

**BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Meeting of April 7, 2014

Open session

Minutes Draft

Voting Members Present (5): Shelley Cortese, RI Department of Corrections/Chair; Deb DeBare, RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Judge Elaine Bucci, RI District Court; Anthony Ward-Smith, Justice Assistance; Mary Osborne, BIP Representative.

Seats Not Represented (8): Supreme Court Domestic Violence Training & Monitoring Unit; RI Department of Health; Office of the Attorney General; Urban League; Governor's Office; RI Justice Commission; RI Police Chiefs Association; RI Supreme Court.

Additional Participants (5): Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole/BIPSOC; Dan Dupuis, Probation & Parole; Rachel Orsinger, RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Jessica Rogers, EBCC; Tatiana Ortiz, Intern/ Probation & Parole.

Materials Distributed:

Meeting Agenda: April 7, 2014

Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2014

Shelley Cortese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of February 3, 2014 were reviewed.

Deb DeBare made a motion to adopt the February 3, 2014 minutes Anthony Ward-Smith seconded the motion. All votes in favor; Judge Bucci abstained; none opposed. Motion carried.

Review Subcommittee Report

Emily reported that the Comprehensive Certification process for Bridgemark is not yet complete. Emily reports all documents have been submitted and meet the Standards.

The Review Subcommittee is asking for the Oversight Committee grant an extension of Comprehensive Certification to Bridgemark until the next Oversight Committee meeting to give supervisor, Mary Osborne and Review Subcommittee members the opportunity to conduct follow up group observations.

Deb DeBare made a motion to extend Comprehensive Certification to Bridgemark until the next Oversight Committee meeting. Judge Bucci seconded the motion. All votes in favor; Mary abstained; no

objections. Motion carried.

Rules & Standards Subcommittee Report

Emily reported the first meeting of the Rules & Standards Subcommittee was held on February 20th. The Subcommittee selected five topics to research and selected eleven states whose BIP standards and statutes will be utilized as reference model. Deb asked which states the Subcommittee selected. The states are as follows: Alaska, California, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

The five topics are:

- 1) Whether other states have separate programs for repeat offenders**
- 2) How does Rhode Island's required curriculum compare to other states**
- 3) Is there a guideline for group size**
- 4) Are there provisions in other states for indigent clients**
- 5) Comparison of requirements for facilitators of batterer intervention groups**

Deb asked how is it determined the Comprehensive Standards are consistent with current best practice. She suggested looking at Emerge of Cambridge, Massachusetts and DAIP of Duluth, Minnesota.

Member Issues/Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Review Subcommittee:

Tuesday April 22, 2014 at 9:00am in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Rules & Standards Subcommittee:

Thursday May 8, 2014 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

DV High Risk/Critical Case Team:

Wednesday April 16, 2014 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Oversight Committee:

Monday June 2nd , 2014 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920.

Meeting Adjourned

Deb DeBare made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Anthony Ward-Smith seconded the motion. All votes in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole Officer

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee