

Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Meeting Minutes-AmeriTel Inn-Boise, April 29th, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Karen Neill, Susan Hazelton, Barbara Boyer, Sarah Scott, Judge Redman, Tammy Parker, Mia Vowels

Staff Present: Sally Alvarado

Guests Present: Hector de Leon, Brenda Cameron, Chris Klover, Joseph Morissette, Amber Moe, Sue Fellen

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairperson, Dr. Neill called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were conducted.	
Program Presentations	<p>Program presentations were provided by:</p> <p>Brenda Cameron, Advocate Against Family Violence;</p> <p>Hector de Leon, Family Services Center;</p> <p>Discussion ensued on treatment effectiveness based on current research and existing literature regarding batterer treatment programs, and the CODVBTPS desire to build flexibility within the standards so providers can, when appropriate, best meet the needs of individual cases in a client centered approach. A goal has been to move beyond a "one size fits all" approach and move toward a range of options for providers which encompasses family systems and criminal justice approaches.</p> <p>Dr. Neill thanked all of the programs for their presentations.</p>	
February Meeting Minutes	Dr. Neill requested approval/disapproval action on the February 2010 meeting minutes.	Barbara made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
CFCC DV Subcommittee Update	Judge Redman provided an overview of the CFCC DV subcommittee's work. Judge Redman introduced Amber Moe, Idaho Supreme Court State DV Coordinator. Judge Redman stated the subcommittee has completed the development of all documents regarding best practices to be utilized in domestic violence courts and these have been submitted and approved by the CFCC Executive Committee. In addition, Judge Redman stated they have approved one court thus far in Nampa to begin the implementation of a DV Court process. There is another court currently engaged in the planning stage to become an approved DV Court. Amber stated that the subcommittee has been discussing the idea of putting together a resource toolkit which would identify best practice assessment tools along with the appropriate uses of each. Lastly, the subcommittee is looking at developing outcome measures for the DV Courts.	

<p>Program Renewal Applications & Updates</p> <p>TIPS Domestic Abuse Education Program</p> <p>Langfield Counseling Services</p> <p>Ostermiller Counseling Services</p>	<p>Sally informed the CODVBTPS that of the four program renewals still needing to submit requested information as noted in previous meeting minutes, Cook & Tafoya-Fisher Behavioral Health is the only program that submitted the requested information.</p> <p>The following program's still need to submit the requested information:</p> <p>Ms. Cheri Peak has obtained her degree and needs to submit paperwork to be approved as a Direct Service Provider.</p> <p>Mr. Langfield still needs to submit two additional letters of support from the service area where he is currently providing batterer treatment services. Mr. Langfield did provide a copy of one letter of support, his license and his background check.</p> <p>Ostermiller Counseling Services still needs to provide three letters of support.</p>	<p>At the previous CODVBTPS meeting it was decided to grant full approval of the Cook & Tafoya-Fisher Behavioral Health program upon the receipt of the background check for Ms. Fonseca, which was received on April 24, 2010, therefore full approval has been granted.</p> <p>Mia made a motion to inform these three programs to submit the requested information within four weeks or they will be removed from the approved provider list. Tammy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>New Program Applications</p>	<p>Family Services Center is seeking approval of a new Trainee, Mr. Hector de Leon.</p>	<p>Susan made a motion to approve the Family Services Center request to add the Trainee, Mr. Hector de Leon. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Statement of Professional Practice</p>	<p>The committee discussed professional expectations of providers. Dr. Neill stated that she was unable to locate any specific literature regarding professional practice as it relates to batterer treatment programs, however, she did find a lot on professionalism as it relates to educating students, i.e., M.D.'s. Dr. Neill stated the areas addressed included professionalism, autonomy, and accountability.</p> <p>The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding data collection and outcome measurement in batterer treatment programs. After discussion, the suggestion was made that committee members submit ideas on the data to be considered for collection from batterer treatment programs. The goal would be to develop a standard set of data points that all program providers would collect and submit on a regular basis (i.e. quarterly) for aggregate review by the CODVBTPS. Further discussion ensued on the use of the data as a starting point for outcome measurement in treatment programs.</p>	

	<p>The committee also discussed the role of Program Supervisor and whether the CODVBTPS should develop role description for the Program Supervisor as a guidance addendum to the standards. There was no action taken on this item at this time.</p>	
<p>Monitoring Update</p>	<p>Sally reviewed the proposed monitoring process outline with the CODVBTPS which states: The CODVBTPS monitoring visit findings will be documented and provided to program with instructions to complete a corrective action plan within a specified time period addressing each non-compliance finding. The ICDVVA staff will complete each monitoring report, once completed it will be distributed to respective program and follow-up on the receipt of acceptable corrective action plan as well as the implementation of the proposed plan. Should a program be found to have significant non-compliance findings, prior to the report being sent to the program, the report will be forwarded to the CODVBTPS members for their review and consideration for formal action, i.e.; placed on a probation status, removed from the approved provider list, etc. The CODVBTPS Chairperson may initiate the action decision of the CODVBTPS prior to the next regularly scheduled CODVBTPS meeting at which time a formal vote of the action will be requested. Should a program be placed on a probationary status or a removal decision made, the website listing the state approved programs will be updated to reflect the program's current status.</p> <p>After discussion the CODVBTPS recommended adding the following to the outline: Any agency that has been placed on a probationary status and is found to be in non-compliance during their approval period as a result of a subsequent monitoring visit will be removed from the approved list and will not be eligible to re-apply for approval until next renewal cycle.</p> <p>The CODVBTPS discussed the corrective action plan submitted by Tom Wilson Counseling Center and concluded the plan for correcting the non-compliance items was adequate. The CODVBTPS will consider removing the Tom Wilson Counseling Center's probationary status at the next regularly scheduled meeting upon the receipt of an acceptable unannounced site visit report which demonstrates satisfactory application and implementation of the submitted written corrective action plan.</p>	<p>Tammy made a motion to approve the monitoring process as outlined. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Neill suggested that the monitoring process outline include requirement that programs on probationary status submit a corrective action plan within specified time period and have an unscheduled on-site visit conducted to receive consideration for removal of a probationary status. Susan so moved. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>

<p>Minimum Standards for Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Programs</p>	<p>The committee continued their work on the revisions to the minimum standards. After lengthy discussion the CODVBTPS took the action to recommend to the Council to approve moving the standards through the rulemaking procedures process with changes made today incorporated into the standards.</p>	<p>Susan 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. Mia seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. A current copy of the proposed standards will be posted on the ICDVVA website.</p>
<p>Upcoming Meeting Schedule</p>	<p>The next CODVBTPS meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2010, in Boise, Idaho.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.</p>	
<p>Respectfully Submitted</p>	<p>Signature: <i>Sally Alvarado</i></p>	