



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2017; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Kulongoski Room, Justice Building**

**In Attendance:**

Steve Berger, Vivien Bliss, Don Chapin, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Eric Mankowski, Hon. Becky Orf, Shannon Sivell, Jeremiah Stromberg

**Phone Attendee:**

Melissa Erlbaum

**Absent:** Hon. Audrey Broyles

**Guests:** Amy Benedum, Oregon Judicial Department, Shannon Barkley, Clackamas County Community Corrections, Brent Taylor, Clackamas County Community Corrections

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome/Opening – Eric Mankowski**

Becky introduced Amy Benedum, the OJD replacement on the Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC), as Becky is retiring this year. The AC invited Becky's ongoing participation as long as she is available.

**Minutes Approval** – The AC approved the minutes from the meeting on April 27, 2017.

**Clackamas County Presentation on Senate Bill 81 Process – Brent Taylor, Shannon Barkley**

As of September, 2013, Clackamas County Community Corrections completed initial development and implementation of a process for monitoring BIPs compliance with the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for programs that received referrals from their agency. Multnomah and Washington Counties, Clackamas Women's Services and Portland State University were also partners in the review. They used the OARs governing BIPs as the foundation of their review. The review was limited to court-mandated male batterers offending female victims.

**Observations:**

- No BIPs are in full compliance with OARs due to lack of financial and staffing resources
- Separating risk groups is difficult for some BIPs
- Professional standards for staff are more stringent than for facilitators
- BIPs are not clearly empowered to decline a potentially problematic participant
- Inconsistencies among curriculum made review more difficult

**Recommendations:**

- Review OARs for best practice updates
- Free and/or affordable training
- Level of Service/Case Management Inventory training for providers
- A standard process for what should be kept in a BIP file
- Standardized timing of reviews



- Standardized process for tracking coordinated trainings
- Improve communication and collaboration through Local Supervisory Authority (LSA) site visits to groups and encourage it directly between BIPs and parole officers
- Better guidelines for interactions with community-based victim advocacy programs
- Dedicated groups of people do reviews through entire process
- Clarification for handling of voluntary participants in BIPs
- Regulation and oversight for non-traditional BIP participants
- Formal grievance process
- Template for an accountability plan with action steps
- Define culturally specific vs. culturally informed in the standards
- Point of contact for each LSA, Mandating Authority, Family Violence Coordination Council and Victim Services Agency
- Post information on state or county website about how to get approval
- Remove mention of the State of Oregon from online Batterer Intervention Program websites

#### **Yamhill Demonstration Project Status – All**

The Yamhill Demonstration Project (DP) requested an extension, but failed to provide information as required by the OARs. In response to this situation, the AC will draft a letter to Brad Berry, Yamhill County District Attorney, and Jessica Beach, Yamhill County Community Justice Director, to advise them that the DP is out of compliance. The AC is hopeful that in doing so the LSA will encourage the DP to provide the requested information so that the request for an extension can be fully reviewed. At this point, the DP is out of compliance and not receiving oversight from the AC. The letter will request they suspend referrals to the DP until compliance is re-established.

#### **ACTION STEPS:**

- Shannon will draft the above letter and submit to AC for input.
- Eric will reach out to Patricia Warford to inform her of AC decision.

Adjourned at 12:17 pm

#### **Scheduled meetings:**

**2018**

*January 25*