



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2024; 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Remote video meeting**

In Attendance:

Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss, Saydyie DeRosia, Melissa Erlbaum, Jon Hansen, Chris Huffine, Scott Hyde, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell, Vanessa Timmons

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome/Opening

The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) welcomed two new members, Jon Hansen, who works for Department of Corrections and is responsible, in part, for BIP evaluations for the state of Oregon. Scott Hyde works for Josephine County Community Corrections and is the new representative of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors, replacing Aaron Hartman.

Minutes from meetings on January 26 and April 12 were reviewed. An edit to the January draft was made and the minutes approved for the website.

January Program Assessment

The AC expressed appreciation to Jon and Marci for moving evaluations toward a more program-supportive model. The consensus is that the AC wishes to provide more support to BIPs in the way of remote trainings. BIP funding remains a challenge. As domestic violence funding has been cut by 42% this year and that will bear heavily on victim service agencies, there is little likelihood of funding changes in the near future for BIPs. Trainings and technical assistance or support remains the best avenue to help programs improve services.

Some counties are requiring in-person BIP groups. The AC has expertise and research in place to support the value of also having remote options. This will be further discussed at the July meeting.

BIP Standards Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Review:

The group discussed the best way to proceed with the Women's Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Program (WIPVIP) OAR development. The group is considering ways to proceed that do not negatively impact the standards already in place nor bring families any further threat to safety.

Important ideas and discussion points for moving forward:

- Incorporate into OARs under appropriate intervention strategies, a statement that indicates clients shall be assessed, and risks and needs will be addressed.
- Having survivors mandated to general BIPs is harmful and this is not a one-size-fits-all program.



- Make a statement on the document that states the purpose and what they are not intended to do and provide a statement for best practice for WIPVIPs.
- Be clear of what is aspirational and what is a necessity.

Decisions:

- Any documents to be shared with the group can be sent to Sherree for distribution; Eric will save them to the Google Drive for those who can access it.
- The AC will individually review the WIPVIP OARs to place comments for areas that need attention.
- The group decided to schedule a 75-minute meeting to review the document together after the individual review for further processing.
- Vivien suggested her colleague, Trista Davis has a lot to offer in this process and the group agreed.

ACTIONS:

- Sherree will conduct a Doodle poll and schedule the special meeting.
- Vivien will facilitate Trista Davis's participation in the review.

Future meeting agenda ~ continue discussion about domestic violence evaluations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.