

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee

Review Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: March 28th, 2006

Attending: (4) Laura Jaworski, BIPSOC; Adrienne McGowan, Probation & Parole; Sharon Schwartz-Vanderhoff, Probation & Parole; Sandra McLaughlin, Probation & Parole.

Laura called the meeting to order at 2:45pm. Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 31st, 2006 meeting.

**Programs under review: Renewed Comprehensive Certification
o Vantage Point.**

„X Laura reported that she has received the application for renewed comprehensive certification from Kathy Carty of Vantage Point. Current certification is scheduled for expiration in August of 2006. Sandra McLaughlin volunteered to assist Laura in the review process.

Monitoring Visits

o RIBIP

„X Laura reported she had met with George Sheehan, Director of RIBIP regarding the four (4) monitoring visits that were completed throughout the month of March. These group observations are completed as a means to provide technical assistance to programs during the certification cycle (as opposed to only while a program is

undergoing the review process). Review Subcommittee representatives observed a Portuguese language men's group, a Spanish language men's group, and a men's and women's group, both of which were conducted in English. All groups observed were in compliance with the Comprehensive Standards. Concern was raised however, for the group site in Pawtucket, where the Portuguese language group was held. This was discussed with Mr. Sheehan, who will work with their landlord on the issues.

o Other Programs

„X Other monitoring visits will be scheduled over the next few months as appropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Next Meeting:

**May 30th, 2006 at 2:30pm-4pm (1st Floor Conference Room)
(tentative)**

Minutes: Laura Jaworski