



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2020; 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Frohnmayr Room, Justice Building**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Steve Berger, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Shannon Sivell

Phone Attendee: Vivien Bliss, Melissa Erlbaum, Aaron Hartman

Absent: Don Chapin, Chris Hoy, Jeremiah Stromberg

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

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

Senate Bill 1543 Response and Implementation Plan

Eric reported receiving two communications related to the new Senate Bill 1543 language, one from a BIP provider and another from a judge. The inquiries are about BIP standards related to women and LGBTQ individuals arrested for domestic violence (DV). They discussed the best way to respond to such inquiries until bill response can be drafted. The AC decided to direct the provider back to the local supervisory authorities (LSA) as they have direct oversight responsibility.

As there is inadequate research in place to quickly create separate standards for LGBTQ DV arrests, the AC determined to start with the response for heterosexual females arrested for DV. The group discussed reaching out to legislature for funding to assist with this mandate, in gathering expertise to create the document. The next meeting will be dedicated to reviewing the current standards to this end; DOJ will provide lunch.

BIP Directory Update - Eric

Students from Portland State University have been working on updating the BIP Directory, under Eric's guidance. The students will reach out to BIP programs, and to survivor services to ensure everything is up to date. Amy will reach out to Child Welfare to learn what programs they refer to.

Survey of Oregon BIP practices, characteristics

Eric distributed the previously used BIP survey and asked for input for modifications or additions. He will update the document and submit to the AC for review before use.

Listserv for Oregon BIPs

While there is a listserv in place for BIPs, it has not been used for many years and is administered through DOJ. The group decided to create a new listserv with a member outside DOJ as the administrator, as it requires moderation. Eric and Chris Huffine will follow up.

Reassessment of Oregon BIP practices in relation to standards

Shannon has reached out to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to inquire about funding for training. She has not received a response, and will forward contact information to Eric, in order to provide CJC



with details about evidence-based practice. The training would be for corrections and multi-disciplinary groups. Steve will investigate the possibility of the CJC incorporating such a training into their Justice Reinvestment Summit.

ACTION STEPS:

- Eric will respond to the provider who submitted the inquiry, directing them to the LSA
- Vivien will share her research project with the AC once it is published, as it addresses female aggressors
- Eric will set up a Google Docs site to allow for document review and share it with the AC
- Sherree will work to reschedule the April 23 meeting for maximum participation
- Sherree will discontinue the BIP listserv currently in place and send the contact information to Eric and Chris

Adjourned at 4:10pm

2020 Scheduled meetings

April 23 (to be rescheduled)

July 23

October 22