

**Batterer Intervention Program  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 13, 2014**

Present: Shannon Sivell, Eric Mankowski, Hardy Myers, Chris Huffine, Chris Hoy, Don Chapin, Rebecca Orf, Vivien Bliss, Priscilla Marlowe, Valerie Smith

Approval of meeting minutes from 9/25/14.

**Demonstration Project (DP) Presentation Evaluation Form:**

- The form will be posted on the CVSD website for programs to use in the future.
- Edits/Discussion of the Form:
  - Opening paragraphs:**
    - "Per ORS" - this should be OAR (spell out and list specific OAR number).
    - Need to include a letter of support or position from a victim advocacy program and the LSA/MA or DV Council.
  - Section (a):**
    - Each OAR section they are asking to waive must be specifically stated and explained. Include the range of OAR numbers.
  - Section (e):**
    - Change "projects" to "demonstration projects" in order to receive any past DP proposals.
  - Section (f):**
    - The standards allow for more than 24 months if the BIP completes a report to re-apply for an extension.
  - Section (g):**
    - Need specific language to receive the position of the community victim advocacy programs.
  - Section (h):**
    - Add DV Council. Change "opinion" to "position."
    - What if a community partner disapproves of the DP? Should the AC ask for the community response? The AC could make it a part of the process to contact community partners to discuss opinions apart from what the applicant presents.
- After DP Presentation:**
  - OARs do not specifically state how the AC is to respond to the program after the DP presentation. The original intent was for the AC to review and give a formal approval or denial.
  - A denial would include an explanation of the decision, and guidance, so the program could modify and resubmit the proposal to be acceptable to the AC.
  - The LSA, MA and DV Council should be made aware of the decision.
    - Should other BIPs and community partners be made aware of the decision as well? The AC decision is public information; however, Shannon will have our attorney review this issue to make sure we proceed correctly.

**Other Demonstration Project Discussion:**

- Chris Huffine and Don Chapin made past presentations on their programs. The AC discussed if they need to go through the DP process. It was decided that neither program is drastically deviating from the rules and therefore are not DPs.

- The AC may need to request DP proposals if it is discovered that programs possibly have DPs but have not gone through the approval process. If the AC has concerns about a program that hasn't asked for approval, they could also use their authority to contact the LSA/MA with those concerns.
- This will be a learning process. After January's presentation the AC will have a better idea of how to proceed in the future.

#### **Future Meetings:**

- Meetings will be held every 6-8 weeks. Shannon will set dates for 2015 and e-mail members for availability.
- Our next meeting is January 16, 2015. Patricia Warford, from Building Healthy Relationships, will be presenting a Demonstration Project. Also attending with Patricia: Sgt. Todd Baltzell (Newberg Dundee Police), Debra Bridges (Director, Yamhill Co Victim Assistance Program), and Dr. Julia Babcock, PhD (University of Houston Professor/Researcher).

#### **AC Meeting Reports:**

- Becky Orf attended an all-day roundtable on October 25, 2014. Attendees included judges, psychologists, representatives from VAWA, a tribal judge with the National Council, and several people from Minnesota who use the Duluth model. Becky will be sharing information from the roundtable with all judges. Among other items, the memo will include: DV intervention does work; longer is better in terms of BIPs; duration does not drive success - people need to make positive change; courts need to know what is happening at BIPs. Becky will send a copy of the memo to the AC.
- Chris Huffine attended the Family Violence Prevention Network meeting a week ago. The agenda included drafting a response in opposition to a Washington study that stated BIPs are not effective.
- Chris also attended a meeting in September that discussed programs around the country that state that women are as abusive as men and are moving toward gender inclusive formats. Concerns have led to these meetings in order to organize a response to this practice.
- Please contact Becky or Chris if you would like more detailed information on these meetings.

#### **Membership Recommendations:**

- Chris Hoy Recommends Stan Gilbert from Klamath County. He would like Eric or Shannon to contact him.
- Shannon is still looking into a new AC member from Grande Ronde.
- Becky brought the following recommendations: Defense Attorney Rob Harris (has DA background), and Defense Attorney John Hamilton (Jackson County). Becky will continue to make contact with them.
- In the past, the process of recommending and inviting new AC members has been very casual, but original members were invited by the Attorney General. For future AC members, Shannon will have a formal invitation sent from the Attorney General.