



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019; 9:00 am to 11:05 am
Frohnmayr Room, Justice Building**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Steve Berger, Don Chapin, Melissa Erlbaum, Aaron Hartman, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Jeremiah Stromberg

Phone Attendee: Don Chapin

Absent: Vivien Bliss, Shannon Sivell

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

Minutes Approval – The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the meeting on January 24, 2019.

Clackamas Review Discussion

Eric has received notice of concerns from two BIP providers about the Tri-County review process. The Tri-County intent is to provide supervisory capacity that is consistent with Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). Local Supervisory Authorities (LSA) have legal liability for this responsibility.

The Tri-County BIP Review group held a meeting in February to invite input from BIPs in their area. The participants have until June 30th to return their response to the LSA. The response will allow for information about specific obstacles. When coupled with research information available at Portland State University, this information will be useful in formulating a response in moving forward. Tri-County intention is to collaborate for the best process for all-program OAR compliance. They are optimistic that through collaboration a workable solution can be attained.

BIP input has addressed the feasibility of compliance to the OARs. In addition, it has raised questions about the ability to comply with ongoing reviews with the limited resources many programs have in place. Feedback from rural counties indicates that the standards themselves are an ideal that are not tailored to rural county circumstances.

Possible improvements include:

- More time for the compliance process
- If significantly out of compliance, it could be broken into a three-year process of improvement. The process could be developed by a subcommittee
- An annual summit, with a victim safety emphasis, that would provide the required training
- LSAs could potentially modify standards for their area

Allies in Change formal extension request

Dr. Huffine recused himself from this portion of the meeting. The Allies in Change BIP submitted a formal request for an indefinite extension of their demonstration project. The AC has requested a current semi-annual report, and evidence of research outcomes and screening tool utilization.



BIP Standards – SB 1543

The AC has been tasked with the responsibility of complying with Senate Bill 1543, related to separate standards for female, same sex, and gender non-conforming domestic violence perpetrators in Batterer Intervention Programs. The group discussed some ideas and formed a subcommittee of Eric, Melissa, Jeremiah and Maureen to move forward.

ACTION STEPS:

- Jeremiah will prepare for his July portion of the meeting
- Jeremiah will reach out to Becki Ney of the Center for Effective Public Policy with intention to invite her input for the subcommittee
- Eric will reach out to Melissa, Jeremiah and Maureen to convene the subcommittee on SB 1543
- Eric will contact Shannon to discuss questions raised in the meeting

Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items:

- Membership nominees
- Allies in Change response to requests
- CJC oversight to Domestic Violence Commission – Jeremiah
- Potential training summit
- Attendance requirement to maintain active membership

Adjourned at 11:05 am

Scheduled meetings:

2019

July 25

October 24