

BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Meeting of December 1, 2014

Open session

Minutes Draft

Voting Members Present (5): Shelley Cortese, RI Department of Corrections/Chair; Deb DeBare, RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Veronica Hobbs, Supreme Court Domestic Violence Training & Monitoring Unit; Anthony Ward-Smith, Justice Assistance; Mary Osborne, BIP Representative.

Seats Not Represented (8): RI Department of Health; Office of the Attorney General; Urban League; RI District Court; 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; Jessica Rogers, EBCC; Dr. Kathy Carty, Vantage Point; Bryan Riley, Family Violence Intervention(FVI); Rachel Orsinger, RICADV.

Materials Distributed:

Meeting Agenda: December 1, 2014

Meeting Minutes: June 2, 2014

Meeting Schedule 2015

Summary Comprehensive Re-Certification: FVI

FVI Application for Renewed Comprehensive Certification*

Summary Comprehensive Re-Certification: Vantage Point

Vantage Point Application for Renewed Comprehensive Certification*

***for review only; in accordance with the Rules of Practice & Procedures**

Shelley Cortese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:07pm.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of June 2, 2014 were reviewed.

Deb DeBare made a motion to adopt the June 2, 2014 minutes. Anthony Ward Smith seconded the motion. All votes in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Review Subcommittee Report

Emily reported that the Comprehensive Certification process for Vantage Point is complete. Emily reports all group observations are

complete and documents have been submitted and meet the Standards.

The Review Subcommittee is asking for the Oversight Committee grant Comprehensive Certification to Vantage Point.

Deb DeBare made a motion to grant Comprehensive Re-Certification to Vantage Point. Anthony Ward-Smith seconded the motion. All votes in favor; Mary abstained; no objections. Motion carried.

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Deb DeBare made a motion to grant Comprehensive Re-Certification to FVI. Veronica Hobbs seconded the motion. All votes in favor; Mary abstained; no objections. Motion carried.

Rules & Standards Subcommittee Report

Emily reported the subcommittee continues to meet monthly. At the November 6, 2014 meeting Veronica presented the compiled questions for the BIP survey. The survey will consist of ten questions that can be answered “Yes or No” with a place provided for individual feedback. The survey will be created in Survey Monkey by Rachel of RICADV so all responses will be anonymous; a link to the survey will be emailed to facilitators and directors of programs. The purpose of the survey is to have facilitators weigh in on how they feel the current practices and requirements of the Comprehensive Standards work.

Kathy Carty asked how the answers would be quantified. She stated she has found it useful to have a drop down section for feedback in place of an open space for respondents to write.

Emily responded the collected data will be a guide on how the respondents view what currently works and will be looked at from a “majority rule perspective”.

Bryan Riley asked how the Duluth Model has changed from what is currently done in Rhode Island. Emily stated the “check-in” process is no longer used as it is now seen as creating judgement and resistance by putting an individual on the spot. It also provides an opportunity for the participant to speak of a specific incident and actions of those involved taking the focus off the belief of the participant that supports the abuse. Jessica Rogers stated a process change in how the group is run; the groups are presented in a format that is open ended allowing for the participant to draw their own conclusions and not the facilitator teaching the “right answer”. Dan

Dupuis added the change in group process is more along the lines of Cognitive Behavioral Change work.

Kathy stated she has seen a shift from a punitive model of intervention to a process of meeting the client at their current thinking and guiding them to conclude their beliefs that support abuse are unjust.

Deb DeBare asked if the subcommittee could create a time table for the proposal of changes to the Comprehensive Standards so the process is not open ended.

Member Issues/Announcements

Rachel stated there is an EMERGE Training hosted by RICADV on March 10, 2015 10am-4pm. The location is still being determined.

Upcoming Meetings

Review Subcommittee:

TBD

Rules & Standards Subcommittee:

Thursday January 8, 2015 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

DV High Risk/Critical Case Team:

January 14, 2015 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Oversight Committee:

Monday February 2, 2015 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920. (This meeting was cancelled due to weather)

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 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole Officer

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee