



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2018; 9:00 am to 12:07 pm
Frohnmayr Room, Justice Building**

In Attendance:

Don Chapin, Melissa Erlbaum, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Jeremiah Stromberg

Phone Attendee: Vivien Bliss, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Amy Benedum, Steve Berger, Hon. Audrey Broyles

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

Maureen Lowell is the newest Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) member. She works remotely for San Jose State University and has expertise in the area of women arrested for domestic violence. In addition, Maureen has clinical expertise with offenders, survivors, youth and couples affected by family violence. She has also chaired the domestic violence council for Santa Clara County, California.

Minutes Approval – The AC approved the minutes from the meeting on April 26, 2018.

Guidance to Batterers' Intervention Programs on Program Completion

In response to the Clackamas County Community Corrections suggestions for guiding BIP programs, the AC discussed creating a best practice document for the Department of Justice BIP website, regarding required progress reports of BIP participants made to the mandating authority. The AC agreed to form a small subcommittee to draft the paper for review at the October meeting. Eric Mankowski, Chris Hoy, Jeremiah Stromberg and Chris Huffine will serve as the subcommittee for reviewing the best practice paper for BIP reporting guidelines.

Report from Amie Roberts about Washington State Standards

Amie Roberts works as the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment (DVPTP) Program Manager for Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. She shared an overview of the Washington State program.

Amie provided an overview of their program, including changes made to the structure of the program in 2016, when she was hired to be the first full-time, dedicated staff person in this role. An advisory committee was convened at that time to review and revise the standards. Amie is systematically investigating the programs in her state to verify compliance to the standards. This has resulted in significant improvement to program compliance. Washington State has long certified DVPTP organizations, with statutorily established power to revoke certification for violation of standards. The advantage of this form of oversight is statewide consistency in program compliance.



Response Regarding Misrepresentation of BIP AC – Eric Mankowski

Eric shared concerns about a significant mischaracterization of the BIP AC demonstration project review process at a recent Batterer Intervention conference held on the east coast. The AC suggested an ongoing online conversation to determine an appropriate response.

ACTION STEPS:

- The BIP guidance best practice paper subcommittee will meet prior to the October meeting and prepare a draft for the larger AC.
- Eric will forward the group a proposed response to the mischaracterization mentioned above, for input and review, within the next few weeks.

Adjourned at 12:07 pm

Scheduled meetings:

2018

October 25