

**Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Meeting Minutes-LaQuinta Inns & Suites-Twin Falls, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**  
**Members Present:** Dr. Karen Neill, Susan Hazelton, Tammy Parker, Sarah Scott  
**Staff Present:** Sally Alvarado  
**Guests Present:** LaDessa Foster

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcome & Introductions	Chairperson, Dr. Neill, called the meeting to order at 8:52 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were conducted.	
Program Presentations	There were no program presentations.	
November Meeting Minutes	Dr. Neill requested approval/disapproval action on the November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2010, meeting minutes.	Susan made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Current Approved Program Updates:	<p>Sally informed the CODVBTPS of the following staffing updates within currently approved programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAFV-at the previous CODVBTPS meeting, a provisional approval was granted with full approval to be granted upon receipt of current criminal history background check for Direct Service Provider, Ms. Hilary Cobb. Sally reported that we did receive a satisfactory background check on Ms. Cobb.</li> <li>• Family Services Center-at the previous CODVBTPS meeting, a provisional approval was granted with full approval to be granted upon receipt of current criminal history background check for Trainee, Mr. Todd Rosenberger. Sally reported that we did receive a satisfactory background check on Mr. Todd Rosenberger.</li> </ul> <p>The CODVBTPS reviewed the New Beginnings request for renewal approval of their program.</p>	Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval with full approval to be granted upon the receipt of current criminal background checks on G.L. Chip Snowden, Blair Garner, Alex Suarez, and R. Michelle Suarez. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
New Applications/Providers  Advocates Against Family Violence	The CODVBTPS reviewed the AAFV request for approval of Mr. Tony Salazar as a new Direct Service Provider.	Tammy made a motion to grant approval of AAFV's request to add Direct Service Provider, Mr. Tony Salazar. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

<p>Continental Crown Counseling</p>	<p>The CODVBTPS reviewed the Continental Crown Counseling request for approval to be a state approved batterer treatment program.</p>	<p>Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval of the Continental Crown Counseling program with full approval to be granted upon receipt of current criminal background checks for Ms. Toni Jones and Ms. Cherie Peak. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Solutions and More</p>	<p>Sally presented a request from Solutions and More seeking approval for a new Trainee, Mr. Tom Van Fossen.</p>	<p>Tammy made a motion to grant provisional approval of the Solutions and More program request to add Trainee, Mr. Tom Van Fossen, with full approval to be granted upon receipt of current criminal background check for Mr. Tom Van Fossen. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>The CODVBTPS had a lengthy discussion regarding granting provisional approvals when current criminal history background checks are not provided in the application packet. After discussion the CODVBTPS decided that effective April 1, 2011, provisional approvals will no longer be granted and the applications will be denied with full approval to be granted upon receipt of current criminal background checks.</p>	<p>Tammy made a motion that effective April 1, 2011, provisional approvals will no longer be granted on applications that do not contain a current criminal background check "Notice of Clearance" and the applications will be denied with full approval to be granted upon receipt of the "Notice of Clearance". Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>The CODVBTPS requested that when renewal emails are sent out to programs, include the information regarding the ten working day submission requirement as well as information regarding the submission of current criminal background check "Notice of Clearance" with a notation of the importance to plan ahead as the background check process is lengthy and can take several weeks to receive the "Notice of Clearance".</p>	
<p>Monitoring Update</p>	<p>Sally updated the CODVBTPS that she has been receiving the corrective action plans from the last monitoring visits that were conducted.</p>	
<p>Certificates for Approved Programs</p>	<p>Sally reviewed an email received from a current approved batterer treatment program which requested the CODVBTPS consider granting certificates to approved batterer treatment programs so it can be displayed and used as documentation when the program is requested to verify state approved status to other states.</p>	

	<p>entities, etc. The CODVBTPS expressed some concerns regarding issuing "certificates" as it could be difficult to have the "certificates" returned should a program lose their approved status and the committee felt their role is to approve programs not to "certify" programs and that by issuing "certificates" might lead to some misunderstanding that the program has obtained a certification from the CODVBTPS which would be a much more extensive review and oversight process than the current approval process. The CODVBTPS concluded that they would not issue "certificates" but that should an approved program need documentation verification of their current approval status they should contact the ICDVVA office and request a letter of verification.</p>	
<p>Survey</p>	<p>Dr. Neill presented a survey to be distributed to all current approved treatment programs and requested the CODVBTPS review the survey to determine if any revisions need to be made before distributing to programs. After review the CODVBTPS agreed to distribute the survey requesting the information be returned to the ICDVVA office at the earliest convenience or by March 31, 2011.</p>	
<p>Minimum Standards for Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Programs and Pending Rule Docket</p>	<p>Dr. Neill informed the CODVBTPS that she conducted the presentation on the Pending Rule Docket, specifically the Revisions to the Minimum Standards for Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Programs to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. Dr. Neill stated that due to opposition testimony provided at the hearing that the Senate put the rule change on hold and requested the ICDVVA and the opposition work together to resolve the concerns and come to a consensus. Sally informed the CODVBTPS that she conducted the presentation on the Pending Rule Docket to the House Commerce &amp; Human Resources Committee on Thursday, January 27, 2011. Sally stated that due to opposition testimony provided at the hearing, the House rejected the rule change. Sally explained that the Senate Health and Welfare committee will have to conduct another hearing because if they leave the Pending Rule Docket on hold then the rule would go into effect. The CODVBTPS members discussed options and decided to return to the Senate Health and Welfare committee with the recommendation to approve the Pending Rule Docket Revisions to the Minimum Standards with the removal of Section I.B.4. Sally explained that we cannot go to the Senate Health and Welfare committee with new proposed language for Section I.B.4.</p>	

under this Pending Rule Docket as that would be considered writing rules behind the rulemaking process and that any new language would have to go back through the rule promulgation process from the beginning. Sally explained that the CODVBTPS could develop new language and submit a new Section I.B.4. utilizing the temporary rule process to replace the removal of the current proposed revision for Section I.B.4. The CODVBTPS agreed to move forward with this approach.

The CODVBTPS discussed the new language for Section I.B.4. and will be recommending approval of the following at the April CODVBTPS and Council meetings:  
Section I.B.4.

*If subsequent to implementing the initial intervention, the treatment provider and officers of the court determine by thorough assessment and evaluation it is appropriate and necessary, **CODVBTPS approved individual intervention or other interventions appropriate to the culture, community, and family may be implemented provided, however, other interventions shall not include couples/conjoint intervention.** Documentation of assessment and evaluation should demonstrate at a minimum that the alternative plan includes and supports the victim's safety and accountability of the offender.*

The next CODVBTPS meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

Meeting adjourned.

Signature: 

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted