

**BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Meeting of December 21, 2016

Open session

Minutes Draft

Voting Members Present (7): Shelley Cortese, RI Department of Corrections/Chair; John Wesley, 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; Jolayemi Ilori, RI Department of Health.

Seats Not Represented (6): Batterer's Intervention Program Representative; 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; Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole/BIPSOC; Amanda Clarke, Office of Regulatory Reform.

Materials Distributed:

Meeting Agenda: December 21, 2016

Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2016

Meeting Dates 2017

Shelley Cortese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

Introductions: Jolayemi Ilori is present as the representative for the Department of Health. She works within the departments Violence and Injury Prevention Program.

Shelley introduced Amanda Clarke from the Office of Regulatory Reform who is present to provide information regarding the changes to the Administrative Procedures Act and the filing of regulations with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of October 17, 2016 were reviewed.

Jami Oullette Morse made a motion to adopt the October 17, 2016 minutes. John Wesley seconded the motion. All votes in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Secretary of State Filing

Amanda Clarke explained the Administrative Procedures Act had not been updated since 1956 and there was no standardized policy set in place at that time. The update is needed as state regulations have not had an index structure or code until this update. All state regulations are subject to recodification and the Governor's Office has a completion goal of August 2018. The deadline is December 31, 2018. The Oversight Committee has two regulations. Requirements of the effected entities is to remain in the regulation with processes to be transferred to a guidance document. All changes and removal of content will be required to go to public hearing. All new regulations must undergo a cost/ benefit analysis. The Rules & Standards Subcommittee will create a timeline of proposals to the larger committee. Re-formatting of the regulations is to be done prior to any changes to the documents. Judge Bucci stated she may not be able to attend all the subcommittee meetings but would like to be kept informed of the discussion and progress subcommittee.

Review Subcommittee

Emily stated that the group observations for both Vantage Point and Family Violence Intervention (FVI) are completed. The application and curriculum for both agencies has been submitted and a vote to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification will be held at the next Oversight Committee meeting on February 6, 2017.

Member Issues/Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Review Subcommittee:

Thursday January 12, 2017 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Rules & Standards Subcommittee:

Post meeting date set for: Tuesday February 21, 2017 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

DV High Risk/Critical Case Team:

Wednesday January 25, 2017 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Oversight Committee:

Monday February 6, 2017 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920.

Meeting Adjourned

John Wesley 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 3 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole Officer

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee