

Meeting Minutes
Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Offender Intervention
Programs and Standards
March 4, 2021, 1:00 p.m. MST
WebEx Meeting
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Members present: Wes Somerton, Trevor Castleton, Doug Graves, Jeff Matsushita, Amber Moe, Lori Anne Nichols, Sarah Swanson

ICDVVA Employees: Heather Cunningham, Kaitie Blalock (Intern), Angie Lindsey, Gabby Lowenthal, Dana Wiemiller

Wes Somerton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

1. Review and approval of Minutes from December 10, 2020 meeting.

Action Item: Doug Graves motioned to approve December 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Lori Anne Nichols seconded. Amber Moe noted minutes were not included in meeting materials. Motion tabled pending committee review.

2. Approve Applications. Action Items.

Action Item: Amber Moe motioned for approval of telecommunication services for A New Path. Sarah Swanson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Amber Moe motioned for approval of telecommunications services for Twin Falls County Treatment & Recovery Clinic. Lori Anne Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Location for A Restored Life:

Committee was notified that a Restored Life is opening a second location. No Committee action was required.

3. Data Collection for FY22

Heather Cunningham discussed establishing a data collection process for offender intervention programs beginning in FY22. The committee agreed that data is likely being collected by intervention programs; however, it's not standardized or reported. The Committee suggested interviewing approved providers to understand what data is currently being collected, when it's being collected, and for what purpose. It was also recommended that a revision of the Minimum Standards include more specific language regarding data collection and reporting requirements.

4. Minimum Standards Project Update

Dana Wiemiller and Kaitie Blalock discussed minimum standards project. Ms. Blalock shared her research findings on best practices in other states related to required continuing education units, intake assessments, and treatment modalities. Ms. Wiemiller indicated the current Minimum Standards document is available for redline

editing by members of the Minimum Standards Working Group. Mr. Somerton, Ms. Moe, and Mr. Matsushita will continue editing the document for provider input. The Committee agreed Ms. Blalock would return to the next Committee meeting with final results from her research project. Next steps will include provider focus groups in late summer with a virtual stakeholder summit in the fall to provide sufficient provider input for Committee approval of a final document at the December 2021 meeting.

5. Program Monitoring

Heather Cunningham shared previous monitoring from 2019. Previous monitoring was a simple checklist which did not evaluate program content. The Committee discussed options of contracting someone to handle the monitoring. The Committee discussed past years of monitoring regions and concerns on minimal oversight. The Committee agreed to assist in an initial monitoring effort with each member conducting monitoring on one agency. The Committee will evaluate the process to determine ongoing monitoring by the Committee or other options.

6. Committee Policies & Procedures Manual

Wes Somerton and Heather Cunningham will work together on the policies and procedures. They will look for a better standardization and will give to Committee to review at the next meeting. Bylaws need to be reevaluated and information on Committee terms will need to be added to the policy manual.

7. OIP & Victim Services Program Collaboration

The Committee discussed opportunities for enhanced collaboration between Offender Intervention Programs and Victim Service Providers. The Minimum Standards do not prohibit collaboration among these agencies. Dana Wiemiller referenced current collaboration in Region 3 as an example for other programs. Lori Anne Nichols discussed the evolution with domestic violence courts to better support families staying together and finding a way to support that. Heather Cunningham proposed a session for discussion, to provide clarity and give parameters. Amber Moe will coordinate at the 2021 Safety & Resilience Conference with Family Service Specialist Coordinators for more feedback. Amber Moe will contact Jeff Matsushita about an open discussion panel on how we can come together. Heather Cunningham stated that recent Regional Roundtable discussions have helped facilitate discussion on collaboration among these providers.

8. FY22 Application Update

Dana Wiemiller stated there are twelve providers up for renewal on June 30, 2021. Application forms will be updated in a fillable .pdf format and Ms. Wiemiller will share with Committee members for review before finalizing. A reminder email will be sent to all renewal agencies with a link to the new forms. Renewal applications will be discussed at the next meeting in May.

Adjourn:

ACTION: Trevor Castleton motioned to adjourn.

ACTION: Doug Graves seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.