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.

“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,

NNEDV, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and advocates. Its
members include the 56 state and territorial coalitions against domestic violence. It works closely with
them to understand the needs of domestic violence victims and advocacy programs. NNEDV has been a
premiere national organization advancing the movement against domestic violence for the past 15 years,
after leading efforts among domestic violence advocates and survivors in urging Congress to pass the
landmark Violence Against Women Act of 1994. To learn more about NNEDV, please visit
www.nnedv.org.