



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2022; 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
Remote video meeting**

**In Attendance:**

Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss, Melissa Erlbaum, Aaron Hartman, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

**Absent:** Don Chapin, Susana Escobedo, Nathaline Frener

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome/Opening**

Eric welcomed the group.

**Minutes Approval** – The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes of the January 28, 2021, meeting, which will be posted to the Department of Justice website.

**Strength at Home Update**

Shannon and Eric were unsuccessful in gathering information about the Strength at Home Program of Lane County. Both will continue trying. In addition, Aaron Hartman will reach out to the Community Corrections Director from Lane County as a Local Supervisory Authority to determine if more information can be gained.

**Jurisdiction and Other Conflicts**

Chris met with David Garvin related to international jurisdiction conflicts did not receive any new information. The group discussed best practice related to county or state jurisdiction conflicts that come up. The agreed upon best practice is for the mandating jurisdiction to be followed when a participant attends a BIP group in another location. The group decided to revise the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) to suggest compliance with mandating jurisdiction when a participant is in a different county program.

A broader understanding on various practices by the different counties would be helpful across the state. The AC discussed creating a statement based on graduated risk for practices that vary from the BIP OARs.

Corrections changes that have brought about early earned discharge for adults in custody affects how and if some BIP participants complete their mandated course. This issue is under review by Corrections. The group discussed the need to keep an eye on legislative efforts to ensure domestic violence concerns are under consideration with new bills.

**Women Who Use Force Subcommittee Update**

The Subcommittee submitted a draft on the Women Who Use Force OAR Standards for the committee to review. The standards were drafted for heterosexual female offenders. They discussed the need to update terminology of the existing standards created for men and maintaining a referral list for programs to access trauma-informed training. The AC will look for existing trainings they can vet for such a list and consider ways to add to it. It may be helpful to provide a short webinar to explain reasoning behind the standards update to Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors. Resources for curricula for women specifically will also be important to recommend. After full review of the draft, the Subcommittee



will meet and make final edits. Upon final completion, the OARs will be processed through the legislative system by Shannon and Sherree.

### **COVID Practices Update**

The group discussed the possible need to update the standards to reflect best practice for virtual meetings.

### **ACTION STEPS:**

- Sherree will send out the OAR draft with changes accepted, as well as a track change version for full group review.
- Sherree will add Legislative updates to the agenda as a standing item.

### **Upcoming meeting topics –**

- *Strength at Home updates*
- *Add Legislative updates as a standing item*
- *Eric will update the group on values-based standards in New York*

*Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am*