

# Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 24, 2025; 9:00 am to 11:00 am Remote video meeting

In Attendance: Amy Benedum, Sarah Greenwood, Jon Hansen, Mikisha Hooper, Jen

Hopkinson, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

Absent: Vivien Bliss, Chris Huffine, Scott Hyde, Keri Moran-Kuhn

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

# Welcome/Opening

Eric Mankowski welcomed the Advisory Committee (AC) to the meeting. The members introduced themselves to Jesse Hansen.

### Colorado Domestic Violence (DV) Response System – Jesse Hansen

Jesse Hansen, Program Manager for the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management in Colorado State conducted a presentation for the group. The group was interested in hearing about the <a href="Domestic Violence Risk & Needs Assessment">Domestic Violence Risk & Needs Assessment</a> tool, and their process for curriculum guidance.

Colorado came to use their current model after finding the 36-week model for BIP curriculum was not best practice for all participants. Their Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) began to determine how to evaluate treatment for justice-involved individuals. They found clients were compliance-oriented without having measurable behavior change. They found that most frequently, participants had significant criminal thinking and background. They use a risk, need, responsivity base with 11 core competencies, based on risk of domestic violence (DV) recidivism. The core competencies are not linear. The highest risk participants are intentionally isolated from the lower risk individuals to prevent harm. Higher risk participants are required to receive longer, in-person treatment.

Colorado has a legal requirement for all DV intervention providers to be licensed mental health professionals, who then conduct ongoing evaluation. A three-member multidisciplinary team oversees the progress of participants, with a required consensus with them and the provider before release from treatment, all based on risk reduction. Participants are required to pay for their treatment; some at a sliding scale. Providers have legal protections when adhering to the state standards.

### **Membership Updates**

The AC had reached out to Rhea DuMont, to take Nichelle Moore's place on the committee, who pointed out that Mikisha Hooper represents their organization on a work group. Marci Nelson is now working in a new field and hopes to remain on the AC as a field expert. Saydyie DeRosia has stepped away for an indefinite period.



The group still needs representation in another BIP provider and a District Attorney Victim Assistance Program advocate.

# Complaint Update - Klamath Basin Behavioral Health

A complaint was received about Klamath Basin Behavioral Health (KBBH) in June, as reviewed in the previous meeting. Members of the AC have been in contact with the complainant about their concerns, then with representatives of the Klamath County local supervisory authorities (LSAs). They followed up by email with the KBBH Program Director. The AC discussed the information gathered and while it is a complex situation, they determined that the program is in good standing with the LSAs. There are concerns about the victim's safety which has impacted the program's decision to not discuss the situation further with them.

### **ACTION STEPS -**

- The group plans an additional meeting to discuss the information from the Colorado presentation as related to the OAR update project.
- Sherree will conduct a poll to find time for an additional BIP meeting in 2025.
- Jesse will share the research papers and support materials with the group.

#### **Future meeting agendas**

Extra meeting if possible – review Colorado input in light of OAR changes January – review OAR draft; determine name for BIP work

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

2026 scheduled meetings: January 23, April 24, July 24, October 23