

Tri-County Batterer Intervention Provider Network Meeting Minutes 10-21-08

Present: Chris Huffine (Allies in Change Counseling Center), Paula Manley (Manley Interventions), Regina Rosann (ARMS), Johnnie Burt (ARMS), Shawn Konradson (ARMS), Jacquie Pancoast (ChangePoint), Phil Broyles (Teras), Don Voeks (GIVE), Joan Scott (Allies in Change)

Minutes by Jacquie Pancoast, edited by Chris Huffine

**Discussion: \_AFTERCARE PROGRAMS**

What sort of aftercare programs are being provided. What sort of aftercare should be provided?

Are we addressing partner issues after men have completed an intervention program? In the 1990's, Men's Resource Center had couples groups available.

Paula stated she holds an Aftercare group on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. She has men critique journals of current men in her program.

There was an argument for monthly follow-up – to see how the men are doing without weekly engagement.

Allies In Change encourages men to stay on as long as they can. Some men who do show up are probably experiencing a crisis. Sometimes there are issues with probation and time constraints which may impact a man's Aftercare engagement.

Phil is using a discharge criteria before a client can complete.

Some present questioned how helpful the 3 months Aftercare really was, or were we doing a disservice.

Chris stated Allies has an ongoing Aftercare/Voluntary group and often reviews ideas of accountability. Exit decisions are made jointly with group members and is often a positive experience for the men. It makes completion a collaborative effort by the group.

ChangePoint has an Aftercare Group held the first Monday of each month. This group is open to any man who has completed a DVIP. Full fee is \$46 for 1 ½ hr. session. Monthly reports are sent to referral sources. At this time, voluntary men, who have completed DVIP at ChangePoint, including the 3 months Aftercare Program, can attend for no charge.

It was noted that some men take their time and exceed the minimum requirements for various reasons.

There were mixed opinions on weekly Aftercare vs. monthly Aftercare attendance.

