

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee

Rules & Standards Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2014

Present: (7) Dan Dupuis, Probation & Parole; Emily Daniels, Probation & Parole; Anthony Ward-Smith, Justice Assistance; Jessica Rogers, EBC Center; Deb Ferrante, EBC Center; Veronica Hobbs, DV Training & Monitoring Unit; Rachel Orsinger, RICADV.

Meeting called to order at 2:06pm.

Emily and Jessica discussed the Duluth Model training they attend on July 29, 30, 31.

Some of the significant differences in the current Duluth Model are:

- There are “themes” not specific topics for each group meeting. The “themes” are discussed over a 3 week period. All groups are 1.5 hours in length and run over a 26 week period.**
- The model no longer uses a “check-in” “check-out” within the group process.**
- The model no longer uses what they call “skill building” techniques as part of the curriculum such as; time outs, “I” statements, breathing and de-escalation techniques.**
- All male groups are co-facilitated by a male & female no matter the**

group size.

- **Female groups have a separate curriculum than the men's curriculum and the groups are co-facilitated by two females.**
- **Programs, prosecution and probation have initial and ongoing contact with victim service agencies to enhance victim involvement and safety.**

Duluth Model:

Programs for Repeat Offenders: attend the same group as all offenders. There is no separate group or curriculum.

Group Size: All groups are co-facilitated with a maximum size of 18.

Required Curriculum Topics: There are 10 themes:

1-Nonviolence

2-Non-threatening Behavior

3-Respect

4-Support & Trust

5-Accountability & Honesty

6-Responsible Parenting

7-Shared Responsibility

8-Economic Partnership

9-Sexual Respect

10-Negotiation & Fairness

Upcoming Meetings:

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Oversight Committee Meeting:

- o **October 6, 2014 at 2pm Dix Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 18
Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920
(meeting cancelled. Next meeting December 1, 2014)**

Domestic Violence Critical Case Review Team(DVCCRT):

- o **August 27, 2014 at 3pm Dix Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 18
Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920
(meeting was rescheduled for 9/17/2014)**

Batterers Intervention Program Standards Review Subcommittee Meeting:

- o **August 14, 2014 at 3pm Dix Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 18
Wilma Schesler Lane, Cranston, RI 02920**

Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm

Next Meeting:

September 4, 2014 2pm

Minutes prepared by Emily Daniels