

BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 17, 2016

Open session

Minutes Draft

Voting Members Present (7): Shelley Cortese, RI Department of Corrections/Chair; Deb DeBare, RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Veronica Hobbs, Supreme Court Domestic Violence Training & Monitoring Unit; Brendan Horan, Justice Assistance; Judge Elaine Bucci, RI District Court; Jami Oullette Morse, Governor's Office; Mary Osborne, Batterer's Intervention Program Representative.

Seats Not Represented (6): RI Department of Health; Office of the Attorney General; Urban League; RI Justice Commission; RI Police Chiefs Association; RI Supreme Court.

Additional Participants (6): Karen Lubo, Supervisor Probation & Parole; Jessica Austin, EBBC; Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole/BIPSOC; Brendan Horan, Justice Assistance; Dan Dupuis, Probation & Parole; Jeff Weisinger, Tri-Hab Domestic Abuse Project; John Wesley, RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Materials Distributed:

Meeting Agenda: October 17, 2016

Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2016

Shelley Cortese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Introductions: John Wesley was introduced to the Committee. He has been hired as the Director of Policy and Advocacy for RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Before coming to RI John worked with in NY providing family legal services to those seeking restraining orders and needing assistance in family court matters.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of August 1, 2016 were reviewed.

Jami Oullette Morse made a motion to adopt the August 1, 2016 minutes. Mary Osborne seconded the motion. All votes in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Secretary of State Filing

Shelley reported that she and Emily had met with Amanda Clarke

from the Office of Management and Budget regarding the changes in code and filing of regulations with the Secretary of State's Office. As part of the changes only the regulations with "the force of law" are to be filed with the state. A preliminary look at the Comprehensive Standards shows there are some sections that could be withheld from filing. Shelley stated a representative of the Office of Management and Budget would be present at the next meeting to explain the background to the changes in filing.

Review Subcommittee

Emily stated that the process for Bridgemark Renewed Comprehensive Certification is completed and the Review Subcommittee is recommending a vote to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification to Bridgemark. Meeting attendees reviewed the Comprehensive Certification Summary. Emily and Jessica observed to groups and noted the facilitator's ability to engage and redirect a small and difficult group while providing a positive place for members to be open and learn. Emily stated that all the facilitator qualification forms were in good order and all of the trainings were acceptable to the Review Subcommittee.

Deb DeBare made a motion to grant Renewed Comprehensive

Certification to Bridgemark. Jami Oullette Morse seconded the motion. Mary Osborne abstained. Motion carried.

Emily stated that the process for Tri-Hab Renewed Comprehensive Certification is completed and the Review Subcommittee is recommending a vote to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification to Tri-Hab. Meeting attendees reviewed the Comprehensive Certification Summary. Emily stated that observations were completed by Sonia Mendoza and Ian Colomer in Providence and by Veronica Hobbs and Dan Dupuis in Pawtucket.

Deb DeBare made a motion to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification to Tri-Hab. Jami Oullette Morse seconded the motion. Mary Osborne abstained. Motion carried.

Member Issues/Announcements

Sojourner House is holding a conference on domestic violence services scheduled for

Friday December 9, 2016, 8:30am-3pm, at the Radisson Hotel Providence Airport in Warwick.

Upcoming Meetings

Review Subcommittee:

TBD

Rules & Standards Subcommittee:

TBD

DV High Risk/Critical Case Team:

Wednesday October 19, 2016 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Oversight Committee:

Monday December 5, 2016 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920.

Meeting Adjourned

Mary Osborne made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Veronica Hobbs 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