The CCSV was established in June 2010 and charged with reporting to the Vice President for Student Affairs annually with a summary of its activities and recommendations to improve sexual violence response and prevention programs on campus. This report outlines major accomplishments of the CCSV during the 2013-14 academic year.

CCSV Activities

The CCSV met nine times (3 times per quarter) from October 2013 – June 2014. The CCSV listserv had 91 subscribers at the end of the academic year, including students, faculty, staff and community organization representatives. The average number of members in attendance at monthly CCSV meetings was twenty-one.

The CCSV Steering Committee (which consisted of representatives from the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness/CARE, the Women’s Center, NU Police Department, Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, University Sexual Harassment Prevention Office, New Student and Family Programs, and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life) disbanded in October 2013. The decision to disband was made due to the creation of the Title IX Coordinating Committee (chaired by USHPO) in March 2013 and the Sexual Misconduct Resource Team (chaired by CARE and the Women’s Center) in December 2013. These two new bodies included many of the members of the CCSV Steering Committee and covered many of the same topics. Activities of the CCSV will be coordinated by CARE, and reports from the Title IX Coordinating Committee and SMRT will be ongoing agenda items in CCSV meetings.

OVW Campus Grant Program

In September 2011, the CCSV was notified that Northwestern University had been awarded a three-year, $300,000 grant from the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The following grant-funded activities took place this year:

- Continued funding for full-time Coordinator of Sexual Violence Response Services and Advocacy
- Three marketing campaigns (fall, winter and spring quarters) designed to raise awareness of CARE’s services using posters, wallet cards, table tents, print ads, digital ads and social media. Approximately 5800 print materials (wallet cards and posters) were distributed
- NU staff attended three three-day OVW technical assistance and training institutes in June 2013, February 2014 and June 2014 and jointly developed strategic plans for revising our sexual misconduct policy and complaint investigation process; enhancing prevention programming for incoming students; and improving our coordinated community response team
- Two CARE staff were accepted into Praxis International’s Advocacy Learning Center, an 18-month course that combines on-site, online and self-guided study to enhance survivor advocates’ ability to create institutional change. As a result of this course, CARE formed a new student group, SPEAK for Change, whose purpose is to integrate survivors’ experiences and voices into the institutional change process at Northwestern
• A new community partnership was formed with the Center for Contextual Change to create and pilot a three-session behavior change program for NU students who are at risk of violating or have violated NU’s sexual misconduct policy

• CARE and NSFP collaborated to provide a new mandatory stand-alone, online pre-orientation program for incoming undergraduate students focused on sexual violence and bystander intervention called Agent of Change, which will debut in June 2014

• CARE and the Department of Campus Inclusion and Community continued to collaborate on the Step UP NU bystander intervention program, training more than 1000 students, faculty and staff in 2013-14, adding 34 Step UP facilitators, and printing 34 training manuals, 300 posters, 2500 pens, and 5000 laptop stickers with the program’s new logo

• In February 2014, the CCSV submitted a new application for a second three-year, $300K funding cycle of the Office on Violence Against Women Campus Grant Program. Major new initiatives proposed in this grant application include the creation of a new full-time position within CARE, the Coordinator of Men’s Engagement; expanding the Step UP bystander intervention program and other prevention initiatives; creating a social norms marketing campaign; and creating two task forces to explore sexual violence among Black and LGBTQ students at Northwestern. Grantees are expected to be notified in September 2014.

Utilization of Center for Awareness, Response and Education

During the 2011 fall quarter, the CCSV launched the Center for Awareness, Response and Education (CARE) as a centralized resource on campus for programs and services related to sexual violence prevention and response and healthy sexuality. From September 2011 to May 2012, CARE staff worked with 17 students who were survivors of sexual violence. From June 2012 to May 2013, CARE staff worked with 54 students, an increase of 231%. From June 2013 – May 2014, CARE staff worked with 78 students, an increase of 44% from the previous year. Since 2011, CARE has served a total of 137 unique students (some receive services for more than one academic year). Anonymous surveys of students who had utilized CARE services over the past year were conducted in May 2013, December 2013 and June 2014. A report of the survey results is attached.

New NU Sexual Misconduct Policy

Northwestern adopted a new Sexual Misconduct, Stalking, and Dating and Domestic Violence effective January 13, 2014. This comprehensive new policy was a result of collaboration between the CCSV and the Title IX Coordinating Committee and applies to all NU community members (students, faculty and staff).

Ongoing Projects

• The CCSV continues to work with OSCCR to revise NU’s process for investigating complaints of sexual assault, rape, stalking, and intimate partner violence. It is anticipated that a new process will be adopted by Fall Quarter 2014.

• The CCSV began revising its sexual violence response protocol in 2013, but put the process on hold until both the new sexual misconduct policy and the new complaint investigation process
could be finalized. We plan to resume work on revising our sexual violence response protocol in Fall Quarter 2014.

- Sexual Health and Assault Peer Educators (SHAPE) and Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS), peer education programs housed in CARE, had 78 members in 2014 and reached approximately 3,000 students during 48 large- and small-group educational programs.

- OVW grant funding for the full-time position of Coordinator of Sexual Violence Response Services and Advocacy will end in September 2014. Continued funding for this position will be supported by the NU Health Service beginning in October 2014.

Recommendations and Requests for the VPSA

- In its April 2014 report, *Not Alone*, the White House advises all campuses to conduct a climate survey in early 2015. The CCSV recommends that Northwestern conduct such a survey in February 2015 and hold a series of forums or other events to discuss the results with the campus community by June 2015.

Thank you for your support of the CCSV's ongoing efforts to make our campus a safer place for all Northwestern University community members.