

# **BIPSOC RULES & STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Meeting of December 14, 2004**

## **MINUTES**

**Present: (8) Shelley Cortese, Probation + Parole; Kathy Carty, Vantage Point; Sage Bauer, RICADV; Laura Jaworski, BIPSOC; Sisan Smallman, Probation + Parole; David Tulli, Vantage Point; Sharon Schwartz-Vanderhoff, Probation + Parole; Kevin Murphy, Tri-Hab.**

### **Materials Distributed:**

- Minutes from November 9, 2004 meeting.**
- Agenda for December 14, 2004 meeting.**

**Sisan called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. New members were welcomed and introduced. No changes were made to minutes from the November meeting.**

**Sisan raised the topic of drafting revisions to the Standards that address facilitators. Specifically, in groups with more than 10 participants, could a facilitator trainee “count” as a one of the two facilitators required for this size group. Members reported that a threshold could be set for facilitator trainees that could determine the possibility for co-facilitation. Also, the facilitator trainee could utilize the co-facilitation time as work towards the one hundred (100) hours required for group experience. A possibility could be increasing the number of hours of supervision to supplement this option. The group**

as a whole agreed that utilizing a facilitator trainee is not only cost-effective for the program, but maintains the requirement for number of facilitators needed to run a group with more than 10 participants. Sisan and Laura will revisit the number of training hours that are required for facilitator trainees before they are permitted to co-facilitate, with consideration given to the number of supervisory hours as well.

The Subcommittee presented their revisions of the Facilitator Qualification sections at the Oversight Committee meeting on December 6, 2004. Those in attendance reviewed the information and applauded the work of the Subcommittee. Sisan noted that the next revision for the Standards is the Supervisor Qualifications section. Sisan and Laura will review this section and bring proposed drafts to the group for revision. Sisan noted that group members raised concerns regarding the applicability of “duty to warn” for psycho-educational group settings at the November meeting. Kathy Carty reported that the usage of this term in the Standards should be clarified. The section where this phrase is used, “Responsibility to Victims and the Community”, will be revisited as well.

Sisan reported on a training she attended the previous week through the RICADV entitled “When Victims Become Violent”. The training was run by Susan Cayouette from EMERGE in Massachusetts. Some points from the training that Sisan thought the group may want to consider are the different program approaches/dynamics in providing

**batterers intervention to women, addressing violence in same-sex relationships, and other curriculum variations. Further, the group may want to clarify the language in the Standards in making variations/exceptions on the distribution of hours/weeks for those adjudicated individuals who enroll in programs cannot attend temporarily as a result of their employment (i.e.: fishermen, truckers, military, etc...).**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.**

**UPCOMING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Tuesday, January 11th, 2:30-4pm**

**Tuesday February 8th, 2:30-4pm**

**Sisan Smallman's office**

**RIDOC-Cranston**

**15 Fleming Road-Bernadette Building**

**Minutes Prepared by Laura Jaworski**