



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee  
August 6, 2015; 9:00 to 12:00 pm  
Capitol City Business Center, Umpqua Conference Room**

**In Attendance:**

Eric Mankowski, Steve Berger, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Priscilla Marlowe, Margaret Braun, Jeremiah Stromberg, Don Chapin

**Attending by phone:** Shannon Sivell, Rebecca Orf, Vivien Bliss

**Absent:** Audrey Broyles, Jayne Downing

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome, introduction and greetings**

**Minutes Approval** – the minutes from the meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were approved with one alteration, suggested by Eric Mankowski.

**Hardy Myers' Resignation – Eric Mankowski**

Hardy Myers' submitted his resignation from his role on the Advisory Committee (AC), due to health reasons in May. The AC expressed appreciation for his significant role in establishing and participating in this group and in setting standards for prioritizing victims' rights for the State of Oregon.

**ACTION:** The AC will provide a card and formal thanks to Hardy Myers, to be signed and distributed after the September meeting.

**Yamhill Demonstration Project Curriculum Review**

Eric received a request from Dr. Warford asking to follow up with the AC about the demonstration project approval process. The AC was in agreement that Eric and Shannon can offer to meet with her as co-chairs of the committee and report back to the larger group.

Following the May meeting Jeremiah Stromberg represented the AC in a review of the Yamhill Demonstration Project (DP) curriculum. In summary, he was provided a comprehensive review of the curriculum. He provided a thorough report of his review and answered the group's questions.

**Future Demonstration Project Process**

Significant discussion followed about the best way to review and approve future DPs. The AC agreed a firmer structure should be in place before the next DP presentation takes place. Eric asked the members to communicate via email with ideas of what things should provide that structure. This will be added to an upcoming agenda as a high priority.



## **Batterer Classification System Presentation – Dr. Chris Huffine**

Chris Huffine, Director of Allies in Change, a Batterer Intervention Program in Portland, reviewed his Classification System for Batterers, based on six levels:

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-domestic violence (DV) criminal behaviors

Chris Huffine's Recommendation:

Category 1 – no treatment necessary; category 2 – individual therapy addressing underlying issues; category 3 – no services necessary; in some cases a specialized group or regular DV group could provide a screening function; categories 4, 5 and 6 – regular DV group, except psychopathic batterers who should be in a specialized group.

Eric Mankowski – the AC needs to take action on this. We need to form a subcommittee to review and make recommendations to the larger group.

### **Psychopathic Batterers Demonstration Project**

Allies in Change has proposed a tentative presentation by Curt St Denis of a DP regarding treatment of psychopathic offender. Due to the need to modify the DP process in advance, it will be tabled until the process is updated.

### **Topics for upcoming agendas:**

- Review process for receiving quarterly reports from DPs
- Review and formulate process for approval of DPs
- Female primary aggressor subcommittee

**ACTION:** Becky Orf has raised some concerns about the non-mandatory nature of BIP standards. Eric asked her to send out an email detailing areas of concern; he asked AC members to respond via email. The discussion can then be resumed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol City Business Center in the Rogue Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.