

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee

Rules & Standards Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2014

Present: (10) Karen Lubo, Probation & Parole; Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole; Tatiana Ortiz, Intern w/ Probation & Parole; Anthony Ward-Smith, Justice Assistance; Mary Osborne, Bridgemark; Rachel Orsinger, RICADV; Jen Rocha, Vantage Point; Jessica Rogers, EBC Center; Deb Ferrante, EBC Center; Veronica Hobbs, DV Training & Monitoring Unit.

Materials Distributed:

Batterers Intervention Program Comprehensive Standards

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

Introductions; followed by discussion of unrepresented agencies. It was discussed that the subcommittee should reach out to and request a representative from the Public Defender's Office, Attorney General's Office and Judiciary attend future meetings.

Topics for review and research were discussed. It was decided areas of focus are to be determined before reaching out to other state coalitions against domestic violence for the sake of efficiency and consistency. Other types of research would be to review recent

studies on the selected topics and review of other state batterer's intervention program standards where available.

Discussed areas of focus included:

Programs for Repeat Offenders:

Group Size

Required Curriculum Topics- Currently based on Duluth Model.

Ongoing Facilitator Training Requirements

Facilitator/Client Conflicts Regarding Group Referral –Standard practice in circumstances when the client is enrolled both in individual counseling and BIP with the same individual.

Time Frame of Referral of Client to Intake of Client- Time period wherein the client must enroll. How long does the referral remain valid?

Standard Practice for Referral Source/BIP Communication- Frequency and content of referral source and agency sharing of information.

Assistance for Offenders with Program Fees-Do other states have assistance in place?

The attendees agreed that Emily was to send out a summary of topics to be researched and upon approval of these topics individuals would volunteer or be selected to perform the research needed to establish common or evidence based practices.

Upcoming Meetings:

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee Meeting:

o April 7, 2014 at 2pm Dix Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920

Domestic Violence Critical Case Review Team(DVCCRT):

o February 26, 2014 at 3pm Dix Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 18 Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Review Subcommittee Meeting:

o TBD

Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm

Next Meeting:

March 20, 2014 2pm

Minutes prepared by Emily Daniels