

Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Meeting Minutes-Red Lion-Lewiston-Boise, July 30th, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Karen Neill, Dan Bristol, Judge Mike Redman, Tammy Parker, Barbara Boyer, Mike Wall

Staff Present: Luann Dettman, Sally Alvarado, Gail Johnson

Guests Present: Tom Tueller, Sylvia Evers, Laura Bonneville, Karrie Smith, Christine Wall,

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairperson, Dr. Neill called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were conducted.	
April Meeting Minutes	Dr. Neill requested approval/disapproval action on the April 2009 meeting minutes.	Dan made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Tom Wilson Counseling Program Renewal Application Update	<p>Sally updated the committee regarding Tom Wilson Counseling program renewal application that was submitted and reviewed by the CODVBTPS at the last meeting which resulted in a provisional approval pending the submission and verification of required continuing education hours needed for Direct Service Provider, Mr. Ron McCoy. Sally informed the CODVBTPS that she has received the documentation substantiating the acquisition of the additional hours needed. The material was reviewed by the Chair.</p> <p>Dr. Neill asked about the brochure for Tom Wilson Counseling which needed to be updated as it had inferences of “state approved treatment programs” which were less than the required 52 weeks. Sally stated that she overlooked communicating the need to update the brochure to the program and would follow-up with Tom Wilson regarding the needed updates.</p>	<p>Tammy made a motion to approve Mr. Ron McCoy as Direct Service Provider for Tom Wilson Counseling. Dan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Barbara made a motion that Tom Wilson Counseling update and revise the program brochure to clarify the “state approved treatment program” weeks with the revisions to be incorporated by the next CODVBTPS meeting. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
TIPS Domestic Abuse Education Program Renewal Application Update	Sally provided the committee with an update on the status of TIPS Domestic Abuse Education Program’s Trainee, Ms. Cheri Peak, regarding the progress achieved toward obtaining the degree requirements to become qualified as a Direct Service Provider. Sally reviewed documents submitted by Ms. Cheri Peak that substantiate continued progress in achieving the degree requirements. Ms. Peak provided a letter from Lewis-Clark State College approving her petition to substitute a core math course with the course PHIL 201. In addition, Ms. Peak indicated in her email that she would be enrolling in the class in the fall semester and upon completion of the class will have completed her graduation requirements.	

<p>Life Skills NW New Program Application</p>	<p>Sally had distributed the Life Skills NW new program application with an outline of additional items/information needed from Life Skills NW, via email, to the committee members for their review prior to the meeting. The CODVBTPS reviewed the new program application prior to the scheduled meeting. Sally provided an update regarding the additional information submitted by Life Skills NW regarding the required education/training hours and supervision hours for Direct Service Provider, Mr. James Spagon. After review and discussion, the CODVBTPS did approve granting a provisional approval to be contingent and effective upon the receipt and acceptance by the committee of additional requirements to be obtained and information to be submitted by Life Skills NW which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Obtain and provide documentation of completion of 30 hours of education about domestic violence from an established victim/advocate services program for Direct Service Provider, Mr. Jim Spagon; <i>The 30 hours of education outlined in the application for this item was not satisfactorily demonstrated and therefore unverifiable;</i> * Obtain and provide documentation of completion of 30 hours of education from an established domestic violence batterer treatment services program that complies with the State of Idaho treatment standards or out-of-state domestic violence batterer treatment program which is consistent with in state standards; <i>The proposed Certification program outlined in the application to be attended by Mr. Spagon would meet the requirement once obtained and documentation submitted and verified;</i> * Provide documentation of the required supervision hours for Program Supervisor, Ms. Sandra Turtle; * Provide criminal history background checks for program supervisor, direct service provider(s), and trainees; * Provide certificate of liability and professional insurance. 	<p>Dan made a motion to deny Life Skills NW provisional approval request as submitted and approved granting a provisional approval to be contingent and effective upon the receipt and acceptance by the committee of additional requirements to be obtained and information to be submitted by Life Skills NW which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Obtain and provide documentation of completion of 30 hours of education about domestic violence from an established victim/advocate services program for Direct Service Provider, Mr. Jim Spagon; * Obtain and provide documentation of completion of 30 hours of education from an established domestic violence batterer treatment services program that complies with the State of Idaho treatment standards or out-of-state domestic violence batterer treatment program which is consistent with in state standards; * Provide documentation of the required supervision hours for Program Supervisor, Ms. Sandra Turtle; * Provide criminal history background checks for program supervisor, direct service provider(s), and trainees; * Provide certificate of liability and professional insurance. <p>Mike Wall seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Program Standards</p>	<p>Dr. Neill updated the committee members on a couple of recent letters she had received, one from the Idaho Coordinated Response to Domestic & Sexual Violence and one from the Idaho State Independent Living Council. The committee began discussing the process and outcomes regarding the proposed revisions to the batterer treatment standards including summarized outcomes of open forums held throughout the state.. Tammy requested to hear from the guests present at the meeting</p>	<p>Tammy made a motion to continue to work on revising the standards and postpone submission of a revised document through the rulemaking process with the plan for submission in July of 2010 for the 2011 legislative session. Barbara Boyer seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>

	<p>regarding the proposed revisions to the standards. After lengthy discussion, the committee voted to postpone submission of a revised document through the rulemaking process with a goal of submission in July of 2010 for the 2011 legislative session.</p> <p>The committee discussed the plan for the continued work on the standards. It was decided that an email will be distributed to communicate the postponing of the submission of the draft document and to solicit additional input, dialogue and discussion. Dr. Neill stated we would utilize the blog to post information and we will conduct additional open forums if warranted. Dr. Neill informed the committee that other recommendations made as a result of the open forums included to add an individual to the committee that works directly for a victim advocate agency and a batterer treatment provider. After discussion it was determined that there are five members on the CODVBTPS committee consistent with current bylaws. The CODVBTPS meetings are open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend and provide information to the committee. Dr. Neill requested we post the scheduled meeting dates and locations on our website so individuals will have ample notice of the dates. In addition, she requested the treatment providers within the area of the scheduled meetings receive an invitation to come to any scheduled meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Neill stated that she would like to have a Domestic Violence Courts Update by Judge Redman placed on the meeting agendas. Dr. Neill stated that currently the Idaho Supreme Court Domestic Violence sub-committee that she, Judge Redman, and Luann serve on is working on application guidelines to develop domestic violence courts across the state.</p>	<p>Distribute communication to programs informing them of the committee's action regarding postponing the submission of the draft document through the rules process and to solicit additional, input, dialogue and discussion. The Committee requested the meeting dates and locations that are currently scheduled be posted on the website. Send out a communications to respective batterer treatment providers within the area of the location of each meeting inviting them to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Add Domestic Violence Court Update by Judge Redman to the CODVBTPS meeting agendas.</p>
Upcoming Meeting Schedule	<p>The next CODVBTPS meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2009 in Boise, Idaho. The CODVBTPS reviewed the remaining meeting dates which have been scheduled which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * February 4, 2010 in Pocatello, Idaho * April 19, 2010 in Boise, Idaho 	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned.	Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.