

**Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee
Review Subcommittee**

Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2011

Attending: (7) Shelley Cortese, Assistant Administrator Probation & Parole/ BIPSOC Chair; Emily Daniels, BIPSOC/ Probation & Parole; Ingrid Siliezar, Probation & Parole; Rachel Orsinger, RICADV Legislative Coordinator; Deb Ferrante, EBC House; Anita Corley, EBC House.

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm.

Program under review: Renewed Comprehensive Certification

o Bridgemark

Group Observation

„a Concerns from group observations are that the facilitator did not adequately challenge group members when they minimized or denied abusive behavior and when they blamed victims. It was also observed that the facilitators use the terms „healthy and unhealthy behavior“ in place of abusive behavior or abuse.

Review Curriculum

„a Ingrid and Rachel will review the curriculum submitted by Bridgemark. Emily will review the application.

„a Emily will schedule to meet with director Mary Osborne at the end of October.

Renewed Comprehensive Certification:

„a Subcommittee members Rachel, Anita, Deb, Ingrid, Shelley and Emily agree to ask for a vote of the Oversight Committee to grant an extension of Comprehensive Certification to Bridgemark until February 6, 2012.

Upcoming Meetings:

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee Meeting:

o October 17,2011 at 2pm Dix Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920

Domestic Violence Critical Case Review Team(DVCCRT):

o TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Next Meeting:

November 30, 2011 2:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Emily Daniels