

Batterers INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Meeting of February 6, 2017

Open session

Minutes Draft

Voting Members Present (6): 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; Jolayemi Ilori, RI Department of Health; Mary Osborne, Batterer's Intervention Program Representative.

Seats Not Represented (6): RI District Court; Governor's Office; 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; Dan Dupuis, Probation & Parole; Jessica Austin, EBCC; Ian Colomer, RICADV; Casey Taft, Veteran's Affairs.

Materials Distributed:

Meeting Agenda: February 6, 2017

Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2016

Meeting Dates 2017

Summary for Renewed Comprehensive Certification-FVI

Summary for Renewed Comprehensive Certification-Vantage Point

Shelley Cortese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of December 21, 2016 were reviewed.

John Wesley made a motion to adopt the December 21, 2016 minutes. Veronica Hobbs seconded the motion. All votes in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Justice Reinvestment Project Update

Brandon reported that the legislation recommended by the Justice Reinvestment findings has been reintroduced to the state house and senate.

Review Subcommittee

Casey Taft from Veteran's Affairs explained that the Office of Veteran's Affairs and Brown University are proposing a study of batterer's intervention group members. Casey is seeking provisional certification of the Strength at Home program and curriculum so that the process of accepting clients into groups can begin as soon as the project is ready. The Strength at Home Program was originally piloted at the Providence VA by Casey and his team. In 2011, legislation was passed allowing eligible veteran's to attend the program in lieu of a certified batterer's intervention program to fulfill the statutory requirement for cases adjudicated under RIGL 12.29.5.

John Wesley made a motion to grant Provisional Certification to Strength at Home. Veronica Hobbs seconded the motion. Mary Osborne abstained. Motion carried.

Emily stated that the process for Vantage Point Renewed Comprehensive Certification is completed and the Review Subcommittee is recommending a vote to grant Renewed

Comprehensive Certification to Vantage Point. Meeting attendees reviewed the Comprehensive Certification Summary. Emily, Jessica, John and Ian observed groups and noted the facilitator's ability to challenge participant's blaming and minimizing while maintaining an environment that promoted open participation. Emily stated that all the facilitator qualification forms were in good order and all of the trainings were acceptable to the Review Subcommittee.

John Wesley made a motion to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification to Vantage Point. Veronica Hobbs seconded the motion. Mary Osborne abstained. Motion carried.

Emily stated that the process for FVI Renewed Comprehensive Certification is completed and the Review Subcommittee is recommending a vote to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification to FVI. Meeting attendees reviewed the Comprehensive Certification Summary. Emily stated that observations were completed by Veronica and Dan. Emily noted the Review Subcommittee requested additional trainings be submitted to fulfill the requirements. FVI submitted those trainings on 2/2/2017 and all trainings meet the required hours and topics.

John Wesley made a motion to grant Renewed Comprehensive Certification to FVI. Veronica Hobbs seconded the motion. Mary Osborne abstained. Motion carried.

Member Issues/Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Review Subcommittee:

TBD

Rules & Standards Subcommittee:

Tuesday February 21, 2017 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

(Post meeting this date was rescheduled to Thursday March 9, 2017 at 2pm)

DV High Risk/Critical Case Team:

Wednesday March 1, 2017 at 3:00pm in Dix Building, Cranston, RI.

Oversight Committee:

Monday April 3, 2017 at 2:00pm in Dix Building, 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920. (This meeting was cancelled)

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 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole Officer

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee