



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2022; 9:00 am to 9:45 am
Remote video meeting**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Jamie Breyman, Melissa Erlbaum, Susana Escobedo, Aaron Hartman, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Vivien Bliss, Don Chapin, Nathaline Frener, Eric Mankowski, Vanessa Timmons

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

Shannon welcomed the group, and everyone introduced themselves to Jamie Breyman. Jamie is the Acting Assistant Director of Oregon Correctional Services. She is attending the meetings on behalf of Dept. of Corrections in Nathaline Frener's place, while she is out on leave.

Minutes Approval – The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes of the May 27 meeting, which will be posted to the Department of Justice website.

Strength at Home Update

Shannon received a response back from the lead on the Strength at Home project for batterer intervention serving veterans in Lane County. He indicated they have not yet begun the project and a demonstration project application will be submitted in the near future.

Maureen has reached out to a local DVSA program for their input. She hopes to report back at the next meeting.

Women Who Use Force Subcommittee Update

The group has mostly not yet reviewed the updates submitted by the subcommittee and will hold a meeting in September to discuss this process further.

COVID Practices Update

Programs continue to provide a mixture of both in person and virtual groups depending upon circumstances. Allies in Change will move to mostly in-person groups August 1st.

Trainings for facilitators are currently only held at Allies in Change, twice per year and are not widely attended, indicating most BIP program leaders do not receive this required training. The group referenced the need to discuss a backup training in the future.

Victim Services seem to be doing mostly in-person services at this point but are adapting to new ways of meeting needs as well.

Legislative Updates

There are no updates at this time. Shannon suggested that if a legislator contacts anyone, to please be encouraged to speak up about the needs of BIP work. Having a legislator take the lead is the most likely way that funding, enforcement, and staffing needs will be addressed.

National BIP Group

Chris, Eric, and Vanessa represent Oregon in a national BIP group. They presented in June and shared



three wins: 1) a statewide directory of programs, 2) a survivor impact panel, 3) a monthly national BIP network gathering, which Chris hosts. The one challenge is a lack of funding.

ACTION STEPS:

- Sherree will resend the updated standards for review following this meeting. Two weeks prior to the next meeting she will send a reminder.
- Sherree will send out a poll to determine the best time for the extra meeting mid-September.

Upcoming meeting topics –

- *Strength at Home updates: Shannon and Maureen will report back*
- *Women Who Use Force Standards Review – 1 hour dedicated time*
- *Eric will update the group on values-based standards in New York*

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am