



**Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2024; 9:00 am to 11:03 am  
Remote video meeting**

**In Attendance:** Jon Hanson, Jennifer Hopkinson, Chris Huffine, Scott Hyde, Maureen Lowell, Eric Mankowski, Nichelle Moore, Marci Nelson, Shannon Sivell

**Absent:** Amy Benedum, Vivien Bliss, Vanessa Timmons

**Guest:** Trista Davis

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome/Opening**

The Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Advisory Committee (AC) introduced themselves to Nichelle Moore for their first BIP AC meeting.

**Minutes**

The group reviewed the July 26, 2024, meeting minutes and approved them to be posted to the website.

**Senate Bill 267 Report – Jon Hansen**

Jon shared information from a Department of Corrections (DOC) presentation before state legislature concerning their role in reviewing supervised programs which they fund, including BIPs. This included a total of 57 programs, all of the community-based programs which receive specific funds from DOC. Eleven of the 57 programs were BIPs.

The BIPs performed poorly in the evaluation showing low to moderate adherence to the categories evaluated, except for responsiveness, measuring accurate knowledge of risks to recidivism. The treatment providers have generally developed good internal practices to know their participants' learning styles, motivation and other specific responsiveness factors, as the reason for this difference.

The report found that the lack of assessments at the time of referral from Parole and Probation, as well as the offenders not being separated for criminal risk contributes to risk of recidivism. There is a reluctance to have formal rewards and consequences for lack of payment. The self-pay model restricts the intensity of the programs and there is broad misunderstanding of Division 87 regarding the required number of sessions and dosage. There is a consensus among programs that the standards are daunting and cost-prohibitive, which hinders compliance. The AC has discussed virtual treatment options to help offset these problematic areas, which was briefly revisited.

**OAR Standard Review Conversation**

The group restated their decision to re-write the original Division 87 language as the next step. Since members have not been able to do so working independently, they decided to schedule two additional meetings with broad participation before the January meeting if possible. If that is not possible, time will be found in February and March.

Standard review will consider Washington State Domestic Violence Treatment Standards and practices as they have been recommended as having models to learn from.

**ACTION** - Sherree will conduct a poll to schedule the extra meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.