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Carlene Pavlos, Director  
Division of Violence and Injury Prevention  
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RE: Great Wall Center Batterer Intervention Program

Dear Ms. Pavlos:

Following many lengthy discussions and a careful consideration of the Great Wall Center's finances and resources, our board voted to mutually terminate the contract with DPH and not to continue GWC's certification of a Batterer Intervention Program for Chinese people. GWC has several other projects assisting culturally and linguistically challenged people in the community that the Board wishes to continue or expand. The Board has concluded that GWC does not have the additional resources to continue with the BIP program at this time.

Despite GWC's efforts, we have been unable to attract a sufficient number of clients for a viable program. We note that statewide, only 6 Chinese people completed intakes in the last year. Half of them were served by GWC. Taking into consideration the varying dialects as well as the geographical size of Massachusetts, it is not practical to expect GWC to serve all Chinese people who complete intakes, even if the courts and DSS referred all 6 to GWC.

Furthermore, after attending several national conferences, it is clear that other Batterer Intervention models emphasize victim safety and cultural diversity to a greater extent than the Massachusetts' model. GWC's philosophy is more in alignment with models for community change that are being used in New York and parts of Maine.

As a result of these and many internal considerations, GWC respectfully asks that the contract be mutually terminated at this time and that GWC be removed from the certification lists. Perhaps in the future, GWC will approach DPH to implement a mutually beneficial Chinese Batterers Program that is both culturally appropriate and listens to the victims. Great Wall Center wishes to reserve its rights to all the materials developed for this project as allowed by implied and explicit DPH regulations.

We wish you well with the other programs that you oversee and thank you for the opportunity you provided to GWC in its attempt to create a Chinese BIP program in Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

Al Wing, President