

Meeting Minutes
Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence Offender Intervention
Programs and Standards
August 16, 2022
1:00 pm MST
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Wes Somerton, Trevor Castleton, Jeff Matsushita, Heidee McMillin, Amber Moe, Ursula Warden

Members Not Present: Kimberly Talbot

ICDVVA Staff: Heather Cunningham, Dana Wiemiller, Jessica Marshall

Call to Order

Wes Somerton called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

1. Committee Member Introductions

Wes Somerton

New member Ursula Warden introduced herself, sharing that she has a private counseling practice and is also a DV evaluator.

2. Action Item: Review & Approve Minutes from April 22, 2022, Meeting

Heidi McMillen motioned to approve the April 22, 2022, minutes. Amber Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Action Item: Follow-up on Conditional Approvals

A Restored Life - Wendy Perez, Program Supervisor

Amber Moe shared concerns that not enough hours are related to Offender Intervention. Ursula Warden said she believed the need to hold program staff to the same standards of compliance as offenders. Heidee McMillin referred to page 12 of the Minimum Standards. Wes Somerton motioned to deny. Ursula Warden seconded the motion. Unanimous. Committee members continued the discussion regarding eligible CEUs and agreed to revise the motion and vote again. Wes Somerton motioned to extend conditional approval through the next Committee meeting on December 1. Heidee McMillin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D6 Counseling - Ashley Bringham, Program Supervisor

Amber Moe motioned to approve. Heidee McMillin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Item: Review & Approve Program Applications

New Programs:

D7 Treatment – Amber Moe mentioned that Robert Siddoway has been providing DV services for a long time but has not been officially approved. Committee agreed the CEU hours were fine for Robert Siddoway, Taten Albright, and Jessica Tanner. Amber Moe motioned to approve program and staff. Heidee McMillin seconded the motion. Motion

carried unanimously.

A Key to Change – Amber Moe stated Melinda has been an evaluator and was providing a women’s offender group for the 5th district court many years ago. Melinda would like to be the Program Supervisor, but that Jaci Urie has agreed to serve as the Program Supervisor if the Committee is unable to approve her application. Ursula Warden said she believes the application looks good and likes that all CEUs are DV-related. Jeff Matsushita motioned to approve. Kimberly Talbot seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Program Supervisor:

Mark Gritton, A Restored Life - Heidee McMillin motioned to approve. Kimberly Talbot seconded the motion. The Committee discussed concerns about whether Mr. Gritton had been providing offender intervention services and whether the Program Supervisor requirements had been met. Wes Somerton asked Amber Moe on her familiarity with Crosspointe providing any type of DV services through the court. Amber Moe stated it is possible, but not as a state-approved program. Wes Somerton motioned to deny and ask for clarification on supervisory hours and to ask for information by a specific date ahead of next meeting. Amber Moe Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Executive Director’s Report

Director Cunningham advised the Committee that the Council Governance Policy was revised to include the OIP Committee as a standing committee. Director Cunningham then discussed two OIP legislative proposals for 2023. The office of the Attorney General is concerned about the OIP not having a formal appointment process for Committee members. The formal process would not be through the governor’s office – Council would approve. The Attorney General’s office also believes ICDVVA should have OIP rulemaking authority and a proposed bill would change that. Amber Moe questioned whether the OIP Minimum Standards would have to go through the legislature for approvals. Director Cunningham said she believes that they would be incorporated by reference; however, she would follow up and confirm with the Attorney General’s office.

6. Action Item: Committee Appointment Terms

Idaho Code Section 39-5205 provides for three-year terms for Council members except for initial appointments, which have terms of one year for 2 members, two years for 2 members and 3 years for three members. For the OIP Committee members to have similar staggered terms the following terms were suggested for currently serving members, based on existing time serving on the committee. (Members would be eligible for reappointment when their terms end). One Year: Wes Somerton and Amber Moe; Two Years: Trevor Castleton and Jeff Matsushita; and Three Years: Heidee McMillin, Kimberly Talbot, and Ursula Warden. Director Cunningham recommended basing appointment terms on the length of tenure on committee, the longest members have the shortest term and the newest members have the longest. Heidee McMillin motioned to approve terms on a calendar year basis. Jeff Matsushita seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OIP Provider Monitoring Status

Grants Supervisor Dana Wiemiller provided a monitoring status update and indicated two programs in North Idaho are scheduled for in-person monitoring in September. Amber Moe requested that staff verify who is providing remote services. She believes some programs may be providing remote services without Committee approval. The Committee agreed to have Dana contact all providers about remote services to make sure only approved programs are offering.

8. Reporting & Data Collection

Research Analyst Jessica Marshall provided an update on OIP data from January 1 – June 30, 2022.

9. Action Item: Data Collection Issues and Next Steps

Research Analyst Jessica Marshall provided information on some non-compliance with new data reporting requirements. She indicated that she does not recommend any action as agencies are still getting used to reporting requirements. Jessica Marshall and Dana Wiemiller will work on the noncompliance issues as a monitoring item.

Adjourn:

Wes Somerton adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.