

## Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Offender Intervention Programs and Standards Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2013 – SpringHill Suites – Park Center – Boise, Idaho

**Members Present:** Dr. Karen Neill, Barbara Boyer, Mia Vowels, Lori Anne Fitch, and Annie Kerrick

**Staff Present:** Sally Alvarado

**Guests Present:** Cheryl Jordan

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Neill, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Introductions were conducted.	
January Meeting Minutes	Dr. Neill requested approval/disapproval action on the January 10, 2013, meeting minutes.	Barbara made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Current Approved Program Updates:	<p>Sally informed the CODVOIPS that the Aces Community Services is adding two locations in Coeur d'Alene and A to Z Family Services is also adding two locations, one in Idaho Falls and one in American Falls.</p> <p>Sally informed the CODVOIPS that at the January meeting the committee approved the renewal application for Cook &amp; Tafoya-Fisher but denied approval of Ms. Graciela Fonseca with full approval to be granted upon receipt of satisfactory background check. Sally informed the CODVOIPS that we have received the background check and full approval has been granted for Ms. Fonseca.</p> <p>Sally informed the CODVOIPS that at the January meeting the committee approved the renewal application for Life Choices but denied approval of Mr. Heitman with full approval to be granted upon receipt of satisfactory background check. Sally informed the CODVOIPS that we received an ISP background check and that we are waiting to receive the Department of Health &amp; Welfare Criminal History Unit background, therefore, full approval has not yet been granted for Mr. Heitman.</p> <p>Sally informed the CODVOIPS that at the January meeting the committee approved the renewal application for Mental Wellness Centers but denied approval of Mr. Harris with full approval to be granted upon receipt of satisfactory background check.</p>	Barbara made a motion to deny approval of Trainee, Mr. Ben Harris, until five year time period specified in standards has been met. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried with one abstention made by Lori Ann Fitch.

	<p>Sally shared with the CODVOIPS a progress report update from Family Services Center.</p> <p>Sally informed the CODVOIPS that Judge Redman has resigned from the CODVOIPS. The Committee members expressed the gratitude and appreciation for the time and efforts Judge Redman contributed toward the CODVOIPS work.</p> <p>Mia informed the CODVOIPS that she had received information that Langfield Counseling Services in Region II will no longer be providing Offender Intervention Program. Sally will follow-up with Mr. Langfield to verify the discontinuation of his program.</p>	
<p>Program Renewal Applications/Updates</p>	<p>New Hope/Nueva Esperanza renewal application. Sally informed the CODVOIPS that New Hope/Nueva Esperanza has been granted provisional approval and is seeking full approval.</p>	<p>Mia made a motion to approve the New Hope/Nueva Esperanza renewal application. Lori seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>New Program Applications/Providers</p>	<p>Pathways Counseling – Trainee, Mr. Tony Salazar.</p> <p>Tueller Counseling Services new program application.</p> <p>Nations Therapy &amp; Consulting Program Application and Community Services Counseling Program Application.</p>	<p>Mia made a motion to approve Trainee, Mr. Tony Salazar. Annie seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Barbara made a motion to grant Tueller Counseling Services provisional approval upon receipt of a completed page 2 of the application with a letter of explanation regarding the supervised treatment experience. Annie seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Annie made a motion to deny approval of Direct Service Provider, Ms. Rockhill, with full approval to be considered upon receipt of documented explanation, disposition and outcome of a self-disclosed background check item. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Annie made a motion to grant provisional approval with consideration of full approval upon review of complete application for Nations Therapy Consulting &amp; Community Services Counseling. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried with one abstention made by Lori Ann Fitch.</p>

Washington State Standards	The CODVOIPS reviewed the Washington State Standards with no action taken at this time.	
State Approved Programs that are providing other services	The CODVOIPS discussed other services being provided by some state approved offender intervention programs and the importance of ensuring these other services are not considered or portrayed as state approved offender intervention services. Dr. Neill suggested a statement be put on the state approved offender intervention program website page that clarifies the only state approved offender intervention services are as outlined in the minimum standards. After discussion, Dr. Neill stated she will draft a statement and send it out to the CODVOIPS for their feedback and then once finalized, the statement will be put on the state approved offender intervention program website page.	
Reappointment of Mia Vowels	Sally informed the CODVOIPS that Mia Vowels current membership term on the CODVOIPS expires on April 29, 2013.	Barbara made a motion to approve recommending to the Council the reappointment of Mia Vowels on the CODVOIPS for another three year term. Annie seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Update on Survey	Sally stated that we currently have 19 state approved offender intervention programs, however, one of the programs did not provide services during the survey reporting period. Sally stated that we have received 17 of the 18 surveys and the remaining program still needing to submit the survey stated they would have it turned in by April 19, 2013, however, to date it has not been received.	
Monitoring Update	Sally informed the CODVOIPS that the third quarter monitoring has been completed.	
Coalition Update	Annie provided an update, copy attached.	
Upcoming Meeting Schedule	The next CODVOIPS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013, at the SpringHill Suites – Boise, Idaho at 1:00 p.m.	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned.	Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.



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**National Updates**

**VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)**

- The VAWA Reauthorization inclusive of LGBT, immigrant and Native Americans passed the House to be sent to the President, and Senator Crapo thanked the Idaho Coalition on Senate floor. The Idaho Coalition posted a photograph of our office about the passage that went viral with more than 7,000 views.
- Kelly Miller received an invitation to attend the White House signing by President Obama and Vice President Biden on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- U.S. Senator Mike Crapo was recognized this week with an American Bar Association Justice Award for his co-sponsorship and out-front leadership in the passage of the Violence Against Women Act. Kelly Miller attended the award ceremony.

**VOCA**

- Senator Crapo proposed legislation on the VOCA amendment to protect funds from being used for purposes other than victims of crime. Idaho Coalition prepared talking points for Senator Crapo.

**National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month**

- At the end of February, the Idaho Coalition was invited to send four teens and one of our staff to a White House event on February 28<sup>th</sup> marking National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. Four of our teen activists attended with Melissa Ruth, and spoke out at both events. Vice President Biden asked the teens at the event to stand and thanked them for their work to end teen dating abuse.
- Obama Administration Fact Sheet on Teen Dating Violence listed Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence.
- Assistant Attorney General referenced Love What's Real, a project of the Idaho Coalition at the White House event.

**Statewide Updates**

- National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21 to 27, provides an opportunity to celebrate the advances and to speak out on the progress still needed to ensure the rights of women and men, boys and girls who are victims of crime. Idaho Coalition sent NCVRW materials to all of our membership as well as to other crime victim service providers.
- In a twenty-four hour period in Idaho last year, **688 adults and children** impacted by domestic and sexual violence sought life-saving shelter or services such as counseling or legal advocacy from a domestic and sexual violence program. In the last three years in Idaho there has been a shocking 23% increase in the need for life-saving services. And since January, Idaho has had nine fatalities related to domestic violence.

- In February, the Idaho Coalition convened an Executive Director Learning Community featuring Cris Sullivan, PhD, Michigan State University, Examining the Work of Domestic Violence Programs Within a "Social and Emotional Well-Being Promotion" Conceptual Framework, Domestic Violence Evidence-based Project.
- In February 2013, the Power of Words poetry slam celebrated Idaho middle and high school students' writing selections for the Love What's Real poetry books and was attended by more than 450 teens and parents.
- In April 2013, Idaho Coalition was successful in both the House and Senate Education Committees in securing approval of a rule change to require all schools to have a policy on the prevention and response to adolescent relationship abuse and sexual assault.

#### **Idaho Coalition Initiatives**

##### **Children**

###### **Resilient Families Idaho – HHS CEV**

Developing best practices for serving children and youth exposed to domestic violence and their families.

##### **Adolescents**

###### **Center for Healthy Teen Relationships – OVW Rural**

Multifaceted statewide initiative promoting healthy relationships as a way to prevent adolescent relationship abuse and sexual assault. Between January and the present, programs conducted 107 presentations and reached 2,533 teens and 61 adults.

###### **DELTA FOCUS – CDC**

State-level and pilot site in Ada County focusing on primary prevention initiative to address children exposed, adolescent relationship abuse, and sexual assault. In the process of assigning internally and hiring an Empowerment Evaluator.

###### **Project Connect**

Statewide initiative promoting adolescent health and the connection to abusive relationships and sexual assault. Melissa Ruth facilitated the initial meeting and attended a national meeting with Idaho representatives including Sarah Leeds and Max Veltman on Project Connect in Washington, D.C.

###### **Green Dot – Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare RPE**

The Green Dot Violence Prevention strategy is a research-informed, comprehensive approach to violence prevention that capitalizes on the power of peer and cultural influence across all levels of the socio-ecological model.

###### **Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention – Idaho Dept. Health & Welfare TANF**

Fostering responsibility of adolescent males on sexuality, HIV, gender roles and rights.

##### **Adults**

###### **Idaho Coordinated Response to Domestic & Sexual Violence – OVW Coalition**

State-level coordinated response to enhance safety for victims, improve accountability of offenders, and look for broader system outcomes.

###### **Idaho Victim Assistance Academy – Dues and Donations**

Multi-disciplinary, academic academy for professionals who work with victims of crime to enhance the level of professionalism and better meet the needs of victims of crime. Twenty-five students have been accepted for the IVAA Basic in June 2 – 7, 2013.

###### **Idaho Legal Assistance for Victims – OVW Legal Assistance to Victims**

Comprehensive civil legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Grant ends in September 2013. Applied for a new grant.

**Men Today/Men Tomorrow (MT2) - OVW Engaging Men**

Encouraging men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Staff developing a toolkit as final work product.

**Idaho Change Initiative – OVW Disability**

Promoting trauma-informed, safe and accessible services for individuals with disabilities who experience domestic violence, dating abuse, stalking or sexual assault. Staff working on Needs Assessment Plan.

**OVW Technical Assistance**

**OVW Rural Grantees – OVW Rural**

Building capacity of OVW Rural grantees on the design and implementation of a multifaceted primary prevention initiative addressing teen dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.

**OVW STEP Grantees**

Building the capacity of OVW STEP grantees on the design and implementation of a multifaceted prevention initiative addressing teen dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. OVW STEP Response Institute scheduled for June 3- 5, Dallas, Texas.

**Save the Date**

October 15 Compassionate Communities, Boise Centre on the Grove, featuring Dachar Keltner, Greater Good, UC Berkley