



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019; 9:00 am to 10:50 am
Frohnmayr Room, Justice Building**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Steve Berger, Don Chapin, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Shannon Sivell, Jeremiah Stromberg

Phone Attendee: Vivien Bliss, Melissa Erlbaum, Aaron Hartman

Absent: Hon. Audrey Broyles, Eric Mankowski

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) welcomed Aaron Hartman as the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors appointee for the group.

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

Batterer Intervention Program Standards Modification

Senate Bill 1543 mandated to the AC the responsibility to expand the existing BIP standards to include separate standards for female defendants, defendants who offend against same-sex victims and circumstances in which the defendant or victim is gender non-conforming. The AC will form a subcommittee to this end. The group would like to have Eric's leadership for the project. Maureen has agreed to assist him in leading the group, given her expertise in the field. Chris Huffine, Melissa, Vivien and Don have also agreed to participate on the subcommittee.

Allies in Change Semi-Annual Report

The group discussed the Allies in Change (AIC) Demonstration Project Semi-Annual Report after a review of the history for the benefit of new members. There have been few changes in the last year. AIC would like to extend the demonstration project indefinitely. They will submit a formal request for an extension at the April meeting.

As referenced in the July 2018 meeting, Washington State has instituted a similar program incorporating a separate category for psychopathic-trending perpetrators. In addition, New York City and Utah have expressed interest in learning more about the AIC project. Maureen requested background information and any foundational research material available to better understand the AC accountability process for demonstration projects. Jeremiah suggested that AIC incorporate some formal outcome measures.

Training Concerns

The AC has concerns about training standards for BIP providers, as there is nothing in place. Funding for such training is an ongoing barrier to the majority of programs. As Department of Justice funding is prescriptively dedicated to victim service agencies, they have no latitude for funding BIP training. The AC discussed other options for potential funding that could arise through House Bill 2283.

Membership changes/expansion

Chris Hoy is retiring soon from his position at Clackamas County. However, he expressed interest in continuing on the AC as a community representative. The AC voted to retain his membership. Aaron



Hartman, the Director of Klamath County Community Corrections will serve in the role previously occupied by Hoy. The AC is interested in adding another victim advocate and a child welfare representative to the group, from a rural community, if possible. Shannon and Melissa are looking into this. The advisory committee originally had this representation in place.

ACTION STEPS:

- Shannon will call Eric to discuss the subcommittee work and membership in February.
- Shannon will send BIP legislative documents to Maureen in preparation for the subcommittee work.
- Sherree will update Maureen and Aaron with all AIC documentation.
- Maureen will send her research paper in an email to the group.
- Chris Huffine will follow up with a Pacific University faculty member to pursue research possibilities and report back to the group.

Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items:

- AIC formal extension request
- Clackamas County Review implementation
- Revisit membership nominees
- Subcommittee formation

Adjourned at 10:50 am

Scheduled meetings:

2019

April 25

July 25

October 24