



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2016; 9:00 am to 12:05 pm
Crater Lake Conference Room, Spinnaker Pointe Building**

In Attendance:

Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell, Steve Berger, Margaret Braun, Jayne Downing ,Chris Huffine, Jeremiah Stromberg, Vivien Bliss

Attending by phone: Don Chapin, Priscilla Marlowe, Chris Hoy

Guest: Lisa Larance

Absent: Audrey Broyles, Becky Orf

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and greetings

Minutes Approval – The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the meeting on November 5, 2015.

Subcommittee for Female Aggressors Discussion – Lisa Larance

Lisa Larance, a national expert in the field of female aggressors, joined the meeting by phone for a half hour conversation. She has 15 years’ experience in the field and lives in Michigan, where she conducts a national list serve. She has created three programs domestically and consults for two programs abroad.

Regarding domestic violence (DV) in same-sex female relationships, the majority of offenders have significant issues surrounding surviving DV themselves. Their treatment should differ from traditional batterer intervention since the motivation is very different. Ideally, they should be in separate groups from heterosexual females.

There are no states with outstanding female aggressor practices in place. Ms. Larance has most agreement with practices in Illinois. States frequently treat females the same as male aggressors, which is problematic since male aggression is most often about power and control while female aggression is far more complex. Women tend to approach intervention accepting responsibility while men arrested for DV tend to minimize their responsibility and place blame on others. This dynamic significantly impacts recommended intervention.

It is important to work with courts, parole, and law enforcement in order to have consistency throughout the process. Training of agencies and strong relationships with partners is important in establishing trust and more effective intervention practices.

Ms. Larance will share resources with the AC and be available for further discussion in the future.



After weighing all the options, the AC decided to form a subcommittee to create a white paper for the intervention strategies when working with females. The greatest factor in this decision is that agencies seem to be satisfactorily handling the situations involving female batterers with no need for assistance. They have not requested special standards. The AC will post the white paper to the website and distribute to appropriate agencies.

Yamhill Demonstration Project (DP) Letter of Appeal

Patricia Warford sent a letter to AG Ellen Rosenblum in appeal of the handling of the Yamhill County DP, dated December 14, 2015. Deputy AG Fred Boss will confer with Shannon about the letter this week.

On November 25, 2015, the AC sent a letter to Dr. Warford requesting the quarterly report within 30 days. Dr. Warford has not yet responded to this request. Jeremiah Stromberg will reach out to Dr. Warford and District Attorney Brad Berry regarding the quarterly report. Steve Berger will speak with Ted Smietana about the same matter. In addition, the AC will issue a letter to the Yamhill DP advising that they are out of compliance with the deadline for receipt of the quarterly report and asking them to send it to the AC by January 15, 2016.

ACTION: Sherree will work to set up a drop-box internet location for sharing complex resources.

Topics for upcoming agendas:

March

- Update on Yamhill DP
- Allies in Change DP presentation

May

- Corrections Program Checklist conflicts with Oregon BIP Standards
Jeremiah, Steve and Chris Huffine will meet in advance to prepare for this conversation

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 23rd at the Spinnaker Pointe Building.

Future 2016 Meetings, at Spinnaker Pointe Building:

March 30, May 5, June 23, August 4, October 6, and December 1

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.