

Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Meeting Minutes-Oxford Suites-Boise, July 29th, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Karen Neill, Susan Hazelton, Barbara Boyer, Judge Redman, Tammy Parker, Mia Vowels via conference call

Staff Present: Sally Alvarado, Luann Dettman

Guests Present: Ariel Foster, Halie Grant, Cori Stapley, Hilary Cobb, Joseph Morissette, Lisa Bostaph

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairperson, Dr. Neill called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were conducted.	
Program Presentations	<p>Program presentations were provided by:</p> <p>Cori Stapley, Advocates Against Family Violence;</p> <p>Joseph Morissette, TRHS Family Violence Prevention Program;</p>	
April Meeting Minutes	Dr. Neill requested approval/disapproval action on the April 29, 2010, meeting minutes.	Susan made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Program Renewal Applications & Updates	<p>Sally informed the CODVBTPS that the website has been updated and now includes application packets specific to each type of request. In addition, Sally reported that she has been working with our website administrator and has received a price quote to put the applications in a "fill-in" pdf format so programs can type their information in and print from the website although this format will not provide saving functionality. Luann has approved expending funds for this project and, therefore, we will begin working on the development of the project. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the applications that are continually being submitted incomplete and disorganized. Sally stated with the application packets provided on the website it should help to clarify and guide applicants as to what forms and information needs to be submitted which is specific to the type of approval request they are seeking. It was suggested to add a "frequently asked questions" (FAQ's) section on the website. Susan suggested sending out an email to notify all currently approved programs of the updated website/applications and include the growing concern that the CODVBTPS has expressed regarding the submission of incomplete applications.</p>	
Langfield Counseling Services	Mr. Langfield's renewal application is now complete with the exception of a current professional liability insurance certificate. Sally reported that upon the original submission of the renewal application the certificate included was current, however, due to the delay in obtaining the needed letters of support the certificate	Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Langfield Counseling Services upon the receipt of the current professional liability certificate. Tammy seconded the

<p>Ostermiller Counseling Services</p> <p>Solutions and More</p> <p>Family Services Center</p>	<p>had since expired and a request to submit a current certificate has been sent to Mr. Langfield.</p> <p>Ostermiller Counseling Services renewal application is now complete with the exception of a current professional liability insurance certificate. Sally reported that upon the original submission of the renewal application the certificate included was current, however, due to the delay in obtaining the additional application information requested the certificate had since expired and a request to submit a current certificate has been sent to Mr. Ostermiller.</p> <p>Solutions and More is currently certified until September 28, 2010, and is seeking renewal approval.</p> <p>Family Services Center is currently certified until September 28, 2010, and is seeking renewal approval.</p> <p>The CODVBTPS had a lengthy discussion regarding approval of a "program" vs "program staff". Does the approval of a Program Supervisor, Direct Service Provider, and/or Trainee with one program follow the individual to another program? After discussion the CODVBTPS decided that a Program Supervisor, Direct Service Provider and/or Trainee will need to resubmit for approval with each program they are going to be providing services for and/or if they move from one program to another. Approval as a provider does not move with the individual but is awarded as applied for with the specified program on the application only.</p>	<p>motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Ostermiller Counseling Services upon the receipt of the current professional liability certificate. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Tammy made a motion to approve the Solutions and More renewal application. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Tammy made a motion to grant approval for Family Services Center and provisional approval for Direct Service Provider, Tonya Valerie, with full approval to be granted for Ms. Valerie upon the receipt of a current criminal history background check. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>New Applications/Providers</p> <p>TIPS Domestic Abuse Education Program</p>	<p>TIPS Domestic Abuse Education Program is seeking approval for Direct Service Provider, Cherie Peak.</p>	<p>Susan made a motion to approve TIPS Domestic Abuse Education Program request to add Direct Service Provider,</p>

<p>Mental Wellness Centers</p>	<p>The CODVBTPS was made aware of the Mental Wellness Centers situation of not having any currently approved Direct Service Providers and utilizing an unapproved Trainee to conduct their batterer treatment groups. After lengthy discussion the CODVBTPS took the action to place the Mental Wellness Centers program on probationary status and requested that the status be noted on the ICDVVA website as well as informing the courts. The program will be requested to submit a corrective action plan and will remain on probation until the next CODVBTPS meeting at which time an update of compliance will be provided to the committee.</p> <p>Mental Wellness Centers is seeking approval for Direct Service Provider, Steven Denison.</p>	<p>Cherie Peak. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mia made a motion to approve placing the Mental Wellness Centers on a probationary status and that the website be updated to reflect the status as well as notification to the courts. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Tammy made a motion to approve Mental Wellness Centers request to add Direct Service Provider, Steven Denison. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Pathways Counseling</p>	<p>Pathways Counseling is seeking approval for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Service Provider, Ursula Warden; • Direct Service Provider, Charles Whipple; • Trainees, Jon Lang and Patricia Kuntz. 	<p>Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Direct Service Provider, Ursula Warden, upon the receipt of a current criminal history background check. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mia made a motion to deny approval of the request to add Direct Service Provider, Charles Whipple, based on lack of satisfactory evidence of required continuing education hours. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried with one abstention made by Dr. Karen Neill as she did not have adequate time to review the request.</p> <p>Tammy made a motion to approve Pathways Counseling request to add</p>

<p>Advocates Against Family Violence</p>	<p>Advocates Against Family Violence is seeking approval of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Service Provider, Viann Nations; • Trainee, Ariel Foster; • Trainee, Hilary Cobb. <p>Karen requested the CODVBTPS consider establishing the requirement of a timeframe of at least ten (10) working days prior to scheduled meetings for application requests to be considered by the CODVBTPS for approval.</p>	<p>Trainees, Mr. Jon Lang and Ms. Patricia Kuntz. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Tammy made a motion to grant provisional approval of the request to add Direct Service Provider, Viann Nations, with full approval to be considered upon the submission of acceptable verification of supervised direct treatment experience. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried with one abstention made by Mia Vowels.</p> <p>Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Trainee, Ariel Foster, upon the receipt of a current criminal history background check. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Trainee, Hilary Cobb, upon the receipt of a current criminal history background check. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Susan made a motion to approve the application submission timeframe of at least ten (10) working days prior to scheduled meetings for application requests to be considered by the CODVBTPS. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>CFCC DV Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Judge Redman reported the Nampa Domestic Violence Court is up and running. Judge Redman indicated that an unanticipated challenge that has presented itself in the Domestic Violence Courts is the turn-over/transitions of Judges in the Domestic Violence Courts.</p>	

Data Collection/Outcomes	<p>The CODVBTPS discussed data collection and outcomes. It was determined the intent of the data collection and outcome reporting is to address/measure accountability. The discussion concluded with Dr. Karen Neill requesting CODVBTPS members to send in ideas on the types of data collection, in addition, she will contact program's in surrounding states to explore what types of data they are collecting.</p>	
Monitoring Update	<p>Sally provided a program monitoring update to the CODVBTPS. Sally stated she has conducted onsite monitoring visits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions and More Batterer Treatment Program in Post Falls, Idaho. <p>In addition, an unannounced onsite visit was conducted at the Tom Wilson Counseling Center in order to ensure compliance with the previously submitted corrective action plan. Sally reported that the program was in compliance with the corrective action plan as submitted, however, during the visit an additional non-compliance item was found regarding the requirement of deviations from once weekly sessions being supported in writing from the courts. As a result the CODVBTPS decided to send a letter to Tom Wilson Counseling Center informing of the decision to continue the current probationary status and request submission of a corrective action plan addressing the above mentioned finding.</p>	<p>Mia made a motion to send a letter to Tom Wilson Counseling Center informing them that although the program met the terms of the original corrective action plan, there was an additional non-compliance item identified and therefore the CODVBTPS is leaving the program on a probationary status and requesting a corrective action plan addressing the non-compliance be provided to the CODVBTPS. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
Minimum Standards for Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Programs and Pending Rule Docket	<p>The committee continued their work on the revisions to the minimum standards. Karen provided a suggested language change on page 2, paragraph 4 to read as follows: Research and supporting literature were used in revising the standards. The Council recognizes that these are minimum standards for treatment. The Council emphasizes that in order to be effective, programs shall integrate clinical expertise with the best available external evidence which includes, but is not limited to research. The expectation is that providers enhance practice, clinical effectiveness, and the delivery of services based on the awareness and knowledge of current evidence inclusive of research and related literature. Further, the expectation is to collaborate with representatives of victim service programs, the judicial system, and members of the community.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion regarding the proposed language change and the concern on behalf of the Coalition that the standards do not specifically exclude couples counseling, the CODVBTPS took the action to recommend to the Council to approve moving the</p>	<p>Mia made a motion to recommend to the Council to approve moving the standards through the rulemaking procedures process with the changes made today incorporated into the document. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried with one opposing vote by Tammy Parker stating lack of understanding of the proposed language change. A current copy of the proposed standards will be posted on the ICDVVA website.</p>

	<p>standards through the rulemaking procedures process with changes made today, specifically the language change on page 2, paragraph 4, incorporated into the standards.</p> <p>Sally presented the Proposed Rule Docket which incorporates by reference the approved revision of the Minimum Standards for Domestic Violence Offender Intervention Programs document to the CODVBTPS for their review and approval. Sally explained the rulemaking process to the CODVBTPS and the approval requirements necessary to move forward with the revised standards document. Sally informed the committee that the Pending Rule Docket will be on the November meeting agenda and the committee will be requested to approve the Pending Rule Docket with any amendments if applicable.</p>	<p>Barbara made a motion to approve the Proposed Rule Docket. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
Discussion of the Role of Program Supervisor	<p>Dr. Karen Neill stated that when she contacts other surrounding states regarding data collection/outcomes she would also explore their position on utilizing a Program Supervisor description and if they currently have a description then she would pursue gathering the information contained in the description.</p>	
Upcoming Meeting Schedule	<p>The next CODVBTPS meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2010, in Boise, Idaho.</p>	
Adjourn	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.</p>	
Respectfully Submitted	<p>Signature:</p>	