

**Batterer Intervention Program  
Advisory Committee  
January 9, 2012      8:30-11:30  
Crime Victims' Services Division – Ste 150A Conference Room**

**Members in Attendance:** Cynthia Stinson, Hardy Myers, Steve Berger, Jayne Downing, Audrey Broyles, Michael Davis, Chris Huffine, and Stacey Ayers

**Members by Phone:** Eric Mankowski, Becky Orf, and Vivien Bliss

**Guests:** Fred Boss

**Proposed Rules Revision**

- Cynthia received three requests for copy of the rules.
- No comments have come from Corrections, both Steve and Walt talked with colleagues and the revisions received a positive reception. The Association of Corrections Directors meets this week, but Steve does not know if the subject is on the agenda.
- Marion Co DAVAP sent the draft around with the January 18<sup>th</sup> deadline to specific individuals including judges. The hope was to let judges know the AC knows the program is not perfect but we are working on it. Audrey would rather see judges order another program if they are only going to order 5 weeks which does not rise to the 36 weeks the AC recommends. Audrey thinks it is going to be helpful to let them know that all disciplines believe that 12 & 24 weeks do not work so they would move toward ordering the 36 weeks since they thought the 42 weeks was too long.
- Family Violence Network had a concern for providers on the East side of the state where resources are limited – providers there are struggling anyway.
- Michael said there are no concerns with providers. He stated that in the beginning Jacque had concerns but now with the increased communication she has come around.
- Jayne said there have been rumbling from P&P at Marion Co and believes they may show up at the hearing and say they did not have input. She knows they have received copies of the Proposed Rules. Steve spoke regarding getting input from all areas including P&P but the difficulty to get 100% buy-in from all disciplines.
- Hardy asked about the inquire we may get at the hearing regarding the rationale about moving from 42 weeks to 36 weeks. Cynthia said she would speak about the compromise among the AC to recognition that a cookie cutter approach does not work and allowing flexibility. We want more programs and offenders to be in line and compliant with Rules and we will probably revisit length of intervention again in 5 years.
- Chris stated that providers have been consistent in not liking the shortening of the programs. Some of the strongest reactions were from Washington Co, maybe reminding them that they can set a minimum for the county. Walt asked what they thought about the review after 32 weeks. Chris responded that most providers like a set number instead of the variable. He believes we will start seeing 32 weeks as

the new maximum. Hardy things the Rules now are more empowering for the BIPS. Chris said there was some fear about program shopping so competitive to keep them shorter.

- In Washington and Clackamas Counties clients are given a list of qualified providers. There is no list for Multnomah County – they match clients to providers. Programs are screened and their compliance with the Rules is checked before they are put on the list. Some programs offer other treatments such as drug & alcohol so may be suggested if a client needs those services as well, but when given the list the client may choose a lower cost programs. Chris stated that they see most clients make a decision based on location and fees. Referrals from Corrections go to qualified providers or out for a contract bid to a sole provider or request for proposal. It would be helpful to have a tool available like the CPC for Corrections to make sure the provider is compliant.
- Vivien mentioned that in counties where they use an evaluation agency, sometimes evaluation agency is seen referral rather than the court or probation agency. This is a shift of accountability.
- Question was raised about when the revised Rules become effective. Discussion and agreement was that it would apply to offenders sentenced after the revised Rules where passed was we had done in the past and integrate the date into the Rules.

### **Co-chair**

- Cynthia is interested in having someone serve as a “co-chair” to the AC - someone she can call up and have contact with in the interim to discuss the agenda or at times facilitate an agenda item. As far as time commitment, probably at least one phone call between meetings and maybe a few emails to discuss agenda items or issues as necessary.
- Michael thinks it would be good to have a provider and would like to nominate Chris because he feels Chris has a good finger on the pulse of the subject.
- Chris thinks Eric would be a good choice because he has a good overview and less vested interest in the outcome and access to research.
- Eric seconded Michael’s nomination of Chris as he felt representation should be someone involved directly in the offender/victim system.

### **3. Subcommittee Membership**

- Education
  - Carol Krager has asked to step down as the Education Subcommittee Chair.
  - With the revision of the Rules, Cynthia proposed that the whole AC talk about Education for the next few meetings and get some tools out using information Chiquita worked on (Laura Richey worked with Chiquita on the CPC). Cynthia can see if there is any federal money available regarding education or skill building. The AC was supportive of this suggestion.

- Counties are trying to put screening tools in place but they don't know where to start so whatever we can put in place would help them. Eric said that the survey did collect information regarding OARs. Walt asked if PSU could work with Corrections on a checklist. Cynthia and Eric will talk by phone before the next meeting regarding the assignment. Cynthia will also touch base with Marc regarding CPC.
  - Hardy feels education needs to continue as a high priority for the Judiciary to get batterers into programs that are compliant with the Rules.
    - Becky mentioned 3 trainings within the last 1 ½ years pertaining to DV education. She does not believe any have discussed Batterer Intervention. The Juvenile Justice Conference is in August – AC asked Becky to see if we could get on the agenda. At this time there is no training \$ for travel – the training last year was cut by ½ day and the Judicial Dept is taking furloughs, ect.
    - Audrey was wondering if it would work better to go to them. She knows that Marion Co has monthly judges meetings where we could present trainings; maybe they could get CLE credits. Also providing it by webinar over the lunch hour for an hour or a couple hour chunks to cut down costs.
    - Think about using the judges that have good records with batterer cases and using them as presenters – Judge Barron out of Coos Co?
- Grant Co currently has no BIP but wants to start a program. Don Chapin & Chris Huffine have both been in touch with the contact person. It would be nice to have some set tools to give a program just starting.

**Same sex & female batterers:** Not for subcommittee to work on separate rules but to work on best practices. We know there is not consistency on heterosexual batterers and there is even less for same sex batterers. It is not known if there are any providers in Oregon working with same sex partners. There are providers working with female batterers, some of those clients may be same sex batterers as well. It was mentioned that Washington may have some resources available.

Cynthia believes there are conversations that need to happen and address the categories these issues fit into. Is it a batterer or violence issue?

- Referrals from court are typically secondary aggressors, where referrals from Child Welfare are typically primary aggressors – they see them acting out with their children.

**Interest in Females who use Violence Subcommittee:** Jayne, Priscilla, Chris, Vivien  
 Non-members to invite: Bradley Angle House (Victim Specialist), work from Southern OR group, a judge, private therapist, Child Welfare – Stacey to provide name, Jennifer or Cheryl

\*\*Cynthia and Roz will schedule a meeting of this group. Cynthia will pull past research.

## **AC Membership**

Now that we have the Rules revision behind us, it is a good time to increase and diversify our membership. Cynthia spoke to the length of service on the committee. This AC does not have term limits but if any member feels they need to step down, please just let her know. No member is locked into lifetime membership. When talking with interested parties, remember that membership is a recommendation to the AG with the AG making the final appointment.

- Tim Logan – African American Men – at the time of his appointment he was very hesitant but after speaking with Chris seemed more responsive. Chris will be speaking with Tim soon and will touch base again regarding his time commitment. Received an updated email address.
- Carol recommended Stephanie Hoskins, at DHS in Field Operations with IPV. Stacey will confirm fit with her supervisor.
  - Jayne will check with Carol regarding her continued time commitment since missing last two meetings.
- Cynthia recommended Annie Neal from Multnomah Co. Chris thought she would be a great addition because she is plugged into multiple areas around the state. Annie worked with DHS in her previous role. Michael had a yes vote as well.
- Vivien suggested Penny? Huyck an advocate out of Marion Co. Vivien will have a conversation with her and then forward contact info to Cynthia & Roz.
- Judge representation: Judge McNight maybe too overcommitted. Becky suggested Judge Bachard out of Lincoln Co or Judge Catherine Tennison out of Multnomah Co. Audrey would like to see someone out of Central or Eastern Oregon where the representation is not as well present. Patricia Sullivan was suggested out of Eastern OR (Umatilla?).
- Latino Community: Chris said those services have severely dropped due to immigration. Catholic Charities would be one program to work with. Jayne will follow-up.
- Defense Office: Bronsen James was appointed but has never attended. It was about the time he changed offices/roles.
- DA's Office: We did reach out but it never worked. Cynthia was thinking of inviting Erin Greenawald the DV Resource Prosecutor from DOJ. She does go out in the counties and prosecute cases. It is difficult to get anyone from the DA's Office onto AC's.
- Cheryl Richardson – she is on MCAT.
- Legal Aid attorneys – Audrey provided 2 names (which Roz did not catch).
- Martha McGowan, a provider now in Umatilla Co. Steve will make outreach to see if she is still interested.

**Regional Batterer Intervention:** Status? No longer meeting on a statewide level.

**Governor's DV Counsel:** Members would like to keep a watch on this group that is currently nonexistent. If the group reconvenes and any BIP AC Members are appointed to

the DV Counsel, they feel they may not be able to continue on the BIP AC. Cynthia will continue to track the progress of the DV Counsel and membership to see if any members get appointed.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, April 17th ~ 9:00-12:00 at CVSD**