



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2023; 9:00 am to 11:20 am
Remote video meeting**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Aaron Hartman, Chris Huffine, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Vivien Bliss, Jamie Breyman, Melissa Erlbaum, Vanessa Timmons

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

Eric welcomed the group. The following membership changes are reflected:

- Jamie Breyman stood in for the Department of Corrections position until the permanent role was replaced. Larry Bennett will fill that position as of February 1st.
- Susana Escobedo has stepped down from her role on the committee.

Minutes Approval – The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes of October 07, 2022, which Sherree will post to the Department of Justice website.

Strength at Home Demonstration Project Application Review

The AC received the application and support documents for the Strength at Home Demonstration Project (DP). The DP would be done out of Lane County, working specifically with veterans.

The AC reviewed and discussed the materials submitted. Several areas of concern were raised including: the number of classes, the emphasis on anger management rather than batterer intervention, and the feasibility of obtaining valid research from this structure. There was no supportive documentation from any domestic violence agencies. Melding the curriculum with non-specified alternative programming is also of concern. These areas of departure raise safety and accountability concerns.

The committee voted to decline the program as it submitted, restating the process and purpose for a demonstration project, and outlining what areas would need modification to reach the threshold for approval.

Upcoming Trainings and Dates – Chris Huffine

Allies in Change has [BIP provider training](#) scheduled for March 8-10 and April 19-21.

National BIP Standard Updates

The Center for Court Innovation has worked to move BIP standards in New York toward values rather than legislation. Chris and Maureen attend a teleconference on the subject. They reported a significant diversity in how various states certify their programs and leaders. It is early in the work of the group and not a lot otherwise to report back.

Chris and Eric continue their participation in the [BISCOMI group](#). It has been on a pause to refocus the work, and will resume on February 9, 1-3pm, Pacific time. This group is now open to all interested participants.



The spring BIP AC meeting has been rescheduled to April 27th.

ACTION STEPS:

- Shannon will reach out to Lisa Daley, of Strength at Home to advise them the response from the AC will be sent in 2-3 weeks.
- Eric will reach out to Melissa Erlbaum for her response to the DP.
- Eric will draft the response to Strength at Home and send to the AC for review before forwarding it to Lisa Daley, who submitted the request.
- Sherree will post the BIP provider training information on the program website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am