



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2017; 11:00 am to 11:30 am
Phone Conference**

In Attendance:

Steve Berger, Don Chapin, Melissa Erlbaum, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Eric Mankowski, Hon. Becky Orf, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Vivien Bliss, Hon. Audrey Broyles, Jeremiah Stromberg

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening – Eric Mankowski

Eric called a quorum to ensure a legal meeting.

Yamhill Demonstration Project Request for Continuation Discussion

Eric reviewed the history of the Yamhill Demonstration Project (DP) request for continuation approval from the Batterers' Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC).

Dr. Julia Babcock has responded to the AC request for oversight information, advising the University of Houston Institutional Review Board (IRB) has provided ongoing approval of the project since April 2014. The IRB has indicated the project has been in operation during this time frame.

The Yamhill DP has requested approval for changes to their project from University of Houston, but they have not specified or submitted these changes to the BIP AC. Significant eligibility alterations have been made, including, but not limited to the following:

- Allowance for up to three specified, severe, violent acts, including strangulation, in the previous six months
- Female offenders are being recruited as participants
- Victims are being asked to report their own perpetration of violence
- Voluntary couples are being recruited
- Additional changes to the intake interview that raise concerns for victim safety

This greatly increases BIP AC safety concerns for victims. In addition, it is now unclear if the participants will be limited to those acting in a situational violence model, given the changes to the interview questions. For these reasons, the AC voted to deny the request for ongoing approval.

ACTION STEPS – Eric Mankowski

- Draft a response letter with the AC decision, thoroughly outlining the reason for the denial and safety concerns
- Forward the draft to the AC for review and response
- Send the letter to Dr. Warford and copy Dr. Julia Babcock, D.A. Brad Berry, and Jessica Beach

Adjourned at 11:30 am