



Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council Offender Program Standards Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 9, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Joe DiTunno, John Kissel, Shauna Harrington, Gail Hardy, GERALYN O'NEIL-WILD

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Shauna Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Shauna Harrington offered welcoming remarks and Council members introduced themselves.

III. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/27/2024 was made by Shauna Harrington, seconded by John Kissel, and unanimously approved.

IV. UPDATES AND MODIFICATIONS TO STANDARDS

- Joe DiTunno provided the subcommittee with the history of the Offender Program Standards Subcommittee including:
 - The challenge of how the standards are put into practice
 - There is no robust list of agencies running forward to participate
- Many of these updates included cultural competency and accessibility for the LGBTQ+ community; however, Joe DiTunno suggested that the review of the standards be put on pause as they cannot be extended until a review of the agencies that exist is implemented

V. DISCUSSION

- John Kissel suggested reaching out to agencies and redraw the picture of what's available outside the programs currently utilized by Judicial.
- Joe DiTunno suggested a quality assurance measure.
- GERALYN O'NEIL-WILD agreed that the subcommittee needs to evaluate what's going there and available before implementing changes.
- The members discussed looking at the bigger picture and bringing it to the larger council.
- There was discussion of developing a questionnaire that evaluates who the prosecutors and Family Services are contracting with, asking what their curriculum is, and whether they are contracted with the agency or doing fee for service
- Gail Hardy stated that the big issue since the state audit began is looking at what programs exist and they do they exist in all 13 jurisdictions?

VI. FUTURE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- The subcommittee will determine a time to meet based on the availability of the members after approval of expanding the focus of the subcommittee and evaluating what community programs are available

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A motion to vote Gail Hardy into the subcommittee was made by Joe DiTunno and seconded by Shauna Harrington

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn made by Shauna Harrington, seconded by Joe DiTunno at 1:50 PM.