



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018; 9:00 am to 11:00 pm
Frohnmayr Room, Justice Building**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Steve Berger, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Eric Mankowski,

Phone Attendee: Vivien Bliss

Absent: Hon. Audrey Broyles, Don Chapin, Melissa Erlbaum, Shannon Sivell, Jeremiah Stromberg

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening – Eric Mankowski

Minutes Approval – The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the meeting on January 25, 2018.

Review Revised Policy Paper on Women Charged with Domestic Violence – Eric Mankowski

The Policy Paper Subcommittee met in March to complete work on the paper concerning women charged with Domestic Violence (DV). Additional language by Chris Huffine, Marci Nelson and Lisa Larance was incorporated into the paper. The subcommittee has submitted this as their recommended final version. The AC will review and return any suggestions for further revision to the group by email. Eric will work with Sherree to finalize formatting.

Prioritize Action Steps Following Clackamas County Community Corrections on BIP Compliance Assessment

The AC discussed the recommendations submitted by the Clackamas County Community Corrections on Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Compliance Assessment, in order to prioritize an appropriate response. They determined the best place to start is to address common compliance problems BIPs have with the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). After compiling a cohesive list with possible solutions, the AC will consider presenting a case to the Attorney General for review.

New Member Recommendation for AC

Melissa Erlbaum submitted the name of Maureen Lowell, faculty member of San Jose State University, who is also an Oregon resident as a potential BIP AC member. Her expertise is in the field of DV, including working with women convicted of domestic violence. The committee approved her membership on the AC.

Report on Senate Bill 1543

The legislature recently amended Senate Bill 1543 to reflect the need to incorporate BIP AC members experienced with evidence-based practices specific to recidivism that take into account



risk factors, needs and responsiveness to treatment; and represent the diverse groups that interact with violence prevention and BIPs.

The amendment also includes a mandate for a separate set of standards for male defendants, female defendants, defendants offending against same-sex victims and circumstances in which the defendant or victim is gender nonconforming. An additional stipulation is that these new standards will be based upon scientific research and direct practice with both offenders and survivors of domestic violence.

The AC discussed the challenges inherent in this mandate as there is little research done in some of these areas. The subject will be revisited at the July meeting.

Washington State BIP Oversight – Chris Huffine

Washington State has a staff person, Amie Roberts, tasked with BIP oversight. She conducts site visits at all the programs in the state and also handles standard revision. They have developed four risk classifications for perpetrators, including low, medium, high and psychopathic levels. They have created a separate practice for each one. The AC asked Chris to reach out to inquire if she can consult with the group.

ACTION STEPS:

- The AC will review the policy paper and return any edits to Sherree by May 10th.
- Eric will work with Sherree to finalize formatting on the policy paper.
- Sherree will post the final paper on the Department of Justice website.
- The AC will distribute the final paper in PDF format to partner agencies, providers and the judiciary for use.
- Related to the conflict between OARs and BIP compliance, each AC member (as pertinent) will analyze and define the nature of the problem as it manifests in their area, with potential solutions. Each participant will provide a one page summary to Sherree by May 17th.
- Eric and Shannon will work together to provide a summarized version of the OAR/BIP information to review at the July meeting.
- Chris Huffine will reach out to Amie Roberts to inquire if she is available to consult with the AC at the July or October meeting.

Adjourned at 11:00 am

Scheduled meetings:

2018

July 26

October 25