

Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
March 13, 2015 9:00 to 10:30 am
DOJ Civil Enforcement - Second Floor Conference Room, Vista Building

In Attendance:

Shannon Sivell, Eric Mankowski, Steve Berger, Vivian Bliss, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Audrey Broyles, Jayne Downing

Attending by phone: Priscilla Marlowe, Hardy Myers, Margaret Braun (Oregon Youth Authority guest)

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and greetings

Approval of minutes from meetings held on 2/5/2015

Review of Scheduled Meetings – Eric encouraged prioritization of attendance at all meetings; especially important is the meeting on May 7, 2015, when the Yamhill Demonstration Project review will be finalized.

Definitions of Batterer and Batterer Intervention Program (BIP)

Chris Huffine introduced a tentative classification system of those arrested for domestic violence, (DV) that will be fully discussed by power point at the June meeting. The classification includes the following areas:

1. A one-time (or almost one-time) isolated event
2. An isolated occurrence not forming a pattern due to some psychological issue (e.g. PTSD)
3. Secondary aggression (done in response to a larger and more severe pattern of abuse done by the partner)
4. A one-time/isolated serious event with a more extensive on-going pattern of less severe forms of abuse and control
5. The latest occurrence of an obvious on-going pattern of abuse and control
6. The domestic violence is one more violation of others along with a variety of other non-DV criminal behaviors

This presentation will elaborate on each area as well as offer suggestions for how to identify and intervene with each group.

ACTION: Chris will send out documents for review prior to the June meeting.

Create Subcommittee to Work on Female Primary Aggressors

Chris Huffine is interested in participating in the subcommittee. There was discussion of problems surrounding this issue, particularly properly addressing women who are aggressive in reaction to receiving long-term DV. The subject will be addressed at either the September or November meeting.

New BIP AC Membership

Becky Orf has submitted John Hamilton's name as a possible new member. He is a public defender from Medford. It was suggested that others may also be considered in that category, in order to diversify. Other categories for representation mentioned: Department of Human Services, rural area representation, mental health, Oregon Youth Authority, and Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Shannon asked Margaret Braun if she would like to become a formal member of the A.C. as a representative of Oregon Youth Authority. Chris Hoy mentioned Cherryl Ramirez, Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs. Shannon suggested adding members slowly; two to three at this time.

ACTIONS:

- Shannon will approach Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association for their input. She will also speak with Cherryl Ramirez.
- Margaret will speak with her supervisor for input and will provide an answer at the next meeting.

BIP AC – Public Meeting Status

Shannon noted she has contacted DOJ Public Records Attorney Michael Kron who advised her that Advisory Committees are not considered public bodies. They offer advice on behalf of the Attorney General. As such, BIP AC meetings are not open to the public. Hardy Myers suggested consulting the General Counsel Division to ensure proper handling of the issue, if we hadn't already done so.

Scheduling Other Demonstration Projects for Presentation

Allies in Change Counseling Center – Chris Huffine is director of this organization and will excuse himself from the presentation discussion. The Allies in Change presentation will be slated for the August 6th meeting.

The committee decided to recuse any committee member with a conflict of interest involving any demonstration project.

The AC discussed sending a letter to all BIPs to advise them of the qualifying factors for compliance and asking them to self-report any deviations from the standards. There would also be a letter sent to partner agencies with the same information.

ACTION: Shannon and Eric will work on wording and send a draft to the AC in early June.

Future Agenda Topic:

BIP Training Development

Chris Hoy and Steve Berger left the meeting at 10:15 am. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.