



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 25, 2019; 9:00 am to 11:35 am  
Frohnmayr Room, Justice Building**

**In Attendance:**

Steve Berger, Aaron Hartman, Chris Hoy, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell, Jeremiah Stromberg

**Phone Attendee:** Vivien Bliss, Melissa Erlbaum

**Absent:** Amy Benedum, Don Chapin

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome/Opening**

**Updates**

Allies in Change is starting an LGBTQ abuse intervention group, which is currently the only known one of its kind in the state. They plan to use curriculum consistent with state requirements, after reaching out to other states for input. The group will be multi-gender and will start in September. The AC discussed the possibility of reviewing the work of the group next spring to inform the efforts to develop BIP programming for compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 1543.

Also pertinent to this work, Eric submitted the research paper: “What Services Exist for LGBTQ Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence in Batterer Intervention Programs Across North America? A Qualitative Study”.

A second paper he submitted was “Lessons in Program Evaluation: The ACTV Batterer Program Study and Its Claims,” was written by Eric Mankowski in partnership with Edward W. Gondolf and Larry Bennett. This paper is a response to the “Evaluation of the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy” (ACT) curriculum.

The Portland Veterans’ Administration has a new program for veterans, which is a quasi-domestic violence intervention group, called Strength at Home; the group does not accept mandated attendees, and therefore is not bound to use the state BIP Standards.

**Minutes Approval** – The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) AC approved the minutes from the meeting on April 25, 2019, which will be posted to the Department of Justice website.

**Allies in Change Response to AC Request**

Dr. Huffine recused himself from this portion of the meeting. Following the April meeting, the AC requested some changes and more information in order to consider continuation of the Demonstration Project for psychopathic and highly criminally inclined men. Allies in Change (AIC) submitted an explanatory letter and support documentation for AC review. After discussion and subsequent review with Dr. Huffine, the AC decided to request data related to group participation, including dates of entry and completion or failure to complete the BIP group. They will also request the same information on all other groups at Allies in Change during this time frame to utilize the data for research purposes.



### **Potential Training Summit**

As Crime Victim and Survivor Services has no specified funding related to offenders, Shannon has reached out to the Criminal Justice Commission to determine if any funding can be accessed to sponsor a training summit for BIPs for the State of Oregon.

### **Attendance requirement to maintain AC membership**

The AC determined that consistent attendance at meetings must be maintained, in order to continue as an AC member. In the event of a potential absence, the members are expected to communicate via email to the group administrative assistant, or chairpersons.

### **ACTION STEPS:**

- Eric and Shannon will draft a letter to AIC with AC requests.
- Shannon will report back to the AC the results of whether funding can be accessed for training of BIPs.

### **Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Allies in Change response to requests
- Funding for training summit
- Subcommittee work

*Adjourned at 11:35am*

**Next meeting** - October 24, 2019