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I. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Established in 1979, the Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW) is a regional research and resource center serving Arizona, New Mexico, Western Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, and Northwestern Mexico. SIROW has remained a leader in women's research, maintaining a regional network of 30 over campuses within the region. SIROW hosts a listserv, facilitates meetings, and publishes local - regional newsletters to foster communication, support, and collaboration across the campuses.

SIROW is housed within the Department of Women's Studies with approximately 15 - 20% of the SIROW personnel located on the University campus. SIROW has four off-campus community based research sites (three in Tucson and one in Tempe (Phoenix), Arizona). SIROW projects are primarily located in Pima County, Arizona, but also include projects that focus on the US - Mexican border, states located in the SIROW region as well as a few projects outside the region. SIROW researchers and Women's Studies faculty meet and work together, each informing the other regarding issues pertinent to gender issues and specifically the lives of women and girls. SIROW also works collaboratively with other University of Arizona colleges and departments along with numerous community-based organizations, schools, Indian tribes and governmental agencies.

II. CURRENT PROFILE

SIROW is a research institute housed within the Department of Women's Studies which is part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Laura Briggs served as Interim Department Head of Women's Studies for the spring and summer sessions, and Dr. Yolanda Broyles Gonzalez served as Department Head for the fall semester. Dr. Sally Stevens has been the Executive Director of SIROW since 2004 and she continues to serve in that position. SIROW's mission and goals include:

SIROW Mission: Develop, conduct, and disseminate inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaborative research, education and outreach projects of importance to the diverse groups of women and girls in southwestern U.S. and northwestern Mexico.

SIROW Goals:

- To develop collaborative feminist research focusing on southwestern problems or populations of interest to scholars in the southwest
- To identify, coordinate, and disseminate research on women, girls and gender issues
- To provide advocacy for women and girls by linking researchers with community organizations and policy makers
- To support equality for women in the workforce and conduct research on women and gender in the work environment
- To provide gender-specific research and services on health related issues
- To support graduate, undergraduate, and K-12 education about and for women and girls
- To examine women's contribution to literature, the arts, and southwest heritage

Strengths of SIROW include networking with a dedicated, committed, and diverse group of experienced researchers; maintaining the support of its mission from the College and the Department; developing an international and local reputation; a long history of fostering community collaborations and networks across the region and throughout the United States; and its emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches. Weaknesses within SIROW originate externally and include challenges of sustainability given a small state budget, the lack of continuing lines for faculty researchers, and the lack of support staff. These strengths and weaknesses act as both facilitators and barriers to success.

Opportunities stemming from the implementation of SIROW's mission include: 1) external funding for research grants and contracts particularly given the multi-disciplinary nature of the SIROW research agenda, 2) partnerships with business and fundraising opportunities – particularly for SIROW's Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program, and 3) additional funding opportunities stemming from SIROW's focus on the US - Mexican border - a priority research area for the University.

SIROW is not a teaching unit within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. However, SIROW has contributed to teaching in many ways, including: presentations/teaching in classrooms, student forums, and symposiums; hiring and supervising graduate research assistants on state and externally funded projects; serving on student thesis and doctoral committees; providing internships and volunteer experience for students; and overseeing a North American exchange program for graduate and undergraduate students.

With regard to research, scholarship and creative expression, SIROW has a substantial research program which brought in approximately 2.5 million dollars in external funding in 2007. Funding is somewhat diverse thus allowing SIROW to respond with some flexibility to changes in national, state and local priorities without substantial negative impact on research awards. In addition, SIROW researchers have contributed to the advancement of social science, in both scholarship and creative expression, through professional publications; professional presentations (both submitted and invited); workshop facilitation; development of program-specific manuals; creation of educational websites; and community contributions including project collaborations, presentations and trainings.

Outreach is one of SIROW's hallmark strengths. SIROW researchers work with numerous community based agencies, governmental entities, schools, and other organizations. Many of SIROW's funded research projects include "action" components in which services are delivered within the community and involve people who are typically marginalized, experience disparities and are underserved. SIROW has four off-campus research sites in diverse Tucson and Tempe (Phoenix) communities for easier access for those whom the projects serve. SIROW researchers provide trainings for other institutions and organizations located in Arizona, the southwest region, and throughout the United States

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Previous Year's Goals, Progress, and Unanticipated Developments

During the fall semester of 2004, SIROW researchers developed a 5-Year Strategic Plan which has been slightly modified over the past three years. During 2006, the Strategic Plan was altered to include: Goal # 2-e, "work with the Women's Studies Department to develop a "women's center," given the new and larger campus building space at 1443 E. 1st Street. It was anticipated that the new space would provide a valuable opportunity to host lectures and presentations, activities, a study lounge and so on for both students and faculty across the U of A campus. However, following notification that the space would not be permanent, the Strategic Plan was again modified eliminating the "women's resource center" goal. This slightly revised five year strategic plan includes several goals and actions, timeframes for completion, and specifies the person(s) responsible. The 2007 calendar year corresponds to Year 3 of SIROW's 5-year strategic plan.

For the most part, SIROW researchers were able to achieve Year 3 goals outlined in SIROW's Strategic Plan. Below is a modified version of the plan which includes the goals and action plans along with SIROW's accomplishments during the 2007 calendar year.

1. To expand SIROW's network of researchers and scholars within the SIROW region.

Actions include a) the Executive Director organizing and attending the Regional Heads and Directors meeting (Year 1-5), b) revising the Regional Heads and Directors meeting agenda to better fit the needs of regional institutions and to increase attendance (Years 2-5), c) increasing a sense of partnership by continuing to include other institutions' news in SIROW's regional newsletters, website and other activities (Years 2-5), d) developing a collaborative project (e.g. faculty development; research meeting; conference) for regional participants (Year 3 - 4), e) redesigning SIROW's main website and creating specialized websites (e.g. women's health along the border, the North American Student Exchange Program) that are of interest to SIROW's regional partners (Years 1-5).

Accomplishments during 2007 included SIROW's hosting of the Regional Heads and Directors meeting at the University of Arizona in Tucson. This year SIROW was also able to sponsor the meeting – covering a substantial amount of the costs for attendees. The meeting agenda was again revised based on feedback about the 2006 meeting. Outreach to other institutions within the region was ongoing throughout 2007 and invited feature and other stories were included in SIROW's regional newsletters. Given that SIROW was in the process of developing a new website, little new information was added to the SIROW website during this reporting period.

2. To increase SIROW visibility within the University, locally, nationally and internationally.

Actions include a) SIROW researchers participating on University, community, national and international committees and boards (Years 1-5), b) the redesign of SIROW's main website for ease of accessibility and informational purposes (Years 1-5), c) sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference on a bi-annual basis (Years 2 and 4), d)

convening and supporting SIROW's research scholars group, e) work with the Women's Studies Department to develop a "women's center" (Years 2-5), and f) engaging in additional activities to promote visibility (Years 3-5).

Achievements towards this goal during 2007 calendar year included a number of new committee memberships locally, statewide, and nationally by SIROW researchers; contracting for and work on the redesign of SIROW's main website (to be launched in spring, 2008); Conference Chair (oversight), fundraising, and sponsorship of an international conference – the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE) to be held in Washington DC in March, 2008); support and expansion of the SIROW scholars research group; and additional activities - such as nominations of personnel for various awards, working with the Women's Studies Department in the hosting of activities to increase SIROW's visibility. The newly identified goal of developing a "women's center" with members of the Department of Women's Studies was terminated upon notification that the Women's Studies/SIROW building would not be permanent.

3. To increase SIROW's external research funding and base institutional fiscal support.

Actions include a) developing new interdisciplinary projects with new collaborators with a goal of three new project collaborations per year (years 1-5), b) developing new funding entities to diversify SIROW's external funding opportunities by one per year (Years 1- 5), c) updating business practice and grant administration procedures and manuals to increase organizational capacity, productivity, and accountability (Year 2 and review annually), d) developing fundraising activities to increase private donations for various SIROW projects (Years 2-5), and e) finding funding to recruit and hire a grant writer (years 2-5).

Achievements include the development of new externally funded research collaborations. New collaborations include: 1) Primavera Foundation – partnering on an HIV/STD prevention project "Herstory to Health", 2) numerous schools and schools districts in Arizona partnering on a non-traditional career education training program, 3) Westat, Mayatech, NIH, SAMHSA, Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati on a national conference, and 4) American Friends Service Committee have also been added to our externally funded research program, including the State of Arizona, Westat, Vital Projects Fund, and Yale University. Business practices have improved with new systems and tracking forms in place for all SIROW state accounts and for all externally funded research projects. Fundraising, while challenging given lack of personnel and resources to conduct the work, has progressed. Substantial dollars were raised for the WISE program and the JMATE conference. A grant writer was not hired as money from SIROW's indirect budget was spent on SIROW operational expenses and personnel.

III-A Build a World-Class and Diverse Academic Community at the Forefront of Discovery

SIROW continues to be a role model for other units at the University with regard to cultural diversity and inclusiveness goals. SIROW employs several classifications of personnel (i.e. faculty, academic professionals, classified staff, and students). As of

December, 2007 current employees included 90% women, and 50% were from minority backgrounds. In addition during this time period there was representation of those from diverse sexual orientations along with representation of those who experience disabilities. This diversity contributes to the overall enhancement of SIROW and its capacity to achieve its mission and goals.

In December, 2007 SIROW had one paid faculty, four academic professionals, 20 classified staff, four graduate research assistants and eight non-paid research affiliates. The one faculty is a white female. Of the four academic professionals, all (100%) were women and two (50%) were from minority backgrounds. Of the 20 classified staff, 17 (85%) were female and ten (50%) were from minority backgrounds. Of the four graduate research assistants, all (100%) were female and two (50%) were from a minority background. Retention has been good with terminations only within the classified staff and as planned among the graduate research assistants.

All SIROW projects pay strong attention to multicultural issues. This policy and practice has been part of SIROW programs since the unit was founded. SIROW has three community-based research sites in Tucson: 1) SIROW Central (near the corner of Tucson and Broadway in Tucson), 2) Mujer Sana (approximately one mile south on downtown at 19th Street and S. 6th Avenue, 3) SIROW-North (two miles north of the University) and a fourth site located in Tempe, Arizona. On-campus projects such as WISE focus on minority female students while other on-campus projects include a focus on K-12 gender and ethnic equity, K-12 non-traditional careers, the status of women in Southern Arizona, and US-Mexico border issues including women's immigration detention facilities and the rights of women workers.

III-B Increase Student Engagement, Achievement, Retention, and Graduation Rate

Although not a teaching unit, SIROW has contributed to through SIROW researchers speaking in classrooms, student forums, and symposiums; hiring and supervising graduate research assistance on state and externally funded projects; serving on student thesis and doctoral committees; providing internships and volunteer experience for students; and overseeing a North American exchange program for both graduate and undergraduate students. In addition, many of the funded research and service grants are focused on enhancing education for underserved groups at the University as well as within community colleges, and K-12 public, charter and alternative schools.

III-C Extend the Concepts of a Land-Grant University to Position the University of Arizona, Across all Colleges, as a Model for Linking Scholarship and Creative and Community Needs

SIROW projects build a firm foundation upon which the University can advance its expanded land-grant vision. SIROW develops and conducts interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research projects that focus on the needs and concerns of women and girls in the southwestern US and US-México border region. Collaborations are in place with

several UA colleges, departments within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, other UA centers and institutes, and Campus Health. In addition, during the 2007 calendar year, at minimum, SIROW collaborated with over 50 community based agencies, health departments, tribal governments, criminal justice institutions, community colleges, school districts, numerous K-12 schools and other entities.

Areas of research interest include gender, health, family, sexuality, education, employment, public policy, cultural diversity, history, and issues that impact diverse groups of women within the US - Mexico border area. Research activities are driven by multidisciplinary theoretical perspectives with the utilization of both qualitative and quantitative methods. Importantly, selected research methods employed are typically driven by approaches congruent with women lives such as feminist methods, participatory action research, and social ecology.

SIROW's 2007 Externally Funded Projects:

1. HerStory to Health: A Woman's HIV, STD, Hepatitis B and C, and Mental Health Drug Treatment Enhancement and Program Expansion Project

Funded by SAMHSA- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; October 2007 – September 2012; \$500,000 annually. HerStory to Health: A Woman's HIV, STD, Hepatitis B and C, and Mental Health Drug Treatment Enhancement and Program Expansion Project is a collaboration with the Pima County Health Department, The Haven's Mother and Child residential drug treatment program for women, pregnant women, and women with children, and Primavera Foundation's four programs for homeless women: 1) Casa Paloma's Drop-in Hospitality, 2) Casa Paloma Transitional Housing, 3) Five Points Transitional Housing, and 4) Relief & Referral. HerStory to Health is a comprehensive, gender specific, and culturally competent HIV, STD, and Hepatitis B and C prevention and mental health enhancement that targets Latinas and African American women enrolled in The Haven, in Primavera's four programs, and through street outreach to homeless women at risk for HIV and other health compromising infections. HerStory to Health will serve 600 women over five years. The primary goals are to: 1) expand services by 15 per year for homeless women in Pima County, 2) provide *SIROW-Health Education for Women (HEW)* curriculum to women enrolled in HerStory, 3) increase women's ability to abstain from sex and negotiate safe sex (if not abstinent), 4) increase the number of women and their partners who receive Rapid HIV testing, and increase the number of women who receive onsite STD and Hepatitis B and C testing, 5) increase the number of women who learn about and receive Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and mental health services, 6) provide program performance assessment (e.g., GPR) and evaluation (i.e., attendance compliance, baseline and follow-up assessments, client satisfaction, outcomes, and technical transfer), and 7) disseminate information (e.g., publication, presentations, website) about the project. HerStory is a 12-week program of 6 group sessions, 7 individual sessions, incorporating a grief and loss/trauma mental health component. The evaluation includes a baseline, 3-month (Discharge) and 6-month follow-up, and related activities. A participatory process allows clients, and clinical and evaluation staff input into the interpretation of project results.

2. Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Nontraditional Recruitment and Retention for Secondary Schools

Funded by the Arizona Department of Education; October 2007 – September 2008; \$60,000 annually. SIROW offers this Nontraditional Recruitment and Retention Program to Arizona secondary schools in partnership with the ADE. The program provides gender equity and nontraditional (NT) career education workshops, training and classes statewide for both secondary school educators and students. Services include: 1) providing Career and Technical Education (CTE) professional development opportunities and resources to secondary school educators in Arizona; 2) coordinating nontraditional events with other partners that provide opportunities for students to participate in nontraditional academic, technological and vocational experiences; 3) providing information and workshops to schools and students that will increase enrollment in CTE courses that lead to nontraditional careers. The pedagogical techniques employed include: 1) administration of in-person NT CTE recruitment and retention workshops and seminars, and 2) administration of two online Distance-Learning courses that are entitled “ADE NT 101” and “ADE NT 102”. Through these project activities, SIROW assist middle and high school teachers, counselors and CTE directors in increasing enrollment in NT CTE classes throughout the state. In conjunction with ADE requirements, SIROW serve as the statewide coordinator of information on both gender equity and NT CTE employment and training opportunities.

3. The Status of Women in Southern Arizona: Indicators of Equity and Opportunity

Funded by the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona; August 2007 – March 2008; \$15,000. The purpose of The Status of Women in Southern Arizona project is to identify and quantify information about the status of women and girls in Santa Cruz, Cochise and Pima counties. The final report will assist in determining areas of focus for strategic initiatives and grant-making for the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona and to serve as an ongoing, regional resource for information on the needs of women & girls in Southern Arizona. Data sources from over 100 data bases were mined to develop indicators in the areas of health, economic status, education, demographics, political participation and leadership, and justice issues. It is anticipated this report will be published and available to public in March of 2008.

4. Vital Projects Fund: Protecting Women’s Rights at the Border

Funded by the Vital Projects Fund; February 2007 - January 2008; \$ \$25,000. Protecting Women’s Rights at the Border is a multi-faceted research, education, and advocacy project to protect women’s human and civil rights in the U.S./Mexico border region. It has three components: 1) *Tucson Women Workers’ Center* which provides low-wage immigrant women workers with a place to receive information, legal advice and counseling about their workplace rights, and conducts documentation and advocacy efforts to improve working conditions in domestic and care-giving occupations; 2) *Campaign for Women in*

Immigration Detention which conducts research to inform a report on the conditions facing women in immigration detention facilities in Arizona, in order to advocate for responsive measures by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the United States Congress; and 3) *Citizenship and Society Seminar/Advocacy Workshop*: which involves law students in each of the two advocacy initiatives, and through discussion and readings place the initiatives in the context of historical and current perspectives, policies, and caselaw regarding the human and civil rights of noncitizens in American society.

5. Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale: Tucson Women Workers' Project

Funded by the Initiative for Public Interest at Yale; April 2007 – March 2008; \$15,000. The Tucson Women's Worker Project provides low-wage women workers with legal information, advice, and counseling about their employment rights. It also offers outreach, education, and advocacy in order to improve the working conditions in occupations in which low-wage women workers, particularly immigrant women, predominate. The Project has three major components: 1) *Walk-in clinic*: on one evening each week, women workers can receive confidential legal advice and counseling about their workplace rights. Students from the UA law school and a rotating group of volunteer attorneys staff the clinic. Staff are trained to respond to questions about employment matters including wage and hour violations, race and sex discrimination, sexual harassment, disability and unemployment benefits, and workers' compensation. In some cases, staff provides women with ongoing support and assistance outside clinic hours; in other cases, they offer referrals to a network of attorneys and organizations interested in providing pro bono or reduced fee representation; 2) *Outreach, trainings, and education*: law students and trained community members offer "know your rights" presentations to groups of women workers in the Tucson community introducing them to basic employment law concepts. For women interested in learning more, further workshops and trainings on specific employment topics and advocacy skills (leadership development, negotiation) are available, and 3) *Research, Documentation, and Public Advocacy*: before discussing an individual's specific employment question at the clinic, staff guide her through an in-take form with questions about the conditions of her employment. Using this information, SIROW will issue a series of reports on the conditions of women workers in Tucson providing a foundation for public awareness and advocacy campaigns.

6. Project DAP (Determining Another Path)

Funded by the SAMHSA - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; October 2006 – September 2011; \$500,000 annually. Project DAP is a collaboration between SIROW, the Arizona Children's Association (AzCA), and the Pima County Health Department (PCHD). Project DAP will serve 400 youth over five years by expanding and enhancing services to youth who are enrolled in AzCA's 1) La Cañada substance abuse treatment program in Tucson, AZ and 2) Youth Adult Transition Living program (YATL) in Sierra Vista, AZ. Services are being expanded by providing 10 additional residential treatment slots at La Cañada each year for a total of 50 youths in residential treatment over the life of the project. Services are being enhanced by providing health education using the

SIROW – Health Education for Youth curriculum (SIROW-HEY). SIROW-HEY covers topics such as 1) puberty, reproductive/sexual anatomy and physiology, 2) HIV/AIDS, 3) STIs, 4) safer sex protection methods, and 5) relationships. HIV and STI testing services will be offered and provided to youth by trained communicable disease investigators from PCHD. Services are also being expanded by providing continuing care services to youth following residential treatment using the Assertive Continuing Care (ACC) protocol. A participatory evaluation process is incorporated into each component of Project DAP so that adolescents and their caregivers as well as clinical staff are provided opportunities to provide recommendations for improvements and preservations within each component (recruitment, clinical, and evaluation).

7. Proyecto de las Mariposas (Las Mariposas)

Funded by SAMHSA - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; October 2006 – September 2009; \$300,000 annually. SIROW in collaboration with Compass Health Care (CHC) is implementing an outpatient treatment program for adolescents and their caregivers that is using the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (ACRA) as well as the Assertive Continuing Care models of treatment and continuing care. Las Mariposas will identify, motivate, engage, and treat a total of 180 youth and 180 (at minimum) caregivers over three years. The primary purpose of Las Mariposas is to increase capacity for adolescent substance abuse treatment as well as provide a continuum of care using the proven effective models ACRA/ACC. To accomplish this the proposed project 1) utilizes the youth led theatrical group, Clean and Sober Theater (CAST) to assist with identification, motivation, and recruitment of adolescents in need of treatment to Las Mariposas, 2) participates in trainings and ongoing fidelity monitoring to ensure that the ACRA/ACC models so that well-implemented evidence based services are provided to youth and their caregivers, and 3) conducts a process and outcome evaluation so that evidence about ACRA/ACC's effectiveness are examined within a culturally diverse population in the Southwestern United States. A participatory process is incorporated into each component of Las Mariposas so that adolescents and their caregivers, clinical, and evaluation staff are provided opportunities to provide recommendations for improvements and preservations within each component (recruitment, clinical, and evaluation).

8. Family Drug Court

Funded by SAMHSA – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment through the Pima County Juvenile Court Center; September 2006 -September 2009; \$300,000 annual total with \$69,000 annually to SIROW. The purpose of Pima County Family Drug Court is to improve outcomes for clients' including, graduation rates, completion of treatment, and family reunification. This is accomplished by providing treatment for trauma, improving clinical supervision through the addition of a Drug Court Coordinator, and increasing awareness of the special needs of this population gained through cross-training. SIROW's previous evaluation of Pima County Family Drug Court identified many positive outcomes including significantly higher rates of engagement in and completion of drug and alcohol treatment by drug court clients as compared to the general population of parents in the CPS system, higher rates of family reunification and less time to permanency for drug court clients' children. With the support of key stakeholders from

Child Protective Services and the local treatment community, the Pima County Family Drug Court has expanded from providing drug court services to clients from one zip code to the entire county, and established a number of partnerships with local agencies to provide wraparound services to Family Drug Court clients. The purpose of the evaluation of this project is to answer some of the questions that were left unanswered from the previous project (e.g. What services are most critical to clients? What is the level of client satisfaction? Why does Drug Court work for some, but not for others?). This evaluation will consist of interviews with participants to determine their level of satisfaction and success as participants in Family Drug Court. This study will assist Family Drug Court stakeholders to make the necessary changes to improve the success of participants and improve the sustainability of the Family Drug Court program.

9. The UA-ADVANCE Program: Eradicating Subtle Discrimination in the Academy

Funded by the National Science Foundation; August 2006 – July 2011; \$660,000 annually; SIROW portion for 1st year = \$30,000. The goal of ADVANCE is to increase the participation of women in the scientific and engineering workforce through the increased representation and advancement of women in academic scientific and engineering careers. The award will allow the UA to build on more than a decade of intensive work at the UA to identify and address equity issues for faculty. ADVANCE has three major themes: (1) fostering the scientific and leadership careers of women, (2) promoting responsibility for equity among faculty and administrators, and (3) equipping the institution for sustainable transformation. The program, focused in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) areas, is initiating a series of activities including distinguished lectureships, interdisciplinary grant competitions, education on the role that subtle discrimination and unconscious bias plays in the hiring, promotion, and retention of tenure-track faculty, and is developing a unique software program to promote more equitable decision making in the University environment. In addition to the activities, ADVANCE also has a significant research component focused on the issue of gender equity in the academy. While each of the three Workgroups included in the ADVANCE project have an internal evaluation component, SIROW serves as the “external evaluator” for the first year of the ADVANCE - complimenting the evaluations conducted by the workgroups.

10. Mujer Sana, Mujer Saludable: Spanish Language HIV & STD Prevention for Latinas

Funded by the Stocker Foundation; March 2006 - March 2007; \$6,000; and funded by the Women’s Studies/SIROW Fellowship Award; Spring Semester, 2008; \$6,000. In each of two phases Mujer Saludable will translate an innovative HIV/STD, female-centered health curriculum from English to Spanish, and, 2) provide this curriculum to 16 to 20 primarily Spanish speaking women, enrolling them in one of two cohorts. Each cohort will participate in five 2-hour group sessions which will 1) increase knowledge of anatomy, 2) increase knowledge of HIV, 3) increase knowledge of STDs, 4) increase knowledge of TB and Hepatitis B and C, 5) increase understanding of the link between drug use, sexual risk behavior, and HIV and other infectious diseases, 6) increase understanding of how a

woman's life context (i.e., culture, gender roles, peer and significant other relationships) impacts HIV and other health-related risk behaviors, 7) increase ability to negotiate safe sex, 8) increase the number of women who receive HIV, STD, TB, and Hepatitis B and C testing/treatment/immunizations by offering referrals for health testing, and 9) provide program evaluation (i.e., attendance compliance, baseline interview, pre/post tests, and participant satisfaction and feedback).

11. Cornerstone Project: Gender Specific Sexual Health Curriculum for Adolescents

Funded by the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona through the Arizona's Children Association (AzCA); October 2005 – July 2008; \$15,000 annually. SIROW is working with AzCA to implement a gender component into their Cornerstone Program. Cornerstone is an adolescent (ages 12-17) outpatient substance abuse treatment program. Each week SIROW personnel facilitate two separate groups in which participants gather to learn about gender issues as they pertain to drugs, crime, sexuality, and relationships. Gender issues are discussed from social, cultural, and historical perspectives. Each session includes interactive, didactic, and reflective education strategies. The curriculum is designed so that youth can enter into the gender specific component at any time. That is, each curriculum can stand on its own without information from a previous session. An evaluation is conducted to look at issues of femininity/masculinity and perception changes. Data collection time periods consists of a pre (prior to entering the gender component) and a post (upon completion of the gender component).

12. West Regional Equity Assistance Center (WREN) – Region IX Equity Assistance Center

Funded by United States Department of Education through the UA College of Education. September 2005 – September 2008; \$670,000 annual total with \$71,000 annually to SIROW. The West Regional Equity Network (WREN), located within the UA - College of Education, serves as the Region IX Equity Assistance Center. The major goals of the WREN Center are to (1) help public schools and school districts address disparities in student achievement, and (2) promote equal access to education, programs, and services regardless of race, sex, and national origin. The WREN Center serves schools and school districts in Arizona, California, and Nevada by providing professional development, technical assistance, and information dissemination. SIROW collaborates with the WREN Center by evaluating the programs, services, and activities that the Center provides to customers in its region. The resources employed by the Center are nationally significant and aligned with the goals and requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

13. Project CHAT (Campus Health Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment)

Funded by SAMHSA - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; July 2005 – June 2008; \$493,000 annual total with \$125,000 annually to SIROW. Project CHAT is a collaboration between UA Campus Health Service and SIROW. Project CHAT is aimed at increasing alcohol and other drug treatment within a university health services center through: 1)

brief screening; 2) brief intervention and referral by CHS providers and 3) increased provision of more intensive screening, intervention and referral for treatment. Campus Health Service conducts a two-session intervention utilizing the Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) protocol. SIROW evaluators collect data on: 1) increased number of providers using motivational interviewing to provide a brief intervention; 2) increased referrals to treatment by providers and self-referral from baseline through implementation; 3) increased student referrals who enter treatment (including BASICS) and 4) individual reductions in AOD use and related problems among students receiving BASICS or other treatment through the project, measured through baseline and 3, and 6-month follow-up surveys. Project CHAT will enroll 390 students over the three-year project span.

14. Project SAFE

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education; July 2005 – June 2007; \$195,000 annual total with \$50,000 annually to SIROW Project SAFE is a collaboration between UA Campus Health Service and SIROW. The aim of Project SAFE is to integrate individual and environmental strategies to prevent high-risk drinking among first-year students. Through baseline, discharge, and 3-month follow-up surveys, SIROW is evaluating how reductions in high-risk drinking may be achieved by: 1) providing mandatory online screening and immediate personal feedback to all incoming freshmen; 2) testing the efficacy of an online vs. class diversion program for students with alcohol infractions; 3) providing cognitive-behavioral skills training, norms clarification and motivational enhancement to students receiving a second alcohol infraction; 4) correcting misperceptions of UA student's AOD use and behavioral norms through a campus-wide social norms media campaign; 5) increasing knowledge about alcohol related policies, laws and safer consumption; 6) limiting access and availability of alcohol to all first-year and underage students through law enforcement and community partnerships and 7) disseminating findings through meetings and publications.

15. Women, Commerce and Community in the Old Pueblo

Funded by the Southwestern Foundation of Southern Arizona; January 2005 – May 2007; \$5,000. The purpose of the project is to gather data that would be useful to a variety of public history initiatives that will result from the Rio Nuevo project being implemented by the City of Tucson and associated projects. There is concern that the existing archives of information on women's lives and contributions to Tucson's community and commercial development do not provide adequate information for interpretive planning. In an effort to insure that women's achievements and contributions are not overlooked in this new development initiative, the Southwestern Foundation has funded SIROW to begin a project to document and disseminate information on women's roles in commerce and community development in downtown Tucson. Much of this information will be collected through taped interviews with Women entrepreneurs, descendants of these women, and community members. Dissemination activities will include a traveling exhibit with copies of the exhibit, including interview transcripts, photographs, and research findings to be archived at the UA library as well as SIROW offices.

16. Women’s Human Rights, Citizenships, and Identities in a North American Context

Funded by the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education through the University of Cincinnati; August 2004 – July, 2008. Average annual total of \$51,000 with an average of \$14,000 annually to SIROW. This is a collaborative project between six universities; two universities in Mexico; two in the United States and two universities in Canada. The purpose of the project is to support student exchanges and two summer institutes. The exchanges will occur during the fall and spring semesters with participating students from all three countries (Mexico, United States, Canada). The summer institutes will be co-taught by faculty from the six institutions during the summer of 2006 (in Canada) and in 2007 (Mexico) with students from all three countries.

17. Eon: Capacity Enhancement to Improve and Integrate Culturally Relevant Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Services

Funded by SAMHSA - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment through the Pima County Health Department; October 2003 – September 2008; \$500,000 annual total with \$115,000 to SIROW. EON-Prism, a collaboration of the five agencies is a substance abuse capacity expansion effort that offers culturally specific substance abuse treatment, HIV/AIDS, and support services to GLBT youth of color and their multi-ethnic peers.

SIROW was contracted to provide the evaluation component. The goals for the project are to increase availability of culturally responsive substance abuse treatment and HIV prevention/intervention services for GLBT youth of color and their multi-ethnic peers, increase the number of GLBT youth of color and their multi-ethnic peers who access and utilize substance abuse prevention/intervention services, expand and support an integrated support system for GLBT youth of color and their multi-ethnic peers, support internal asset development of GLBT youth of color, and increase the number of GLBT youth of color who access HIV/AIDS prevention/care services, including HIV anti-body counseling and testing.

18. Mujer Sana/Healthy Woman

Funded by SAMHSA - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; October 2002 - September 2008; \$500,000 annually. Mujer Sana ~ Healthy Women is a five-year HIV, STD, TB and Hepatitis B and C Drug Treatment Enhancement conducted in collaboration between SIROW, three residential drug treatment programs for women, pregnant women, and women with children (Amity’s Circle Tree Ranch, CODAC’s Las Amigas, and The Haven’s Mother and Child Program), and the Pima County Health Department (PCHD). Together they deliver a culturally competent and gender-sensitive HIV, STD, TB, and Hepatitis B and C curriculum and offer voluntary testing services to substance involved women recruited through outreach efforts or enrolled in the three residential drug treatment programs all located in Pima County (Tucson) Arizona. During the five year project (2002-2007) The Mujer Sana enhancement project will serve a total of 1044 women. The majority of the women are from minority backgrounds with the largest minority group

being Mexican-origin Hispanic. Most of the women have children, come from economically disenfranchised backgrounds, and have extensive histories of drug use and high risk drug and sex behaviors. The Mujer Sana curriculum consists of five group sessions, five individual sessions, and an on-site HIV, STD, TB and Hepatitis B and C testing/treatment/referral component along with evaluation activities. A participatory process is incorporated into the project so that clients, as well as clinical and evaluation staff have input into the interpretation of results.

19. Conexiones Sanas – Healthy Connections

Funded by SAMHSA - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; October 2002 - September 2007; \$5,000 annually. This five-year project provides an innovative, age-appropriate HIV, STD, TB and Hepatitis B and C enhancement component to augment - but not limited to - EMPACT-SPC's Teen Substance Abuse Treatment (TSAT) and Drug Diversion Program (DDP) adolescent drug treatment programs, and Spectrum Health System's adolescent treatment program, and Arizona's Children's Association's (AZCA) La Canada adolescent treatment program. The project evaluates treatment enhancement outcomes for substance abuse treatment programs. To accomplish this, SIROW works collaboratively with the treatment programs to enroll and follow 500 youth. The enhancement includes three group sessions, four individual sessions and a disease testing, treatment and referral component. Collaboration with the Maricopa County Health Department (MCHD) and the Pima County Health Department (PCHD) allow for the HIV, STD, TB and Hepatitis B and C testing component. The Conexiones Sanas evaluation consists of a baseline assessment, two [3- and 6-mo. right] follow-up assessments, a process evaluation, and a client satisfaction survey.

20. Development of a Cooperative Drug and Alcohol Treatment System for Youth: Step Forward Project

Funded by SAMHSA – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment through CODAC Behavioral Health Services; April 2002 - March 2007; \$800,000 annual total with \$155,000 annually to SIROW. The Step Forward project goals are to establish an infrastructure for substance abuse services which provide a coordinated continuum of care to effectively intervene with substance abusing youth and their families throughout Pima County, Arizona. The evaluation has two main components; a process and outcome evaluation. Youth are assessed at baseline on a number of variables (e.g. criminality, substance use, mental health) and are followed after treatment every three months out to one year. In addition the project examines policy implications with regard to a system of care for adolescent substance abuse treatment.

SIROW Internally Funded Projects:

1. Transborder Health Project: Policy Analysis and Recommendations

While currently not funded, members of the Transborder Consortium continue to seek new funding to continue the policy analysis work of the organization and expand its activities into new directions. SIROW and College of Public Health academic professionals submitted a proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2007 that was unsuccessful in a highly competitive process. Additional funding will again be sought for work to further analyze the Transborder Consortium's findings, and to lay the groundwork for a critical deconstruction of ideologies and their impacts on health and health care systems. One proposed goal is to build on current analysis to present a human rights framework as the best way to facilitate women's health and reduce the inefficiencies of negotiating disparate systems and cross-cutting jurisdictions.

The Transborder Consortium comprised a 13-year working relationship among researchers, staff, and practitioners at SIROW, the Health and Society Program at El Colegio de Sonora in Hermosillo (COLSON), and various other health practitioners and research affiliates in the border region. Working within an interdisciplinary framework which is sensitive to cultural values that include ideologies about gender, its aims have been (1) to both learn about and educate various audiences about women's health and gendered health issues in the US-Mexico borderlands, (2) to enhance cooperation among researchers, as well as between researchers and community agencies, (3) to strengthen both the research and educational/training capacities of the partner institutions, and (4) to promote the transformation of institutions engaged in health research, education, training and service in this US-Mexico border region.

The project was supported by the Ford Foundation, most recently through the "Transforming Institutions" award, 9/1/01-5/31/06. \$234,000, Ford NY: (matching amount for COLSON) and through the "Transforming Institutions-2" \$50,000 Ford EMAC NY (US only) and \$250,000 Ford Mexico City \$250,000(matching amount COLSON). The Consortium team, on its own time in 2007 since the grant expired in 2006, continued to conduct analysis of its in-depth interviews with health experts from both sides of the Mexico-US border. The analysis has centered on women's diverse health needs, challenges, and viable policy alternatives for gender-informed, regionally appropriate policy recommendations for women's health in the transborder region, particularly in Arizona and Sonora. Recommendations continue be shared in diverse ways with various audiences concerned with gender and health policy - most recently in drafts of journal articles under review for submission to Health and Place.

2. Transborder Health Consortium: "Women's Health on the Border" Website

The Transborder Health Consortium has not had any new funding to add updated content and resources to its website, "Women's Health on the Border". This bilingual website contains information on women's health issues specific to women in the border region as well as links to local and regional health providers and informational health resources. Issues on specific health issues identified by health care workers in the region have been highlighted in a section of periodic issues entitled "¿Qué Me Cuentas. . . ? (What Can You Tell Me About. . . . ?)" Two issues have been developed with a focus on cancer prevention and menopause, and environmental health for women. The research on these issues was conducted with focus groups of older women in Arizona and Sonora, extensive literature reviews and consultation with medical and lay professionals and residents of the

border region. The information in the website relates to the direct experiences, cultural beliefs and practices, and health care access of women living in the border region. The information on the site is easily printable for dissemination by health providers and outreach workers.

3. Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)

The primary goal of the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program within SIROW is to increase the recruitment and retention of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields to provide a future pool of diverse, motivated and qualified scientists and engineers. The WISE program maintains a diverse outreach program to undergraduate and graduate students at the University, to public school teachers across the state (especially in southern Arizona), and to K-12 students in southern Arizona. WISE sponsors K-12 outreach activities to inform young girls about opportunities in engineering and science in an effort to recruit them as young women into the STEM fields. At the middle and high school levels, the annual Expanding Your Horizons conference provides girls with an opportunity to engage in hands-on science and engineering activities. The students also interact with professional women in career panels in order to learn about the STEM fields. Over 120 girls from across southern Arizona registered for the conference held on March 17, 2007. At the University, the WISE'm Up program partners lower-division undergraduate women with mentors who are graduate or upper division students, sponsors a living-learning community in Gila Hall, provides enrichment workshops and seminars, and awards scholarships and travel stipends for student research. The newly formed WISE Leadership Council, consisting of liaisons from college organizations that promote gender equity, sponsored the *Celebrating Diversity in Science and Engineering* awards and banquet. More than 250 college students participated in all WISE activities during 2007.

Funding for WISE programs has been provided by The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Medicine, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the College of Science. Last year, the WISE Advisory Board approved the formation of a WISE Community Council to help with fundraising and development activities. The Council has 20 members and is using the Expanding Your Horizons Conference as the springboard for their fundraising activities. External donations include funding from Raytheon, The Research Corporation, Westland Resources, Freeport McMoRan and in-kind services from IBM. Helen Schaefer has supported WISE by offering a scholarship for women in science, engineering, and mathematics.

4. Arizona Women's Policy Working Group

Arizona Women's Policy Working Group is a coalition co-founded by SIROW academic professionals and a former State Representative and UA Anthropology Professor in August 2006. The original purpose of the work group was to develop a process or a tool that would highlight policy decisions that disproportionately affect women in the state of Arizona. It has expanded to include both research and as well as dissemination, networking around the full range of impacts of proposed and current policies significant to

the lives of diverse groups of women and girls in the state of Arizona. The working group currently includes three state legislators, one former state legislator, two SIROW researchers as well as community members. We are currently working on funding development, and networking with other statewide women's organizations. In November 2006, SIROW research around the issue of "parental profiling", the employment practice of discriminatory hiring practices for both men and women based on current or future parental status, resulted in the introduction of a bill being introduced in the current AZ legislative session.

5. SIROW Scholars

The SIROW Scholars is a group of University Research Affiliates that consists of women research scholars and authors, all with advanced graduate degrees representing a diverse array of areas of topical expertise as writing and research formats. The scholars teach and publish in areas that include parenting, disability, gender, eating disorders, aging, community involvement, spirituality, fiction mystery writing, geology, death, criminal justice, and border issues. In addition, the scholars are authors who have published works in academic formats as well as fiction, creative non-fiction (personal essays) and poetry. The scholars are affiliated with and supported by SIROW because of their commitment and professional and personal interest in the advancement and empowerment of women. The Scholars are currently developing and pursuing funding for an interactive lecture and writing series founded upon SIROW Scholars' principle understandings about the power of language and community upon women's development. This project will be that offered to women in the community who are normally removed from opportunities for self-development such as women in jail or in domestic violence shelters.

The current members of the SIROW Scholars group are Mary Driscoll, Elena Diaz Bjorkquist, Corey Knox, Nancy Mairs, Fran Buss, Patricia Manning, Susan Cummins Miller, and Senzil Nawid.

Publications Including Accepted, In-press and Under Review

The following list of publications by SIROW faculty and staff illustrate the range of SIROW research and scholarly activities.

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Andrade, R. and Stevens, S.J. (under review). "I loved ones, once, and forgot about me": A literature study group for substance-involved women. *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services: Research, Practice and Policy*.

Ashford, J. B., Castillo, J., Holley, L. C., Larson, N. C., Nieri, T., Stromwall, L. K., and Topping, D. (in press). Parents with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse conditions involved in child protection services: Clinical profile and treatment needs. *Child Welfare*.

Bootzin, R. R., Cousins, J.C., Haynes, P.L., Ruiz, B.S., and Stevens, S.J. (2007). Parental involvement, psychological distress, and sleep: A preliminary examination in sleep-disturbed adolescents with a history of substance abuse. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 21, 1, 104-113.

Bootzin, R.R. and Stevens, S.J. (under review). Treating sleep disturbances of adolescents with a history of substance abuse. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*.

Cornejo, E., Denman, C., Manning, P., and Monk, J. (2007). Gender and women's health at the Mexico-US border: Places, positionality, and priorities" (under review for formal submission to *Health and Place*).

Combs, M.C., Gonzalez, N., and Rabin, N. (in press). Understanding Plyler's Legacy: Voices from Border Schools, 37 *J.L. & Educ.* 15. Fiedler, P., Freytag, and Kashima, K. (Eds.). *Stereotype Dynamics: Language-based Approaches to the Formation, Maintenance, and Transformation of Stereotypes*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Publishers.

Hegarty, P., Korchmaros, J. D., and Pratto, F. (2007). When race and gender go without saying. *Social Cognition*, 25, 221-247

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Rabin, N. (in press). Protecting women's rights at the border through advocacy and education, on campus with women. Association of American Colleges and Universities, <http://www.aacu.org/ocww/>

Rosser, R.A., Stevens, S. and Martin, S. (under review). About bugs and germs; The adolescent's folk theory of infectious disease. *Health Education and Behavior*.

Rosser, R.A., Stevens, S., Streitmatter, J., and Sudderth, S.K. (under review). Reasoning about disease: The relationship between domain-specific and domain general aspects of knowledge and the nature of the adolescent's folk theory. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*.

Stevens, S., Andrade, R.A.C., and Ruiz, B.S. (in press). Women and substance abuse: Gender, age and cultural considerations. *Culturally Based Substance Abuse Treatment for American India/Alaska Natives and Latinos Conference Proceedings*.

Stevens, S., Haynes, P.L., Ruiz, B., and Bootzin, R.R. (2007). Effects of a behavioral sleep medicine intervention on trauma symptoms in adolescents recently treated for substance abuse. *Substance Abuse*, 28, 2, 21-31.

Stevens, S., Ruiz, B., and Schwebel, R. (2007). Seven Challenges: An effective treatment for adolescents with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health problems. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 7, 3, 29- 49.

Professional Presentations Related To SIROW Projects

The following list of presentations by SIROW faculty and staff illustrate the range and volume of research activities that SIROW has supported.

Andrade, R. (2007). Madres e hijas en nuestra cultura: ¿qué se sabe?/Mothers and daughters in our culture: What do we know? Plática/Talk. 8th Annual Adelante Nuestro Futuro Conference, February 17, 2007. , Tucson, Arizona. Invited.

Andrade, R. and Björkquist, E.D. (2007). Corridos. A writing workshop. Arizona Language Association Conference & Partnership Across Languages. Annual Conference, October 6, 2007. Tucson, Arizona. Invited.

Andrade, R. and Björkquist, E.D. (2007). Corridos. A writing workshop. Sowing the Seeds, Mujeres Writing Conference: Our Spirit, Our Reality, August 11, 2007. Tucson, Arizona. Invited.

Andrade, R., Ruiz, B, and Stevens, S. (2007). Women and Substance Abuse: Gender, Age and Cultural Considerations. 2007 Minority Women's Health Summit – Women of Color: Addressing Disparities, Affirming Resilience, and Developing Strategies for Success, August 23-26, 2007. Washington D.C. Submitted.

Greene, A. (2007). Access to Abortion (or lack thereof). College of Public Health Fall Internship Conference, "Reproductive Health: Rights, Responsibilities and Education", November 17, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Greene, A., Hedges, K., and Ruiz, B. (2007). Sex, Gender, and Sexuality: Issues for Women and Girls. Pima Community College, November 8, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Greene, A., and Korchmaros, J. D. (2007). Project CHAT: Outcomes to Date. University of Arizona's Health Services Center's Medical Providers Meeting, September 26, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Greene, A., and Ruiz, B. (2007). Project DAP (Determining Another Path): Evidence-Based Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention for Youth In Care Interagency Workgroup, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, May 9, 2007. Phoenix, AZ. Invited.

Greene, A., Ruiz, B., and Stevens, S. (2007). Project DAP: Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV Prevention in Rural and Urban Areas. The 34th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference, July 30-August 1, 2007. Fountain Hills, AZ., Submitted.

Hedges, K., and Ruiz, B. (2007). GPRA Follow Up: Strategies for Success. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Access to Recovery Meeting, November 14-16, 2007. Washington D.C. Invited.

Hedges, K., and Ruiz, B. (2007). Practical and Effective Strategies for Engaging Methamphetamine Using Participants. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Access to Recovery Meeting, November 14-16, 2007. Washington D.C. Invited.

Hedges, K., and Ruiz, B. (2007) Rural Methamphetamine Users: Engagement and Retention. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Rural Methamphetamine Grantee Meeting, October 14, 2007. Westminster, CO. Invited.

Katsatkina, N., Patino, A., Rosser, R.A., and Stevens, S. (2007). Naive Statistics: A Spatial Heuristic for Estimating Determinable Probabilities, Relative Probabilities, and Risk. Association for Psychological Science, Washington D.C., May 24-27, 2007. Submitted.

Korchmaros, J. D., Ruiz, B., Stevens, S., and Bracamonte-Wiggs, C. (2007). Youth Empowerment Project: Preventing HIV and Substance Use among Minority Youth (Poster). Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, May 24-27, 2007. Washington D.C. Submitted.

Leybas, V., Maley, A., Nyitray, A., and Stevens, S. (2007). The “Check Yourself Youth Team” Prevention Project: A Successful Alcohol, Drug, and HIV Prevention Program for Minority Youth. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - Community Prevention Day, February 12, 2007. Washington D.C. Invited.

Powell, C. and Stevens, S. (2007). Strengthening Communities Youth (SCY) Tucson Project. Child and Adolescent Unit Meeting at CODAC Behavioral Health, March 14, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Rabin, N. (2007). Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence for Domestic Violence, Seminar at UA - College of Law, October 16, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Rabin, N. (2007). Special Legal Considerations of Immigrant Families for Undergraduate Seminar on Family Law, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, November 2, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Rosser, R.A., Katsatkina, N., Stevens, S., and Patino, A. (2007). Naive Statistics: A Spatial Heuristic for Estimating Determinable Probabilities, Relative Probabilities, and Risk. Association for Psychological Science, May 24-27, 2007. Washington D.C. Submitted.

Stevens, S. (2007). Clinical Issues of Adolescent Substance Abusers. Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness, April 25-27, 2007. Washington D.C. Submitted.

Stevens, S. (2007). Seven Challenges: Research Findings and Next Steps. Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness, April 25-27, 2007. Washington D.C. Submitted.

Stevens, S., Andrade, R., and Ruiz, B. (2007). Women and Substance Abuse: Gender, Age and Cultural Considerations. 2007 Minority Women's Health Summit – Women of Color: Addressing Disparities, Affirming Resilience, and Developing Strategies for Success, August 23-26, 2007. Washington D.C. Submitted.

Stevens, S. Leybas, V., Nyitray, A., and Maley, A. (2007). The “Check Yourself Youth Team” Prevention Project: A Successful Alcohol, Drug, and HIV Prevention Program for Minority Youth. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - Community Prevention Day, February 12, 2007. Washington D.C. Invited.

Stevens, S., Wiggs, C.B., and Yamamoto, S. (2007). West Regional Equity Network Evaluation Findings. Annual West Regional Equity Network Advisory Council Meeting, August 14, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

Wiggs, C.B., (2007). Knowledge is Power-ful: Understanding Your Own Sexual Health. Adelante Nuestro Futuro Conference, February 17, 2007. Tucson, AZ. Invited.

III-D Achieve a Strong Financial Foundation

In 2007, SIROW's permanent state budget just over \$200,000 with an additional \$70,000 in temporary funds. Small budget cuts (approximately 2%) have occurred in recent years across the University of Arizona. Most (over 90%) of SIROW's funds come from externally funded research projects with the major source of funding being federal. In addition to federal dollars, SIROW receives funds from the State of Arizona, foundations, other governmental entities, industry, and private donations. The SIROW Executive Director oversees the budget with the assistance of a Senior Business Manager who is assisted by an Accounting Specialist. Each Principal Investigator is charged with overseeing their respective grant budgets and spending authority is given to the SIROW Executive Director, Business Manager, and Principal Investigators.

During 2007 SIROW researchers submitted a number of grants resulting in five new awards including awards from SAMHSA – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, the State of Arizona, Westat, Yale University, and the Vital Projects Fund. In addition SIROW continued to raise funds for the WISE program through fundraising activities.

Fundraising was added to SIROW's strategic plan in 2006. However without funds or a position to support fundraising activities, progress in this area has been, as expected, relatively slow. SIROW's Executive Director and the Program Coordinator Senior for the WISE program have met with the fundraising representative for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the UA Foundation, as well as various community members. A

“WISE Community Advisory Board” has been established which has been charged with outreach and fundraising and planning for fundraising activities began during this reporting period.

III-E Increase Recognition as a Research University Committed to an Outstanding Educational Experience and Connected to its Community and the World

Synchronized with the UA’s mission, SIROW is committed to contributing to an outstanding educational experience and connecting to our community and beyond. Providing quality education for UA students, community members, and individuals and groups statewide to internationally has been ongoing since the founding of SIROW in 1979. Of particular importance to UA students is SIROW’s WISE program which works to increase the recruitment and retention of women in STEM fields. The WISE program maintains a diverse outreach program to undergraduate and graduate students at the UA as well as to public school teachers and K-12 students across the state (especially in southern Arizona), and to K-12 students in southern Arizona. Numerous activities are offered through the WISE program which enhances the quality of participating student’s educational experience. To further enhance the educational experience of students in Arizona, in 2007 SIROW was awarded a grant from the Arizona Department of Education. This program provides gender equity and nontraditional career education workshops, training and classes statewide for both secondary school educators and students. Moreover, SIROW serves as the “outside evaluator” for the UA College of Education’s - West Regional Equity Network (WREN) which aims to assist public schools and school districts in Arizona, Nevada and California address disparities in student achievement, and promote equal access to education, programs, and services regardless of race, sex, and national origin. Services provided include professional development, technical assistance and information dissemination. Reaching to students internationally, SIROW is one of six institutions of higher education participating in “Women’s Human Rights, Citizenships, and Identities in a North American Context”. This program provides incoming and outgoing students a semester or summer exchange experience in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. SIROW offers internships, independent studies, preceptorships, and volunteer opportunities to work with SIROW’s internally and externally funded projects – either at the SIROW campus location or at one of SIROW’s community-based research sites. While most are UA students, SIROW hosts students from other schools particularly within the SIROW southwest region. To improve the physical health and well-being of UA students, SIROW partners with UA Campus Health to provide programs (e.g. CHAT; SAFE) that offer services for those who engage in high risk drinking and related risky behaviors.

SIROW is connected to the local community as well as communities in diverse geographical area of the United States and beyond. Many of SIROW’s projects serve populations experiencing disparities or are in need of specific services and opportunities. SIROW has several projects (Herstory to Health, Mujer Sana, Mujer Saludable, Women’s Rights along the Border, Tucson Women’s Worker’s Project, Family Drug Court, Conexiones Sanas, Determining Another Path, Las Mariposis, Cornerstone, EON-Prism Project). Most of these projects are in collaboration with community-based agencies,

governmental agencies, and/or schools. SIROW's off campus sites allow for easy access and a sense of true partnership with the community. SIROW's willingness to provide trainings, workshops, retreat facilitations, evaluation services – mostly free of charge has earned the respect and appreciation of those with whom SIROW works. Moreover, many SIROW personnel have specialized certifications and provide trainings in their expertise within the Tucson community and at diverse agencies and setting within the United States. SIROW commitment to education and community is exemplified by SIROW's commitment to Chair of the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE) – a conference forthcoming in March, 2008, that will provide professional presentations, workshops, think tanks and posters – and offer several types of continuing education credits.

SIROW has contributed to changes in funding mechanisms as well as decisions of what should be funded at both the national and local levels. Participation on committees at the federal level allowed for input on decisions with regard to funding priorities. Several SIROW personnel have participated in grant review committees at the local, state and federal levels. Additionally, SIROW data has been used to assist with the setting of funding priorities. SIROW has impacted standards and policy. For example, SIROW's Strengthening Communities Youth project, a policy level intervention project, has informed policy and other officials with regard to co-occurring disorders – fostering not only funding mechanisms but how services for those affected by both substance abuse and mental health should be delivered. The Transborder Consortium project has informed policy with regard to women's health issues along the US – Mexico border. The Status of Women in Southern Arizona provides data on the conditions and contexts of women living in southern Arizona. Work has ensued on legislative issues with state officials to examine how various laws and proposed legislation specifically impact the lives of women and girls.

IV. PLANNING GOALS

SIROW will be entering its fourth year of its five-year strategic plan. For the calendar year 2008, SIROW's Steering Committee reviewed the goals and action plans outlined in the strategic plan and have determined that they are reasonable and appropriate. Ongoing activities will address these goals and action plans. SIROW planning goals, discussed in more depth in Section III of this report, include the following 1) to expand SIROW's network with researchers and scholars within the SIROW region, 2) to increase SIROW visibility within the University, locally, nationally and internationally, and 3) to increase SIROW's external research funding.

V. ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND CAMPUS SERVICE UNITS

SIROW contributes to a number of objectives listed in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Strategic Plan. SIROW's mission as an interdisciplinary, regional resource and research institute includes conducting collaborative research focusing on women and gender in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. SIROW serves over 30 institutions in that region. The continuing interest in institutional affiliation

as well as the number of individuals interested in SIROW's work attests to the unit's strong reputation.

The major strengths of SIROW include the diversity of funded projects that cut across disciplines and which have academic, research and practical value (see funded projects above). Collaborations are in place within the University (across colleges and departments), with other Universities, with tribal and other (public health) government agencies, as well as public and charter schools and community-based organizations.

SIROW personnel generate substantial recognition. Not only have SIROW researchers contributed to professional publications and presentations, but they have contributed to the community through their professional work and volunteer efforts. As noted below (see Section VII Awards, Honors, Achievements, Outreach and Service) SIROW personnel contribute extensively to the University mission and the University's strategic priorities and initiatives.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

SIROW maintained steady progress on grant funded projects and sustaining on-going partnerships with educational and research units within the University of Arizona and a vast array of community partners and regional academic affiliates. SIROW has made important contributions to the University's mission, particularly through its work with diverse populations. Through the continued efforts of SIROW personnel in project development and our long-ranging planning efforts we anticipate that SIROW will continue to grow both in size and influence and in the quality of programs we can offer through new and continuing projects and partnerships. However, barriers to success still exist, particularly through the lack of continuing support for faculty and academic professional lines within the SIROW state budget. Regardless, SIROW's commitment to the well-being of women and girls is paramount. SIROW researchers will continue to work with women and girls of different ages, lifestages, economic status, socio-economic class, educational levels, ethnicity, sexual preference; with particular focus on underserved and disparate groups of women and girls living in southern Arizona and the US – Mexico border region.

VII - A and VII - B Awards, Honors, Achievements, Outreach and Service

SIROW personnel have received numerous awards and honors during 2007 and have provided an array of outreach and services such as providing information on funding sources, connecting scholars with their peers, responding to requests for information from students and community members, disseminating information about women to SIROW a wide audience. Below is a selected list, of honors, awards, outreach and services provided by members of SIROW's Steering Committee:

Rosi Andrade:

Award Recipient, Tucson Pima Arts Council. 2007 Neighborhood Initiative & Cultural Heritage Mini-Grant to support Sowing the Seeds' *Mujeres Writing Conference*, \$540.

Award Recipient, Sowing the Seeds: Promoting the Humanities in Our Communities (Rosi Andrade and Elena Díaz Björkquist), Recipients of the 2007 2nd Annual League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Latino Arts Awards for Latino Arts Organization. Presented to a Latino-based arts organization that promotes the Latino Fine Arts not only to the Latino/Chicano/Mexicano community of our border region, but also serves to expose the wonder of the Latino Fine Arts to the extended community. Tucson, Arizona.

Honoree, YWCA 2007 Women on the Move, Tucson, AZ.

Member, Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group

Member, Arizona State HIV Prevention Planning Advocates

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Member, SIROW Academic Professional Review Committee

Chair, SIROW's UA- Internal Review Board -Human Subjects

Member, SIROW Community Advisory Board

Mentor, College of Public Health Internship through the United States Agency International Development - Training, Internships, Exchanges, Scholarship, G. Sánchez López

Mentor, College of Public Health Internship through the United States Agency International Development - Training, Internships, Exchanges, Scholarship, R.Carreón Díazconti

Co-mentor, College of Public Health Preceptorship, S. Springer

Alison Greene:

A-CRA (Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach) Local Supervisor Certification - sponsored by Chestnut Health Systems

ACC (Assertive Continuing Care) Local Supervisor Certification, November 21, 2007, sponsored by Chestnut Health Systems

GAIN Local Trainer Certification - sponsored by Chestnut Health Systems

Member, Women's Plaza of Honor. Fundraising Committee. Sponsored by: The University of Arizona

Chair, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Special Events Committee. Sponsored by: The University of Arizona

Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Sponsored by: The University of Arizona

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Member, Women's Studies Advisory Council (WOSAC)

Member, SIROW Community Advisory Board

Corey Knox:

Vice Chairperson, Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee

Co-Founder, Arizona Women's Policy Working Group

Advisor, Women's Reentry Network

Facilitator, SIROW Scholars: Speaker's bureau development

Co-Editor, SIROW Newsletter

Webmaster, SIROW Website

Co-Organizer, Interrupted Lives, Art Exhibit: Organization, Promotion, Panel Development

Facilitator, SIROW Scholars Group. Assist in the organization of monthly SIROW Scholars meeting

Member/Organizer, Project Restoration: AFL-CIO/A Phillip Randolph Institute Community Action Committee on Civil Rights restoration & voting rights for ex-felons

Member, SIROW's Master's Thesis Award review committee

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Member, Babycats, UA Parent Organization, On-campus Childcare Task Force

Member, SIROW Academic Professional Review Committee

Jo Korchmaros:

Member, Association for Psychological Science

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *British Journal of Psychology*

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Personal Relationships*

Pat Manning:

Board Member, BorderLinks, Incorporated

Award Recipient, Borderlands Theater 2007 Community Arts Service Award Winner for outreach and education about borderlands issues to non-traditional communities

Member and periodic advisor, Arizona Community Health Outreach Workers Network, Inc., (AZCHOW Net) an incorporated non-profit organization of community health promoters serving mainly rural, marginalized and isolated borderlands communities

Volunteer, Owl and Panther group - the children's therapeutic creative writing, expressive arts, and leadership training component of the Center for the Prevention and Resolution of Violence, sponsored by the Hopi Foundation and the CUP Clinic of the University of Arizona's Family and Community Medicine division

Volunteer coordinator, designer, and facilitator of monthly volunteer program of gender-informed creative conflict resolution workshops (Alternatives to Violence Project) to male inmates of an Arizona State Prison Complex, while facilitating a service learning component for U of A students through that program, and arranging educational prison tours for other university students and faculty, to better inform curriculum related to the criminal justice system in Arizona

Participant, SIROW Scholars monthly meetings and presentations

Presenter, Mindfulness training to ASPC-Tucson Echo Unit Pre-Release classes with male inmates preparing for returning to communities after prison

Member of University Women's Book group, monthly participation

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Member, SIROW Best Master's Thesis Award Committee

Claudia Powell:

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Member, SIROW Community Advisory Board

Co-mentor, Arizona State University – School of Social Work Master's Thesis Internship, C. Jones

Co-mentor, College of Public Health – Participatory Action Research and Policy Change students

Kathy Powell:

Chair, WISE Advisory Board

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Organizer, Expanding Your Horizons Conference for 6th – 12th grade girls across southern Arizona, March 17, 2007

Founded Ambassador Program for middle school, girls to take leadership role in growing WISE's annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference, July 2006

Founded and advisor, WISE Leadership Council for UA campus student organizations that promote gender equity in science or engineering

Member, WISE Advisory Board

Member, WISE Community Advisory Board

Participant, NSF funded project to develop Women in Engineering Program assessment instruments with faculty from Penn State, University of Missouri, Georgia Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Louisville, and University of Texas-Austin

Member, Women's Studies Advisory Council (WOSAC)

Nina Rabin:

Member, Borderlinks, Board of Directors

Member, Detention Watch Network

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Bridget Ruiz:

Outstanding Volunteer, Sponsored by Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network. Tucson, AZ.

Co-mentor, McNair Student – N. Thurlow

Contributor, Development of the Access to Recovery Follow-Up Guidance Manual.
Sponsored by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration

Abstract Reviewer, Joint Meeting for Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness Annual
Conference

Member, SIROW Community Advisory Board

Sally Stevens:

Abstract reviewer, Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE)

Panel organizer and chair, 2007 – Adolescent Therapeutic Communities: Basic Elements and
Modifications. Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Evaluation (JMATE) Conference

Award nomination, 2007 - Significant contribution to adolescent substance abuse treatment
evaluation, Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness

Member, WISE Advisory Board

Chair, SIROW Community Advisory Board

Chair, SIROW Steering Committee

Member, SIROW Best Master's Thesis Award Committee

Member, SIROW Academic Professional Review Committee

Co-mentor, College of Public Health Preceptorship, S. Springer

Co-mentor, McNair Student – N. Thurlow

Co-mentor, College of Public Health – Participatory Action Research and Policy Change
students

Member, Women's Studies Advisory Council (WOSAC).

Member, RAND Adolescent Research Review Committee

Member, California Department of Corrections, Office of Substance Abuse Programs,
Treatment Advisory Committee

Coordinator, Regional Heads and Directors Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Advisor, Institute for Children Youth and Family – Strategic Planning Committee
Reviewer, selected journal articles

Christine Bracamonte Wiggs :

Recipient, University of Arizona – Graduate Diversity Fellowship

Nominee, University of Arizona, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding
Staff Award

Chair, Evaluation Committee for the Magnet Schools of America National Conference
(Held in Las Vegas, NV)

Social Liaison and Recruitment Coordinator, University of Arizona, Family Studies and
Human Development - Family Studies Student Roundtable (FSHD-FSSRT)

Member, University of Arizona, FSHD-FSSRT

Commissioner, (2006-2009) University of Arizona Commission on the Status of
Women

Planning Committee Member, University of Arizona Intersections Conference
(Sponsored by the UA-Commission on the Status of Women)

Member, SIROW Steering Committee

Co-Chair, University of Arizona, College of Social and Behavioral
Sciences Staff Advisory Council

Co-Chair, University of Arizona College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Annual Staff Retreat Planning Committee

Other related SIROW Outreach and Service

SIROWC Listserv

SIROW maintains an email listserv in order to help facilitate communication and collaboration between regional affiliates. Items posted to the list include job postings, scholarly conferences; grant funding opportunities, updates on new literature of interest in the southwest, as well as discussions of regional activities.

SIROW Website

The website contains information on SIROW affiliates as well as a listing of current projects being worked on solely by or in conjunction with SIROW. This allows scholars to contact project coordinators for more information and facilitates collaboration and information sharing among affiliates.

SIROW News

SIROW News is a semi-annual newsletter publication that is sent to over three thousand recipients in the southwest region. The newsletter includes articles of interest on research projects, as well as a list of current publications and activities in the Southwest. The goal of the SIROW news is to highlight the work of researchers within the region as well as encourage the development of new projects.

SIROW Community Research News

SIROW Services Research Office Annual Newsletter is mailed to 500 community based organizations, funding officials, policy makers and other individuals interested in the works of SIROW. The focus of this local newsletter is on SIROW projects that serve the University and larger community.

Visitors to SIROW

SIROW received a number of visitors during the year who were interested in reviewing our programs, visiting our sites, discussing specific projects, pursuing discussions related to their own research, or contributing to one of SIROW's programs. Visitors included those who are international researchers (Two United States Agency International Development (USAID), Training, Internships, Exchanges, Scholarship (TIES) scholars from Mexico: Gabriela Sánchez López, M.S. and Rúben Carreón Díazconti, M.S.) and from the east coast (e.g. Randy Muck from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in Washington DC, and Darren Fulmore from the Maya Tech Corporation, also from Washington DC), those from the central United States (e.g. Beth Berky, Ph.D.; Professor of English and Women's Studies at Goshen College), as well as visitors who are from Tucson, Arizona (Detective Vildusea from the Tucson Police Department – Gang Unit and Georgia Ehlers from University of Arizona Fellowships, Internships & Community Engagement).

SIROW – In the News:

SIROW was featured in television, radio and print media during 2007. Selected features include:

Las Mariposas:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) - Media Advisory Report

La Estrella (weekly Spanish portion of the Arizona Daily Star)

El Imparcial: Diario Independiente de Sonora (Nogales newspaper)

Midtown News - Tucson

Latino Perspectives Magazine

Herstory to Health:

UA News: UA Institute gets \$2.5 Million to Support Women. By La Monica Everett-Haynes, University Communications

Arizona Daily Wildcat: New \$2.5 M grant to help UA women's center fight drug abuse. By Shain Bergan

Media News Report: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration

Protecting the Rights of Women along the Border:

UA News: UA Institute Studies the Condition of Women

VII – C and VII – D Peers - Realistic and Aspirational; Programmatic rankings and sources (national)

It is difficult to place SIROW, as a feminist research institution, in a national scheme of realistic or aspirational peers. Over 100 research centers on women belong to the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW), some campus-based, some independent non-profits. SIROW was a founding member of NCRW and SIROW's past Executive Director was a member of the NCRW Board. SIROW's network of collaborators and relatively large funding amount for externally funded projects puts SIROW at or near the top of all feminist research institutions. SIROW is a recognized national leader among all-purpose, university-based centers for research on women whose programs include outreach and educational programs as well as research. Evidence of SIROW's standing is shown each time that developing centers at other institutions seek consultation from SIROW. In addition, officials from various funding institutes, e.g., the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration; National Institutes of Health along with numerous community and governmental agencies call upon SIROW professional for leadership, advice, and feedback on issues related to gender differences and specific to women and/or girls.