Tri-County Batterer Intervention Provider Network Meeting Minutes July 9, 2019
Present: Chris Huffine (Allies in Change), Linda Castaneda (Castaneda Counseling), Jason Kyler-Yano (Portland State University), Olga Parker (Modus Vivendi), Nanci Jarrard (Homefree), Dawn Penberthy (Clackamas County Probation & Parole), Ashley Swalley (Clackamas County Victim Services), Shannon Barkley (Clackamas County Probation & Parole), Regina Holmes (ARMS), Marci Nelson (Washington County Probation), Jacquie Pancoast (Central City Concern), Philip Broyles (Teras), Matt Johnston (Domestic Violence Safe Dialogue), Jessica Harvey (Allies in Change)

Minutes by Jessica Harvey, edited by Chris Huffine

Discussion Topic: Responsivity Issues and How to Modify Programs for Clients
Editor's note: The group ended up having a variety of side conversations about various issues including the program approval process, some current events, and other things. The conversation related to the topic was quite brief, but it was noted that this issue was addressed in more detail just a year ago.

There was a brief discussion related to the topic. One type of program does not fit all those who have treatment needs. One way to determine the type of care a client will need in the program is to use the risk-needs-responsivity model, which determines their level of risk and how to best prevent recidivism. When a program and its facilitators are responsive to the particular needs of the clients, there are better outcomes for the program.

Most programs will not be compensated for making modifications. However, modifications do not necessarily cost much money or take much effort. Even without modifications case management is not compensated and is still a necessary part of getting a client successfully through the program.

One example of a modification would be with clients who are deaf. Many facilitators and other group members do not know how to sign; therefore, an interpreter is often needed. This can be challenging in a group when there are many different people talking. Individual may be a more appropriate option. However, some facilitators have noticed that other group members learn to be open and understanding when having someone with an interpreter in the group.