



March 2024 project report

Restorative justice responses for sexual and domestic violence

Commission members involved: Christina Byrne, Moonwater, Jessyca Murphy



The RJ work group is studying the [Creative Interventions Toolkit](#) for understanding of processes and practical tools, and planning a gathering to reconvene the participants in our 2019-2020 RJ and DV/SA learning series.



Improved community responses for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) and their families

Commission members involved: Beth Boyd, Tammy Cooper-Woodrich, Chris Kobdich, Jason McGill, Adrienne Renz, Chris Roselli, Krista Touros

The MMIWP steering committee will host a summit in 2024 to bring together government and organizational leaders to improve responses and resources in Whatcom County.



Case reviews of intimate partner violence cases to identify strengths and gaps in community response

Commission members involved: Starck Follis, Adrienne Renz, Eric Richey, Garret Shelsta, Katie Olvera, Christina Byrne

The case review team analyzed 3 intimate partner homicide cases in 2023 and has 3 more cases on the horizon for 2024. Numerous strengths and challenges have been identified, and agencies are implementing changes.



Enhance understanding of and interventions for criminalized survivors

Commission staff hosted a networking session for DVSAS advocates and public defenders in 2023. In March 2024, training was provided for the Blaine Police Department. Currently, we have started developing a flow chart to describe the criminal legal process for criminalized survivors. (Note: Two of the cases reviewed in 2023 involved criminalized survivors.)