

**BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of February 7, 2011**

**Open Session**

**Voting Members Present: Shelley Cortese, RIDOC/Chair; Deb DeBare, RI Coalition against Domestic Violence; Anthony Ward Smith, Justice Assistance; Mary Osborne, BIP representative; Elaine Dorazio, Supreme Court;**

**Seats Not Represented: RI District Court; Urban League; RI Police Chiefs Association; RI Supreme Court**

**Additional Participants: Sharon Schwartz-Vanderhoff, Probation & Parole; Bryan Riley, FVI; Jessica Seitz, RI Coalition against Domestic Violence; George Sheehan, RI BIP; Jeff Weisinger, Tri-Hab, Deb Stacey, Vantage Point**

**Materials Distributed:**

**Meeting Agenda-February 7, 2011**

**Meeting Minutes-December 6, 2010**

**Culturally Specific Treatment for Partner-Abusive Latino Men: A Qualitative Study to Identify and Implement Program Components**

**Shelley Cortese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.**

## **Review of Minutes**

**Minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed.**

**\*\*J. Seitz motioned to approve the minutes. M. Osborne seconded.**

**Motion Passes**

## **Review Subcommittee Report**

**Shelley reported that the review process for Tri-Hab's Renewed Comprehensive Certification is complete; a copy of the summary was distributed. Jessica Seitz and Anita Corley reported out on the Tri-Hab summary; acknowledging volunteers Sharon Schwartz Vanderhoff and Micheline Lombardi who assisted in the re-certification process. Anita went over the main points of the summary including points of clarification. The review subcommittee is asking for a vote granting Tri-Hab Renewed Comprehensive Certification. J. Weisinger thanked everyone for their constructive criticism and how helpful it was for his new program.**

## **Member Issues/Announcements**

**\*\*D. DeBare motioned to re-certify program for Tri-Hab. E. Doriazio seconded. Motion Passes**

**There has been approval for the Batterers Intervention for Repeat Offenders from Judge Bucci at Providence District court. All other Judges are aware of the program as well. M. Lombardi is in the process of setting up a start date for the program while waiting for the referrals. The plan is to start the program at Providence District court and eventually work into Superior court. Referrals will come from Judges at the time offenders appear in court. Prosecutors will make Judges aware of any repeat Domestic Violence offenders.**

**„X S. Cortese and M. Lombardi will address Probation and Parole officers about sending police reports when referring offenders to a program. It is imperative that police reports are submitted with referrals.**

**„X D. DebareDebare handed out an article to all attendees: ;§Culturally Specific Treatment for Partner-Abusive Latino Men: A Qualitative Study to Identify and Implement Program Components;”**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Review Subcommittee:**

**Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 2:00, 2nd Floor Conference Room/Dix Building**

### **DV Critical Case Review Team:**

**To be determined**

**Oversight Committee:**

**Monday, April 4, 2011 at 2:00pm, 2nd Floor Conference Room/Dix Building**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Crystal Baptista, Probation & Parole SWPT**