**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 25, 2025; 9:00 am to 9:55 am
Remote video meeting**

**In Attendance:** Jon Hansen, Scott Hyde, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Nichelle Moore, Keri Moran-Kuhn, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

**Absent:** Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss, Saydyie DeRosia, Jennifer Hopkinson, Chris Huffine

**Guest:** Trista Davis

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome/Opening**Eric Mankowski welcomed the Advisory Committee (AC) to the meeting. He noted that Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) guests could not be present for the meeting. The topic of ODHS and Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) payment conflict is tabled until representation from that group can be present.

**Minutes Review**

The group reviewed minutes from the regular AC meeting on January 17, 2025, as well as three special meeting minutes for OAR review on February 21, 28 and April 4, 2025. All minutes were approved.

**Limited English Proficiency**

The AC briefly continued the discussion of the needs of BIP participants with limited English proficiency. While there does not appear to be ready research available in this specific area, there are other applicable resources that would be helpful, including [US Department of Health & Human Services Guide to Developing A Language Access Plan, 2023.](https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/agency-information/omh/downloads/language-access-plan.pdf) Oregon Health Authority has other support materials on their [Language and Disability Access webpage](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ei/pages/language-disability-access.aspx). In addition, there are virtual BIP groups available specializing in other languages. The group will revisit this topic when ODHS representation can be present.

**New Membership**

The group reviewed the application of Sarah Greenwood, Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator, in the Child Welfare Division of ODHS, as a member of the Advisory Committee. There was unanimous agreement that this role is an important representation on the group and her membership was approved.

**Naming Convention for BIP Work**

The language used around what has been called batterer intervention work has changed over time. The group discussed the possibility of modifying the name of the AC and how the work is referenced in written documents and on the website. They decided to track the ideas while working on the Division 87 Oregon Administrative Rules review and decide once that work is completed, consistent with the wording used there.

**ACTIONS:**

* **Chris, Jon, Scott** - Continue working on the language for risk assessment in the standards and bring back a revised proposal to the committee.
* **Sherree** will schedule the next Division 87 rule review date, based on a Doodle poll she will conduct. It will be late May or early June.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.*

*Regularly scheduled meetings: July25, October 24*