice Statutory Frameworks.
8. Need for Gendered Analysis/Feminist perspectives on violence.
9. Collaborations in Africa/W. Africa.
10. Collaborations w Native American/Alaskan Native communities in the U.S.
11. Collaborations with partners in Europe.

The next face-to-face meeting of the annual Think Tank will take place August 27, 2016, just before the *21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma* in San Diego, CA. There, members will discuss the achievements, finalization of the *National Plan*, and next steps for implementing the *National Plan* and of the working Action Teams; additionally they will evaluate the progress and areas in need of support or of restructuring. *Action Team 7 will be meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i on March 30th, 2016 in addition to their quarterly conference calls.*