

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee

Review Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: September 27th, 2005

Attending: (7) Laura Jaworski, BIPSOC; Fernando Comas, Probation & Parole; Shelley Cortese, Probation & Parole; Sage Bauer, RICADV; Adrienne McGowan, Probation & Parole; Sandy McLaughlin, Probation & Parole; Sharon Schwartz-Vanderhoff, Probation & Parole.

Laura called the meeting to order at 2:40pm. Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the August 30th, 2005 meeting.

**Program under review: Renewed Comprehensive Certification
o Kent House, Inc.**

„X Laura and Adrienne have reviewed the application submitted by Mary Osborne for recertification. Group members reviewed the recertification summary as prepared by Laura and Adrienne, which includes a review of the program curriculum and other related documents. Laura and Adrienne have also completed two (2) group observations. Overall, the application materials and the group sessions observed were in compliance with BIPSOC Standards; Review Subcommittee members recommended approval for recertification for Kent House, Inc. pending presentation to the Oversight Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 3, 2005.

o Kent Center

„X Laura and Shelley are currently completing the documentation

review and summary for the application received from Kent Center.

Request for Rules and Standards Subcommittee

o Review Subcommittee members respectfully request that the Rules and Standards Subcommittee review the guidelines currently given for batterers intervention programs in relation to the inclusion of curriculum content that address the relationship between domestic violence, sexual abuse, and pornography within the Batterers Intervention Program Comprehensive Standards.

Updates/Misc.

o Domestic Violence Awareness Month: October 2005

„X Sage distributed campaign materials for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, including posters and purple bracelets. Sage also informed members that the press conference to kick off the month's events will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2005 at 10am in East Providence; all are welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Next Meeting:

October 25th , 2005 at 2:30pm-4pm (1st Floor Conference Room)

Minutes: Laura Jaworski