



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

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss, Saydyie DeRosia, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Aaron Hartman, Melissa Erlbaum, Chris Huffine, Vanessa Timmons

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

Eric welcomed the everyone and the group introduced themselves to Saydyie DeRosia, the new Dept. of Corrections (DOC) appointee for the Advisory Committee (AC). Saydie is the Victim Services Coordinator there.

Minutes Approval – The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) AC approved the minutes of January 27, 2023, which Sherree will post to the Department of Justice website.

BIP Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs)

The group discussed problems with the current OARs due to their complexity and what has proven to be unattainable requirements. There are cultural recommendations in the current standards that are outmoded and in need of revision. It is challenging to easily determine where the recently developed OARs for female offenders depart from the current standards because of the complexity of the structure.

- The AC decided to ask those who worked on the female offender document each create a short summary of the recommended minimum requirements and recommended aspirations for BIPs with this demographic.
- Beginning in February, at a special meeting, the AC will convene to initiate the process of streamlining the BIP rules into a simplified format of minimal requirements and a section summarizing additional ideal goals. The group feels this will help facilitate a better partnership with Local Supervisory Authorities and BIPs and make the work more attainable. They noted that none of the current programs in the state are completely in compliance with the standards, largely due to lack of the resources and staff required to meet the OAR requirements.

January Meeting

Oregon Community Corrections Division of DOC representatives Jon Hansen and Tracey Coffman will be guests. They will share their work related to Batterer Intervention Programs.

Marci Nelson will share a Senate Bill 81 standards program evaluation tool, initially developed by Clackamas County and revised by the Tri-County BIP Continuous Quality Improvement team, (a partnership between Washington County, Multnomah County, and Clackamas County).



The tool allows community corrections agencies to evaluate a BIP's adherence to the Oregon BIP standards.

ACTION STEPS:

- Eric and/or Maureen will brief Chris Huffine on plans to summarize female aggressors OAR recommendations.
- Shannon will review current BIP OARs and make suggestions on simplifying it; all members are invited to do the same.
- Sherree will schedule an extra meeting for February to initiate OAR standard review.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am