



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2016; 9:00 am to 11:45 pm
Large Conference Room, Promontory Plaza**

In Attendance:

Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell, Steve Berger, Chris Huffine, Becky Orf, Chris Hoy, Don Chapin

Attending by phone: Vivien Bliss

Guest: Dean Camarda

Absent: Audrey Broyles, Margaret Braun, Jayne Downing, Priscilla Marlowe, Jeremiah Stromberg

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and introductions

Minutes Approval – The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the meeting on January 6, 2016.

Update on BIP AC White Paper Subcommittee – Eric Mankowski

The Subcommittee formed to create a Best Practice paper on the subject of female aggressor intervention, met on February 22, 2016. Participants include: Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Jayne Downing, Vivien Bliss, Priscilla Marlowe, Rachel Smith (Portland State University) and Marci Nelson (Washington County Community Corrections).

Vivien Bliss has materials acquired while serving on a previous group of professionals addressing this issue. She will provide a written summary version to the group at the next meeting on April 4, 2016.

Allies in Change Demonstration Project Presentation – Chris Huffine, Dean Camarda

Allies in Change, (AIC) a Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) in Portland, has been using a specialized approach to the treatment of psychopathic and criminally minded male batterers for 10 years. Curt St Denis, a former employee of AIC, developed this approach. They have functioning groups in three locations; Dean Camarda facilitates them. He had extensive training with St Denis prior to becoming the primary leader. This particular treatment program has received regional and national attention.

Chris explained the characteristics of participants and the advantages of separate groups. Approximately 10% of AIC BIP participants are in these three groups. The approach has modified guidelines to provide for better management of this population. Many referrals come from the federal system as well as some from Multnomah and Washington counties.

ACTION: Chris will provide an electronic copy of the curriculum and assessment tools used, to the BIP AC for review, with an understanding of strict confidentiality.



Topics for upcoming agendas:

May

- 9:00 to 9:45 – review of Allies in Change Demonstration Project (*Chris Huffine recused*)
- Corrections Program Checklist in relationship to Oregon BIP Standards

The next meeting is Thursday, May 5 at the Spinnaker Pointe Building.

Future 2016 Meetings:

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.