

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

Meeting Minutes: November 30, 2011

Attending: (6) Shelley Cortese, Asst. 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

Review Curriculum

„a Rachel reports that after reviewing the curriculum submitted by Bridgemark there are lesson descriptions for facilitator and group member use that contain substance abuse/recovery terminology. Use of terms that don't directly confront behavior as abusive may not adequately hold an offender accountable. Use of these terms may also explain the observation that facilitators are using the term „healthy and unhealthy behavior“ and „healthy and unhealthy relationships“ during groups.

„a Emily and Ingrid met with director Mary Osborne on 11/2/2011 and discussed the concerns from the group observations. Mary was receptive and stated she would address the issues during staff supervision.

„a On 11/2/2011, Emily and Ingrid also performed an onsite file audit and review of facilitator supervision records. All files and records were up to date and in compliance with the Comprehensive Standards.

Renewed Comprehensive Certification:

„a On 10/17/2011, the Oversight Committee did vote in favor of granting an extension of Comprehensive Certification to Bridgemark until February 6, 2012.

Upcoming Meetings:

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee Meeting:

**o February 6, 2012 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 3:30pm.

Next Meeting:

January 18, 2012 2:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Emily Daniels