



Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Kulongoski Room, Justice Building

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Steve Berger, Vivien Bliss, Don Chapin, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell

Phone Attendee:

Melissa Erlbaum

Absent: Hon. Audrey Broyles, Jeremiah Stromberg

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening – Eric Mankowski

Minutes Approval – The AC approved the minutes from the meeting on October 26, 2017 and December 4, 2017, with edits.

Senate Bill 1543

The committee briefly reviewed Senate Bill 1543 and discussed the impact of applying Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) standards uniformly across genders. No vote was taken, however the members all expressed concern regarding this specific provision. Eric agreed to prepare testimony that will speak to the current standards.

Review Quarterly Report – Allies in Change Demonstration Project

Chris Huffine excused himself from the meeting during this portion, as it concerns his organization. The Allies in Change Demonstration Project (DP) submitted their quarterly report. The AC reviewed the report, accepting it without concerns.

Because there has been consistent input that quarterly reports are too frequent, the AC determined that on alternate quarters, DP participants could submit a report that states there have been no changes, when that is the case.

Review Policy Paper on Female Offenders

Eric requested the group take time to ask colleagues in their area of expertise to review the best practice paper on female offenders and provide input for the group by email within two weeks. Sherree will send out a reminder on February 12th.

The Subcommittee will reconvene before the April BIP AC meeting, to finalize the paper. Subcommittee members include Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell, Vivien Bliss, Chris Huffine, Chris Hoy, Marci Nelson (Washington County Community Corrections) and Rachel Smith (Portland State University).

Recommendation: Cite the work of Lisa Larance in the paper.



Response to Suggestions by Clackamas County Community Corrections on BIP Standard Compliance

The AC reviewed Clackamas County Community Corrections recommendations for BIP standards compliance. The group will prioritize a response at the April meeting, as Chris Hoy was not present for this part of the discussion.

Ideas discussed include: the inclusion of judicial BIP Summary Report data, the potential of providing more active support for programs through the DOJ website, incorporating templates and possibly including the Clackamas tool. BIP consultation and a statewide listserv are other possibilities.

Use of Polygraphs for Assessing BIP Outcomes

The AC discussed the use of polygraphs as a possible tool for BIP compliance; there are divergent opinions among the group about the degree to which they should be utilized. No decisions were made.

ACTION STEPS:

- Eric will prepare a statement for the Legislature to speak to Senate Bill 1543 in early February
- Melissa has a recommendation for AC membership of a colleague. She will submit her credentials by email to the group.
- Sherree will send the Yamhill County decision letter to Dr. Julia Babcock to correct the oversight.

Adjourned at 11:40 am

Scheduled meetings:

2018

April 26

July 26

October 25