

Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Meeting Minutes-SpringHill Suites-Boise, November 4th, 2010

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

Staff Present: Sally Alvarado, Luann Dettman

Guests Present: Tom Wilson

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairperson, Dr. Neill called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were conducted.	
Program Presentations	<p>Program presentations were provided by:</p> <p>Tom Wilson-Tom Wilson Counseling Center</p>	
July Meeting Minutes	Dr. Neill requested approval/disapproval action on the July 29, 2010, meeting minutes.	Susan made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Barbara 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"> • Pathways Counseling – no longer utilizing Antonia Salazar as Direct Service Provider; Ashley Ward as Direct Service Provider; and Tonya Valeria as Direct Service Provider. • Family Services Center - no longer utilizing Tonya Valeria as Direct Service Provider-Tonya was granted a provisional approval with full approval to be granted upon receipt of background check which to date has not been received by the ICDVVA office. • AAFV - no longer utilizing Ms. Viann Nations as Direct Service Provider-Viann was granted a provisional approval with full approval to be considered upon the submission of acceptable verification of supervised direct treatment experience which to date has not been received by the ICDVVA office. • AAFV was granted provisional approval for Trainees, Ms. Ariel Foster and Ms. Hilary Cobb with full approval to be granted upon receipt of background check which to date has not been received by the ICDVVA office. Ms. Cobb has submitted application for Direct Service Provider. <p>Sally informed the CODVBTPS of two inquiries from current approved programs, A to Z Family Services Inc. and Therapeutic Interventions Abuse Clinic regarding how to go about expanding their batterer treatment program services into another community. Sally requested the programs to submit a letter to the CODVBTPS outlining their request including a physical location</p>	

<p>Program Renewal Applications</p>	<p>where the groups will be conducted in the new service area. Sally stated she wasn't sure if the CODVBTPS needs to take formal approval action on these types of requests or just be informed of the added service area. The CODVBTPS decided they did not need to approve these types of expansions but programs need to inform the committee including a physical location in the new service area. After discussion it was decided to add a form on the application website that programs would need to fill out and submit to the CODVBTPS to inform the committee of the program expansion into additional communities.</p> <p>Sally informed the CODVBTPS that there are currently no program renewal applications.</p>	
<p>New Applications/Providers</p> <p>Advocates Against Family Violence</p> <p>Pathways Counseling</p>	<p>The CODVBTPS reviewed AAFV request for approval of Direct Service Provider, Hilary Cobb.</p> <p>Pathways Counseling is seeking approval for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Service Provider, Charles Whipple; • Direct Service Provider, Patricia Kuntz; 	<p>Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Direct Service Provider, 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 deny approval of the request to add Direct Service Provider, Charles Whipple, based on the education hours provided in the application being very dated and the education topics not being specific enough as it relates to domestic violence victims and batterer treatment services. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Barbara made a motion to deny approval of the request to add Direct Service Provider, Patricia Kuntz, based on the education topics provided in the application not being specific enough as it relates to domestic violence victims and batterer treatment services. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously</p>

<p>The Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainee, Vonzza Morris. <p>The CODVBTPS had a lengthy discussion regarding the types of education topics, etc., that are being submitted on applications. The CODVBTPS decided the education hours acquired must have been obtained within the previous five years and the committee is considering the idea of developing a “guidelines” document which would outline and suggest the types of appropriate/acceptable education topics as it relates to domestic violence victims and batterer treatment services.</p> <p>Dr. Neill requested Sally to include in the letters that are sent out regarding the denied application requests, a statement that the CODVBTPS encourages the applicants to continue to work on obtaining the requirements and to reapply.</p> <p>The CODVBTPS discussed the background checks that are being submitted. The committee has seen three different types of checks from the Criminal History Unit that people are submitting with their applications, i.e, Criminal History Background Status Change in email format that indicates Cleared-Employee of Agency; Idaho Criminal History Unit Find Applicant in website format that shows Cleared-Employee of Agency; and lastly the Notice of Clearance on Idaho Department of Health & Welfare letterhead which lists all items revealed whether or not they are disqualifying crimes or not, i.e., DUI, Drivers License-Fail to Purchase. After lengthy discussion the CODVBTPS felt as though the Notice of Clearance on Idaho Department of Health & Welfare letterhead is the background check documentation they would like submitted with applications. Sally stated she would check with the Criminal History Unit and get clarification on the “Cleared-Employee of Agency” vs the “Notice of Clearance” documentation that is being submitted by some applicants.</p> <p>The CODVBTPS reviewed The Program’s request for approval of Program Supervisor, Mr. Judd Leifheit.</p>	<p>Susan made a motion to approve Pathways Counseling’s request to add Trainee, Vonzza Morris. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Barbara made a motion to grant approval of The Program’s request to add Program Supervisor, Judd Leifheit. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>
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Family Services Center	The CODVBTPS reviewed the Family Services Center request for approval of Trainee, Todd Rosenberger.	Susan made a motion to grant provisional approval status with full approval to be granted for Trainee, Todd Rosenberger, upon the receipt of a current criminal history background check. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Monitoring Update	<p>Sally updated the CODVBTPS on the corrective action plans submitted by the two programs that are currently on a probationary status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Wilson Counseling Center • Mental Wellness Centers 	<p>Susan made a motion to approve the corrective action plan submitted by Tom Wilson Counseling Center and remove the program from probationary status. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Susan made a motion to approve the corrective action plan submitted by the Mental Wellness Centers with the following clarification on the submitted plan. The proposed plan to continue to provide participants individual, non-domestic violence therapy with a qualified professional will not be considered as meeting the participant's state approved batterer treatment program requirements and the expectation is that if an approved Program Supervisor or Direct Service Provider is unable to facilitate the groups then the groups will be discontinued and the courts notified and no other treatment being offered by Mental Wellness Centers will be counted toward the participant's domestic violence treatment. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Barbara made a motion to approve removing the Mental Wellness Centers probationary status. Susan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>

	<p>Sally informed the CODVBTPS that she conducted monitoring site visits to the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapeutic Interventions Abuse Clinic-Idaho Falls • Domestic Violence Intervention Center-Idaho Falls • Mental Wellness Centers-Idaho Falls • New Beginnings-Idaho Falls 	
<p>Online Domestic Violence Classes</p>	<p>The CODVBTPS reviewed information that is on the internet that promotes state approved online domestic violence classes and Idaho is listed and referred to as one of the states that this treatment option has been accepted and state approved. Sally informed the committee that she has had three separate inquiries from around the state regarding these online classes as apparently some offenders are trying to acquire their treatment using this modality. In addition, Amber Moe, Idaho Statewide Domestic Violence Court Coordinator, sent an email inquiry to the “Court Ordered Classes” company requesting they provide documentation demonstrating their approval status through the State of Idaho. Sally read the reply from Court Ordered Classes to Ms. Moe’s email to the CODVBTPS members. After lengthy discussion the CODVBTPS decided to write a letter and forward to the Council for the Council Chair signature and request the Attorney General to sign onto the letter as well. The letter would clarify that Idaho has not and does not approve of any online domestic violence treatment and request that the State of Idaho be removed from this website. In addition and for clarification purposes the letter would be forwarded to Ms. Moe to disseminate and share with the courts.</p>	
<p>Data Collection/Outcomes</p>	<p>Dr. Neill informed the CODVBTPS that she did some inquiring around other states about the types of data being collected for outcome measurement purposes. Dr. Neill found that no outcome data were being collected from the programs contacted. Karen shared a survey she conducted several years ago with the approved batterer treatment programs in Idaho, and suggested the CODVBTPS send out a similar survey to all of our existing programs to obtain input and information on current practices. Included in the survey could be a question asking programs to describe what, if any types of data are being collected by the program, particularly as it relates to outcome measurement. The CODVBTPS was in support of this approach. Karen stated she would update the current survey she has and send it out in draft form to the committee members for feedback. The survey would be distributed to approved programs in January with a request to</p>	

	programs for information.	
Minimum Standards for Domestic Violence Batterer Treatment Programs and Pending Rule Docket	<p>Sally presented the Pending Rule Docket to the CODVBTPS for their review and approval.</p> <p>Dr. Neill stated there was a suggestion made regarding adding something to the minimum standards that states program's are responsible to notify the client if the program loses their approval status. After discussion the CODVBTPS decided we could amend the Terms and Conditions, page 3 of the application, to include an item that states the following: Program must immediately notify client and courts if the program is removed from the approved provider list.</p>	Susan made a motion to recommend to the Council to approve the Pending Rule Docket. Barbara seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
Upcoming Meeting Schedule	The next CODVBTPS meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011, in Twin Falls, Idaho.	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned.	
Respectfully Submitted	Signature:	