



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2016; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Large Conference Room, Promontory Plaza**

In Attendance:

Steve Berger, Margaret Braun, Don Chapin, Jayne Downing, Chris Huffine, Chris Hoy, Eric Mankowski, Hon. Becky Orf, Jeremiah Stromberg

Absent: Vivien Bliss, Hon. Audrey Broyles, Shannon Sivell

Guests: Matt Johnston, Kate Sackett, Rachelle Scheele, Jane Sheehan, Kay Sipple

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome – Eric Mankowski

Survivor Impact Panel Presentation – Matt Johnston, Kate Sackett, Rachelle Scheele, Jane Sheehan, Kay Sipple

The non-profit organization, Domestic Violence Safe Dialogue (DVSD), conducted a Survivor Impact Panel presentation to share with the Advisory Committee (AC) the work they are doing in Oregon. These panels typically present before participants of BIP's as well as representatives of various agencies.

The goal of this effort is to present the survivor voice to make a positive difference for those in domestic violence (DV). Batterer Intervention Programs select participants for responsiveness; attendance is not automatic. Those who do attend are often report a positive impact. Subsequent debriefing before the Batterer Intervention group can be beneficial even for those who have not been present for the panel.

In addition to helping offenders to see the consequences of their actions, DVSD hopes to encourage organizations and businesses to make plans to address DV in their midst, in order to provide ready help for victims. They also provide opportunities to tell survivor stories so current victims of DV can be encouraged to reach out for help. The panel was able to answer a number of questions presented by the AC.

Minutes Approval – The AC approved the minutes from the meeting on June 23, 2016.

Corrections Program Checklist Discussion – Group

The Corrections Program Checklist (CPC) is in use by the Department of Corrections (DOC) to evaluate mandated programs for offenders in Oregon. While it is not a perfect tool, DOC determined it is the best option currently available to assess fidelity in best practices in correctional rehabilitation programming.

The evaluations are a requirement of Oregon statutes (specifically SB 267), but are unfunded by the state. Lack of funding creates an expectation that is impossible for current DOC staff to fulfill. There are hundreds of programs required for review, including all areas of court mandate,



not limited to DV. DOC has two full-time staff and two part-time assistants responsible for this work.

Chris Huffine expressed his view of challenges inherent between the CPC and Oregon BIP Standards. The conversation in sum:

- Evaluations are snapshots in time; and not always an accurate representation of the program as it fully functions. Because of this, along with many other issues, evaluations are not considered the final word on BIP effectiveness. The inability to review all programs on a regular basis due to lack of funding inhibits full use of the CPC with BIPs.
- These CPC practices come from Oregon statute, and many years of research on correctional rehabilitation programming – not necessarily research on BIPs.
- Lack of funding for BIP staff is an impediment in achieving some CPC guidelines.

Chris Huffine suggested possible courses of action could include doing a cross-comparison between the CPC and BIP standards and perhaps a position paper for appropriate use of CPC with BIPs.

Future Meetings:

October 6 – Promontory Plaza
December 1 – Spinnaker Pointe

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Future Meetings for 2017 and beyond are on the calendar (determined post-meeting through email) for these dates. Meeting location will be at the Justice Building, 1162 Court St NE, in the Kulongoski Conference room. Meeting time is 9:00am to 12:00pm.

*February 23
April 27
June 22
August 24
October 26
January 25*