

Meeting Minutes
Committee for Oversight of Domestic Violence
Offender Intervention Programs and Standards
April 22, 2022
1:00 p.m. MST
Webex Meeting

Members Present: Trevor Castleton, Jeff Matsushita, Heidi McMillen, Amber Moe, Kimberly Talbot, Wes Somerton

ICDVVA Staff: Dana Wiemiller, Jessica Marshall

Call to Order

Dana Wiemiller called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

1. Action Item: Review & Approve Minutes from February 24, 2022, Meeting

Heidi McMillen motioned to approve the February 24, 2022, minutes. Amber Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously – Wes Somerton not present.

2. Action Item: Program Renewal Applications

Program Renewals:

a. A Restored Life

Amber Moe expressed concerns regarding CEUs included in the application for Wendy Perez/Program Supervisor – too many units in Sand Play which does not seem relevant to domestic violence offender intervention services. Kimberly Talbot and Jeff Matsushita provided additional information on how Sand Play can be used in therapy; however, the committee agreed that the total number of Sand Play CEUs were not eligible.

Amber Moe motioned to conditionally approve the program through the committee's next meeting on August 16, 2022, pending receipt of an additional 24 CEUs to replace some of the Sand Play CEUs – or – the program must provide a written explanation for committee review and approval of how Sand Play meets requirements in the OIP Minimum Standards. Jeff Matsushita seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously – Wes Somerton not present.

b. D6 Treatment

Amber Moe expressed concerns that the application for Ashley Bringhurst/Program Supervisor does not include a breakdown of supervised hours. Committee members agreed that the application was not complete without this information.

Amber Moe motioned to conditionally approve the program for renewal pending additional documentation/proof of sufficient supervisor hours for Ashley Bringhurst – or to reinstate Jenny Decker as the Program Supervisor if documentation is

unavailable or not sufficient. Heidi McMillen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously – Wes Somerton not present.

c. Family Services Counseling

Committee discussed large number of CEUs received through CE4 Less for Dora Mora-Poston/Program Supervisor which is a self-study program. The OIP Minimum Standards allows 30 units of self-study; however, the Committee has been more lenient during Covid. Dana Wiemiller mentioned these same CEUs were submitted in 2021 when Dora Mora-Poston was originally approved as a Program Supervisor. The Committee agreed to accept all CEUs; however, suggested that the application be revised to make note of the 30-hour limitation on self-study and to also mention this limitation in renewal notification emails.

Committee discussed CEUs for Ismael Hernandez/Direct Service Provider, disallowing 5 hours for migraine pain. The action did not impact the application as the total CEUs submitted exceeded the required number.

Jeff Matsushita motioned to approve the program for renewal, approve Dora Mora Poston as Program Supervisor, and approve Ismael Hernandez as Direct Service Provider. Kimberly Talbot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously – Wes Somerton not present.

d. Serenity Treatment

Heidee McMillen motioned to approve the program for renewal, approve Elaine Dufford as Program Supervisor, and approve Michelle Fitting as Direct Service Provider. Trevor Castleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously – Wes Somerton not present.

e. Twin Falls Treatment and Recovery Clinic

Amber Moe motioned to approve program and the following staff:

- Jaci Urie – Program Supervisor
- Melissa Goeckner - Direct Service Provider
- Mendizja Serpa – Direct Service Provider
- Jeremy Ajeti – Direct Service Provider

Trevor Castleton second the motion. The motion carried unanimously – Wes Somerton not present.

f. Tueller Counseling

Kimberly Talbot asked if hours as a conference/training presenter count as eligible CEUs. Committee members did not believe those hours should be counted and agreed that 21.25 hours included in the CEUs for Tom Tueller/Program Supervisor were unallowable. Mr. Tueller still had enough CEUs to meet the 60 hours required to proceed with his application. The Committee instructed staff to include a disclaimer in the approval letter advising that hours serving as a facilitator/presenter/instructor of educational sessions are not eligible as CEU hours and recommended this information be included in the next revision of the OIP Minimum Standards.

Trevor Castleton moved to approve the program for renewal and to approve the following staff:

- Tom Tueller – Program Supervisor
- Nichole Aldinger – Direct Service Provider

Amber Moe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dana Wiemiller informed the Committee that the Center for Behavioral Health did not submit an application and had not responded to any email correspondence from ICDVVA and that Ostermiller Counseling advised ICDVVA that they were not renewing.

Mid-Afternoon Break (15 minutes)

3. Action Item: Provider Applications

a. Program Supervisor:

Brandi Warnke, High Country Behavioral Health

Amber Moe motioned to approve the application. Jeff Matsushita seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Direct Service Providers:

Cherity Woolf, High Country Behavioral Health

Amber Moe motioned to approve. Kimberly Talbot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jacqueline Bowcutt, High Country Behavioral Health

Heidi McMillen motioned to approve. Amber Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jessica Rowe, Twin Falls Treatment & Recovery Center

Heidi McMillen motioned to approve. Amber Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Trainee:

Holly Glick, High Country Behavioral Health

Amber Moe motioned to approve. Trevor Castleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Program Monitoring Project Update – status of effort to update program monitoring forms

Presentation by Dana Wiemiller and Committee Discussion

Dana Wiemiller shared new monitoring documents resulting from the internship with Jona Jacobson. New documents offer more in-depth evaluation of the program and additional internal notations allow for staff and/or a layperson conducting the

monitoring to understand what monitoring items are critical needs or best practices. Dana said monitoring for 2022 has not started and will likely commence after the June conference. Amber offered to meet with Dana to review the documents and provide insight into her experience with program monitoring.

5. Data Collection Update – status report on first quarter of OIP data collection

Presentation by Jessica Marshall and Committee Discussion

Jessica Marshall provided a status report on data collection. Data is still coming in, so there are no results to provide at this time. Jessica mentioned that one program was reluctant to provide complete data with names. Heidee McMillen asked if that is a barrier to collecting data. Dana said the Committee can decide if they want data with unidentified clients. Wes Somerton said no – information is not confidential when it's court ordered, so agencies should provide full information with names. Names are included in the court process and many staff within the system have these names. Amber Moe said this is intervention, not treatment, and does not fall under HIPAA requirements. Programs could include a release for clients to sign so they understand their records would be shared with ICDVVA for monitoring and data collection.

6. Distribution Process for OIP Provider List

Information from Dana Wiemiller and Committee Discussion

Dana Wiemiller provided program history for Dame Alas and how program approval expired in June 2021; however, offenders were still being referred to the program. Committee discussed how OIP information can be distributed to DV court coordinators and/or probation dept., trial court administrators to ensure they always have the most current OIP list.

7. Committee Terms & Member Vacancy

Information from Dana Wiemiller and Committee Discussion

As a follow-up to a discussion item at the 2/24 meeting, Dana Wiemiller shared proposed terms for current committee members.

8. Safety & Resilience Conference Update

Information from Dana Wiemiller and Committee Discussion

Dana Wiemiller provided an update on the planning status for the 2022 conference. The Committee discussed whether to hold a meeting or roundtable discussion for OIP providers and DV evaluators. While everyone liked the idea, it was determined that the conference schedule did not provide adequate time for a meeting. The Committee agreed to consider working this into the agenda for the 2023 conference.

Meeting Adjourned by Wes Somerton at 4:26 p.m.