



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2024; 9:15 am to 11:03 am  
Remote video meeting**

**In Attendance:** Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss, Melissa Erlbaum, Jon Hanson, Chris Huffine, Scott Hyde, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

**Absent:** Saydyie DeRosia, Vanessa Timmons

**Guest:** Trista Davis, Jennifer Hopkinson

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

### **Welcome/Opening**

The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) introduced themselves to Jennifer Hopkinson, who attended at the invitation of Melissa Erlbaum.

### **Minutes**

The group reviewed two sets of minutes and suggested edits to each, approving with the modifications. Sherree will make the edits and post the minutes from April 26 and June 7 to the website.

### **Membership**

The AC discussed membership applications for two proposed parties.

- Nichelle Moore, Multnomah County Manager of Victim and Survivor Services, at Community Justice.
- Jennifer Hopkinson, Clackamas Women's Services Counseling Program Manager, recommended by Melissa Erlbaum to replace her on the AC. Melissa will attend as possible.

They unanimously decided to approve membership for both. Sherree will process appointment letters and include them in communications moving forward.

### **Request to access out-of-state training for BIP provider**

A rural nonprofit has reached out to request permission to access out-of-state resources for the required 40-hour training requirement for BIP provider certification, due to schedule conflicts with the Oregon option. The AC agreed that out-of-state training is a good option, provided they meet the State of Oregon requirements outlined in OAR 137-087-0080. The caveat is that there is a segment of the training that references Oregon rules, which would need to be obtained through a different means, possibly a pre-recorded training that could be created.

In addition to the 40-hour Batterer Intervention Program training, there is a required 40-hour domestic violence (DV) training with a non-governmental victim service agency. The AC discussed posting the DV training options on the BIP AC webpage.

The AC decided to respond affirmatively and advise that a local supervisory authority verify the requirements are in place with the out of state training they seek to use.



### **Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) Data Collection**

Amy Benedum requested data for women arrested for domestic violence, from OJD. The information collected has some inaccuracies that negate the option. However, an Office on Violence Against Women grant has language around mutual restraining orders which may come up in the 2025 legislative session which would provide very accurate data. The AC will revisit the subject later.

### **OAR Standard Review Conversation**

The AC decided to dedicate the next meeting to the subject of how to proceed with addressing the current BIP Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). They agreed that this must be resolved before they can proceed with the standards for women who use violence in intimate partner relationships.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Shannon will reach out to Safe Project about requirements for the agency looking to access out of state training; advising that there is no prohibition and Oregon BIP training requirements.
- Scott will reach out to Community Corrections in Coos County to advise them of the same.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.