



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2015; 9:00 to 12:00 pm
Capitol City Business Center, Umpqua Conference Room**

In Attendance:

Shannon Sivell, Steve Berger, Chris Huffine, Jayne Downing, Don Chapin

Video Conference: Becky Orf

Attending by phone: Vivien Bliss, Priscilla Marlowe, Chris Hoy

Absent: Eric Mankowski, Audrey Broyles, Margaret Braun, Jeremiah Stromberg

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and greetings – Shannon Sivell

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the meeting on August 6, 2015 were approved.

Review process for receiving quarterly reports from Demonstration Projects (DP)

Shannon noted that Eric plans to develop a form for review on this topic, but has been delayed in doing so. The topic is being tabled until the November meeting.

Review and expand/revise process for approval of DPs

The Advisory Committee (AC) discussed areas needing revision prior to proceeding with the next DP. The AC decided to require submission of curriculum to the entire Advisory Committee as a mandatory part of a DP. The group expressed concern about how to safeguard proprietary rights of curriculums submitted.

ACTIONS:

- Shannon will amend the DP application requesting submission of curriculum with applications stating that no part of the curriculum will be used for professional gain. She will pass this along to Eric for review at the November meeting.
- Shannon will write a temporary rule change to the Oregon Administrative Rules modifying the process of review to reflect the above decision. The draft rule will be available to the AC after the first of the year.

Subcommittee for Female Primary Aggressors

Due to Eric's absence, further discussion of formation of the subgroup will be delayed until the November meeting. Chris Huffine suggested that we start the next meeting with some in-depth discussion on Female Aggressors to ground the entire AC in some of the key issues. The AC agreed that this would be a good use of time and an important step in moving forward with work in this area. Afterward the AC can move on to discussing participants in and guidelines for the subgroup, when the subcommittee will be launched and the degree of participation of the Advisory Committee.



Gondolf Presentation in Portland, October 5th

Dr. Edward Gondolf will be conducting a two-part Batterer Intervention Program presentation in Multnomah County on October 5th. Annie Neal provided an invitation to the AC to participate in both sessions.

Expanding AC Membership

In order to more fully round out membership, the AC decided to take steps to include representation from the following areas: a second nonprofit victims' service provider, a system-based victim advocate from parole and probation, a Department of Human Services child welfare representative and a member of the defense bar. The group nominated several candidates to invite.

ACTIONS:

- Shannon and Becky will contact the individuals nominated by the group. Those accepting the invitation are welcome to attend the November meeting.
- Becky will contact Bend Judicial to arrange for a video conference room.

Batterers' Classification System

Action steps for the Batterer' Classification System presented by Chris Huffine last month were discussed. The AC determined that the proposed classification system should be distilled into a Best Practice document that can be used by the courts and community corrections.

ACTIONS:

- Chris Huffine will draft an initial Best Practice document with Jayne's input. The next step will be determined at the November meeting.
- All AC members are encouraged to forward Chris input for this paper.

Topics for upcoming agendas:

November – Review process for DP quarterly reports
Review of DP application process
Subcommittee for Female Primary Aggressors
Next Step in Batterer Classification Best Practice paper

January - Allies in Change presentation of Psychopathic Batterers DP

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015, 9:00 am at the Capitol City Business Center in the Umpqua Conference Room.

2016 Meetings:

January 7th, March 10th, May 5th, June 23rd, August 4th, October 6th, and December 1st

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.