A Note from Tasneem Ismailji, MD, MPH
AVA Chair

My first year as Board Chair has been an exhilarating year. As I contemplate our mission and vision, I am happy to report that violence and abuse as a health issue is gaining traction. Healthcare professionals are showing interest and are engaging in our efforts to educate them on the health effects of violence and abuse across the lifespan. We have been an active and energetic organization with four new board members, Randy Alexander, Barbara Boat, Aggi Tiwari and Victor Vieth. Randy has been voted in as our President-Elect. Our gratitude and thanks to board members rotating off, Bruce Ettinger, Janice Humphreys, Phil Scribano and Bea Yorker for their service and contributions to AVA.

AVA is a membership organization and it is we members who propel AVA to make a difference in the health and well being of all the people. Ask your friends, family and colleagues to join us in this endeavor.

A Note from Dave Corwin, MD
AVA President

2014 is another exciting year for the AVA. Under the leadership of AVA member, Steve Stone, and with the participation of Vince Felitti, Randy Alexander, Dave Schneider and myself, the AVA, is co-sponsoring two regional AVA Academies in Ashland and Akron, Ohio this April 16 and 17. These Academies combine outside expert presentations with local authorities and stakeholders in a format designed to stimulate ongoing community action to prevent and address violence and abuse. We hope to replicate this model in other places with similar interest and local leadership.

Brooks Keeshin and Kathy Franchek are co-chairing a new kind of AVA Members’ meeting on October 16 to 18 in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah. The meeting is designed to include ample opportunity for discussing current controversies in our field and getting to know each other better. Thanks to its chair, Megan Bair-Merritt, and other AVA members involved as mentors and committee members, the AVA Scholars Program is progressing well with the solicitation of another round of AVA Scholars. Thanks to Susan Kelley’s leadership and member contributors, the AVA Research Reviews has a growing number of AVA commitments for future reviews.

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At this January’s Child Maltreatment and Family Violence Conference in San Diego, AVA sponsored two half-day pre-conferences. The first, was a new program chaired by Dave Schneider that included several AVA leaders addressing leadership development in this field, and the second, focused on the ACE Study findings featuring Vince Felitti, use of the AVA ACE Study DVD and the ACEs: Informing Best Practice White Paper currently being developed by AVA and the National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse.

Aggi Tiwari, AVA’s newest Board Member, has agreed to help facilitate the development of an Australasia regional AVA chapter which will be the first regional organization intended to advance AVA’s mission in this very important part of the world. Initial discussion about the development of that chapter was held during my early December visit to Hong Kong as a visiting professor to Hong Kong University’s Nursing School which Aggi heads. President-Elect, Randy Alexander and Aggi are co-chairing the planning committee for the 2015 AVA Conference that will be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

AVA’s online video educational library continues to grow and the ACE Study videos are now available online for institutional subscribers and AVA members as well as on the DVD. Board Chair, Tasneem Ismailji and Karla Vaughan have done great work in developing our new website that houses this and so many other resources.

In summary, AVA members are working hard to advance AVA’s mission in many ways. In all these efforts, Karla Vaughan, our amazing Administrative Director has worked diligently in her warm and efficient way! We continue to reach out and recruit new members as we strive to make the AVA an ongoing success. AVA needs to grow larger and we need to develop more ways to support AVA’s work. I’m in awe of the commitment and effort of so many of our AVA colleagues and friends. It’s a privilege to work with so many fine professionals to promote health and safety as we reduce and address the harms of violence and abuse.

**AVA Mission**
The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) exists to advance health education and research on the prevention, recognition and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse.

**AVA Vision**
By improving health professional education and research in the areas of violence and abuse, the Academy will integrate this knowledge into the training of all health professionals so as to improve health care for all people, to protect the most vulnerable among us and to advance health and social policy that promotes safe families, workplaces and communities. The AVA strives to be an academic leader in addressing the education needs of health professionals regarding violence and abuse and focusing on minimizing the effects of violence and abuse on people’s health.
2013 AVA Accomplishments

- **Third Biennial Scientific Conference** — Hosted a one and a half day conference “Addressing Violence and Abuse in the Changing Healthcare Environment” and four half-day preconference workshops. In addition this conference brought together leaders in the field for a Circle of Leaders forum, which discussed an innovation ecosystem to advance partnerships and collaborations to reduce the health harms of violence and abuse.

- **New AVA Website** — Revamped website to help foster communication among the growing community of AVA Members and house a new resource library of video presentations and tutorials.

- **Compendium** — Compiled and prepared for publication, the compendium “Primary Care-Based Interventions for Intimate Partner Violence: A Systematic Review”.

- **ACEs: Informing Best Practice** — Compiled and edited an ongoing web based e-white paper to help healthcare, clinicians, institutions, policy makers and funders identify and address adverse childhood experiences.

- **Workshops** — Conducted Faculty Development and ACEs DVD Workshops at multiple national conferences.

- **Research Reviews** — Distributed monthly, reviews on curated publications.

- **AVA Scholars Program** — Continued program with our first cohort of three scholars.

2014 AVA Initiatives

- **First AVA Members Meeting** — Host the first AVA Members Meeting “Controversies and Challenges in Addressing Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan” on Oct 16-18, 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- **New Regional Academies** — Two, one-day regional academies with local sponsors and partners in Ashland & Akron, Ohio on April 16 and 17, 2014

- **Expand AVA Scholars Program** — Two new scholars will be enrolled and mentored by AVA members, attend the 2015 AVA Conference and present their research at the 2017 AVA Conference.

- **AVA Global Chapter** — Development of the first regional global Australasia chapter

- **ACEs: Informing Best Practice** — Complete editing and widely distribute this e-document.

- **Workshops** — Conduct a new workshop on Leadership Development and continue ACEs DVD workshops at multiple national conferences.

- **Research Reviews** — Continue monthly reviews on curated publications.

- **Launch Institutional Membership Packages** — A way for interested organizations to pay for a number of their staff to belong to AVA with one annual payment from the institution.

- **Promote Institutional Licenses for the AVA ACE videos online**
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