



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2025; 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Remote video meeting**

In Attendance: Saydyie DeRosia, Jon Hansen, Jennifer Hopkinson, Chris Huffine, Scott Hyde, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Nichelle Moore, Keri Moran-Kuhn, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss

Guest: Trista Davis

Minutes: AI Transcription/later edited and formatted by Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

Eric Mankowski welcomed the Advisory Committee (AC) and noted the meeting was being recorded for transcription and artificial intelligence (AI)-generated meeting notes. Participants introduced themselves.

Trauma-Informed Care Framework Discussion

Jennifer and Maureen drafted a document summarizing trauma-informed (TI) care concepts within the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). A key point of concern is that trauma informed care should not become trauma focused care. This centers on intervention for abusive partners around accountability, not to repeat the patterns of harm that were done to them. The presence of trauma can interfere with learning, and it can escalate abuse, but it does not cause abuse. The group discussed refining definitions and integrating TI principles without misrepresenting battering intervention as trauma therapy.

Training Requirements Discussion

The need to balance training hours with realistic expectations was debated. The group suggested a potential revision: Reduce substance abuse training from 16 to 8 hours to allocate time for trauma informed care.

Criminogenic Risk Factors and Assessments

The AC discussed integrating criminogenic factors into intake and ongoing assessments. There was consideration of domain-specific risk factors and training for better-informed assessments.

Next Steps and Scheduling

The group set a tentative next meeting schedule date for April 4th, subject to poll results. They agreed upon the intention to finalize trauma-informed care definitions and risk assessment language before the April 25, 2025, meeting.

ACTIONS:

- Jennifer and Maureen will revise the TI care document based on feedback and share a new draft for review.
- Chris, Scott and Jon will continue refining criminogenic risk factors and intake assessment language for inclusion in standards.
- Sherree will send out a poll to determine a meeting date for the next discussion.
- All participants will review the revised trauma-informed care document before the next meeting.
- Shannon and Eric will discuss and confirm the training hour adjustments for trauma-informed care integration.