

Batterer Intervention Program Standards
Advisory Committee
June 26, 2014 9:00 am-12:00 pm
CVSD Training Room
APPROVED

Present: Steve Berger, Audrey Broyles, Don Chapin, Jayne Downing, Dr. Chris Huffine, Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell

Guests: Jeremiah Stromberg, DOC; Jeff Hanson, DOC; Chris Hoy, OACCD – Clackamas Co Community Corrections

By Phone: Vivien Bliss

CVSD Staff: Roz Finrock

Welcome and Self-Introductions – The AC members and guests did self-introductions.

Approval of May 5, 2014 minutes – Chris Huffine pointed out that the acronym for ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment) needed to be corrected. Without any other additions or corrections he then moved the minutes be approved and the motion was seconded by Don Chapin.

Update on BIP Providers list serve – List of all of the providers has been provided by PSU.

Program Evaluation Tool – Chris Huffine gave the AC background on various tools used by LSAs to evaluate batter intervention programs.

Clackamas County Community Corrections has created a form to evaluate programs. They want to ensure offenders are being sent to programs that are compliant with the rules and do not feel the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) is appropriate tool for this process. Clackamas is getting ready to evaluate their first program in the next few weeks. Every item in SB 81 has been reviewed; the final version has not yet been finalized by the council. A site visit will also be associated with the written assessment. A guide is provided for the people performing the test. The committee evaluation team consists of representatives of Clackamas Women's Services, the DA Victim Assistance, a DDA, Corrections, and PSU. The evaluation tool increases compliance and knowledge with the intent to create and refer to quality programs.

There has not been any follow up in Multnomah County since they created an evaluation tool 6 years ago. Chris Huffine does not believe providers are being trained due to the lack of participants at the Allies in Change trainings that he teaches. Jayne expressed concern over the AC's belief that providers are not being properly trained. Chris indicated that funding is often an issue for programs and it affects their ability to provide training and send providers to training.

Eric is currently surveying other states to see if they are incorporating site visits with their program evaluations. He would be happy to provide the phone script by email to the group for input.

Ideally, the AC would like to provide evaluation forms and tools currently being used on the DOJ BIP web page as downloadable forms. Once the Clackamas evaluation form and process has been finalized, DOJ will post it on the BIP page of their website and send it out on the listserv as a resource for programs.

The group discussed the quality of programs and compliance. It is the Local Supervisory Authority's (LSA) decision to determine if a program is in compliance with the standards.

BIP Compliance Form or DV Council Tool – By statute every county has a Local Supervisory Authority (LSA) and Community Corrections is part of that team. The BIP AC discussed providing the LSAs with basic education regarding our role so we can be a resource.

Future Webpage additions:

With each form there should be a paragraph on how to use the tool, basic information to include and recommendations to expand the narrative.

- Post current list of LSAs – once the survey is complete by Department Of Corrections
- Clackamas County's Program Evaluation Tool – once approved, will be added to the website.

Demonstration Projects (DP) – During the AC hiatus, there were one or two programs that contacted AC members for review of their Demonstration Projects. They will now be invited to submit their information for review by the Advisory Committee. Allies in Change (Chris Huffine's organization) and Crossroads Nonviolence Education (Don Chapin's organization) will present their information at the next AC meeting.

Jeff volunteered he knew of about 10 of the 40 programs he has evaluated that are using Demonstration Projects as a work around.

Questions regarding programs using DP:

- In what ways does your project deviate from the standards?
- List the ways that you are not in compliance and why you are not in compliance, provide support if possible?
- Why is it a demonstration project?
- Tool would include requirements from Rules.

Follow up:

- Eric will reach out to Yamhill Co.
- Chris & Don will present on their DP at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

Jeremiah Stromberg and Jeff Hanson with The Department of Corrections and Chris Hoy through the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors will draft and send a survey to each county Community Correction to determine what LSAs look like across the state. Additional questions that may be included in this or an additional survey are:

- Name of county
- Who is the LSA for Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP) for your county?
- Do you have a DV Council?
 - Who are the members?
 - What agencies are represented?
- Is the local DV Council involved in monitoring the BIPs?
 - Do they participate in the BIP Standards?
 - Do they engage in any BIP Compliance?
- How often does the LSA/DV Council meet on BIP issues?
- Do you monitor programs regularly?
 - If yes, how often?
- What issues/concerns do you have in monitoring BIP Services?
- What resources do you need?
- Who is the contact person from the LSA for your county?
- Who is the contact for the DV Council?
- Do you have a specialized DV PO?
- Do you know of any Demonstration Projects?
- How are you reporting after 36 weeks of Batterer Intervention treatment?
 - BIP Summary Report form
 - Written report

Possible future survey questions:

- What type of supervision is provided for misdemeanor cases?
 - How is it funded?
- Are local nonprofit victim services involved in the process of monitoring BIP services?
- How do you handle females referred to BIPs?
- How do you handle same-sex partners referred to BIPs?
- Do you have culturally specific programs?

After all the questions are gathered by the BIP AC, Shannon, Roz & Jeff will finalize them and coordinate getting them sent through Survey Monkey to Community Corrections offices.

Expanding Membership:

Appointment recommendations of Jeremiah Stromberg and Chris Hoy will be moved forward to the Attorney General to fill vacancies.

Shannon will reach out to Stacey Ayers regarding an appropriate member for replacing Carol Krager who retired. Cheryl O'Neil already serves on several of CVSD's committees.

Further discussion will be had in the Fall after the survey results are in regarding the LSAs to determine good candidates for members from rural programs and communities of color outside of Marion and Multnomah counties.

Representation from someone who could provide legal counsel would also be a good addition. Kimberly Dailey or someone from OJD was offered as a suggestion.

Other:

Has the AC tabled the discussion about female batterers? Shannon stated that she had because she felt we were jumping over several steps. We may be able to pick it up again next year. Shannon referred to an email from June 24, 2014 where Becky Orf commented that the Jackson County DV Council was starting to work on standards for batterer intervention for women offenders. Shannon wanted to wait and see how that was going before we moved further. Insert from email: "I understand this is at the urging of one of the local judges, as well as in response to the defense bar talking of possibly challenging BIP requirements on equal protection grounds." Jayne shared that Jackson County's DV program and DAVAP is concerned. In the court system Audrey sees females more and more being referred to the 36 week program which has been established for male batterers. The AC may provide education and tools for courts, or write a white paper. It was suggested that as Oregon moves into marriage equality, the AC could also move proactively into underserved populations.

Next Meeting – Chris Hoy will invite his employees from Clackamas County Community Corrections to explain process and tool for evaluating programs. Clackamas County may host the meeting in 6-7 weeks. The date will be finalized by email within the next week.

Agenda items

- Membership
- Female Batterer Recommendations
- BIP Rules are not enforceable – work on relationships with LSAs and programs
 - Legislative piece
 - Rural programs – bad intervention vs. no intervention