

BIPSOC RULES & STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting of January 11, 2005

MINUTES

Present: (7) Shelley Cortese, Probation + Parole; Kathy Carty, Vantage Point; Sage Bauer, RICADV; Laura Jaworski, BIPSOC; Sisan Smallman, Probation + Parole; David Tulli, Vantage Point; Adrienne McGowan, Probation + Parole.

Materials Distributed:

- Minutes from December 14, 2004 meeting**
- Agenda for January 11, 2005**
- Draft revisions: Responsibilities to Victims and the Community, Group Format Standards, Facilitator Trainee qualifications.**

Sisan called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. No changes to minutes from the December meeting.

Sisan and Laura presented three draft revisions as discussed during the December 2004 meeting. The first draft addressed Kathy Carty's concerns regarding the use of the term "duty to warn" in the "Responsibilities to Victims and the Community" section (Standard IV.A.1.). Superfluous language was removed in order to clarify this section; refer to draft for revisions.

"Group Format Standards" (Standard V.A.) was edited in response to batterers who may be unable to attend BIPs in consecutive weeks

due to extenuating circumstances, namely employment (i.e. trucking and fishing industries, military). Revising the standards in relation to this issue would require revisions in current law, which is beyond the scope of the Oversight Committee. This concern has been traditionally been resolved at the BIP level. Language was clarified in this section related to the capacity in which Facilitator Trainees may co-facilitate groups. Refer to draft for changes in this section (point #5).

The final section under current revision is “Facilitator Requirements” (Standard VIII.B.2.g). The proposed revision would allow qualified Facilitator Trainees to co-facilitate with a Seasoned Facilitator with groups containing more than ten (10) participants. Facilitator Trainees would not be allowed to facilitate groups alone. Group members discussed the possibility of revising the number of hours that are required for observation and facilitation for a Facilitator Trainee, as part of the one hundred (100) hour training experience requirement. The group felt that a Facilitator Trainee should obtain a minimum of twenty (20) hours of group observation before he/she is allowed to co-facilitate in the above described circumstance. The decision would be made at the discretion of a qualified Supervisor, and the program would be required to document the decision to allow the Facilitator Trainee to co-facilitate with a Seasoned Facilitator in groups with more than ten (10) participants. Additional formal supervision beyond the current one (1) hour/month requirement would be strongly encouraged. The revisions would not limit the

number of groups per week that a Facilitator Trainee could co-facilitate in this circumstance. In the case of a Student Intern co-facilitating, he/she would need to meet the requirements for a Facilitator Trainee. Suggestions and changes made by group members will added to the revised sections and provided to the group at the next meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

UPCOMING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Tuesday February 8th, 2005 @ 2:30-4pm

Tuesday March 8th, 2005 @ 2:30-4pm

Sisan Smallman's office

RIDOC-Cranston

15 Fleming Road-Bernadette Building

Minutes Prepared by Laura Jaworski