

## National Network to End Domestic Violence Praises President's Choice for Violence Against Women Advisor *Organization's Former Executive Director Named to White House Post*

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) today applauded President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden for naming Lynn Rosenthal as White House Advisor on Violence Against Women. A champion in the movement against domestic and sexual violence for three decades, Rosenthal led NNEDV from 2000 to 2006.

“President Obama and Vice President Biden could not have named a more qualified, visionary leader to advise the White House on violence against women,” said Sue Else, President of NNEDV. “Lynn Rosenthal is a pioneer in the movement against domestic abuse and sexual assault. Her expertise will help to shape federal policies that will serve countless survivors of domestic and sexual violence.”

Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-Md.), who was NNEDV's co-founder and its first executive director, said, “The White House has a well-informed, passionate, proven leader in Lynn Rosenthal. She has a record of finding common ground and getting results for the millions of women who experience domestic and sexual violence. By choosing Lynn, the administration is choosing to make a real difference in the lives of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.”

Prior to her service at NNEDV, Rosenthal directed the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. There, she developed groundbreaking service models for rural and legal services. She also created the state's first comprehensive plan to help survivors find housing. Rosenthal most recently served as the executive director of the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Rosenthal joins the leadership at the White House at a critical time. In recent months, the economic downturn has exacerbated domestic violence and increased the need for victims' services.

“Lynn's work is even more important during these difficult economic times,” said Else. “A tireless advocate for women and their children, she will be instrumental in securing life-saving services that are in greater demand.”

**For a high-resolution photograph of NNEDV's two former executive directors and its current president, click here: <http://www.nnedv.org/images/nnedvpresidents.jpg>. They are (l-r) Sue Else, Rep. Donna Edwards, and Lynn Rosenthal.**

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