

Iowa Department of Education
OWI Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015
Des Moines

Present: Pete Aguilar, Iowa Valley; Deb Sabin, Iowa Valley; Kim Oaks, Southwestern ; Lisa Guest, SIEDA; Ron Berg, Prelude; Joe Quinn, DMACC; Nellie Remson, Urban Dreams; Steve Stonehoecker, Iowa DOT; Jill Whitson, DMACC; Kelly Grunhvd, Prairie Ridge; Eric Preuss, Iowa Department of Public Health; and Barb Ledvina, Janine Johnson, Iowa Department of Education.

Attending by Phone: Brenna Koedam, Seasons Center; Mary Sloan, Compass Pointe; and Gail Roeder Eastern Iowa.

Advisory Committee Guidelines

There were copies of the guidelines available for participants, especially the new people to the committee.

Prime for Life

The group was surveyed about the use of Version 9 of Prime for Life. The majority indicated that they either were using it or would be in the near future. Michelle Ellison has requested V-9 feedback from instructors before the Spring 2016 training. It was noted that V-9 will not be available in Spanish until 2016. The Fall 2015 training will be held in Council Bluffs in November. Suggestions for the Spring 2016 training were given. Will likely be in central Iowa – Ames or Ankeny.

Statistical Data

Using the quarterly spreadsheets agency submit to the Department each quarter since 2011, the Department of Education has developed statically information about program attendees. If anyone is interested in learning more, they should contact the Department.

Release of Information

The question was raised about developing a standard form for all agencies to use for the release of education information. After much discussion was held, and was the consensus of the group that there really can't be a standard form, as each agency is bound under their own legal requirements.

Language Barriers/Service Animals

The group discussed the issue of language barriers and service animals. Agencies are telling students they are required to bring their own interpreter if one is needed. The only thing agencies are legally bound to provide, is a hearing impaired interpreter. If an interpreter must accompany someone, both the student and interpreter are generally seated at the back of the room, as they don't disturb other students in the class. No one

has had any requests to bring service animals into a class. Most agencies require verification from the student's medical doctor, that a service animal is required.

Increase in Class Fees

Discussion was held on the desire to increase the amount charged for the 12 hour drinking driver course. It was recommended that providers of the program develop a proposal and justification for a rate increase and submit it to the Department of Education for review.

IDOT

Steve Stonehocker from the Department of Transportation reported that agencies can email Sanctions Support Section with questions or assistance in entering records into the system. It was noted that this service is for agency use only and should not be made available to offenders. The Department of Education will provide the Sanctions email address to providers.

Other

It was suggested that people check their V-9 shipments as soon as they get them. Some were found to contain V-8 materials with a V-9 label. Contact Prime for Life if you have questions.

Next Meeting

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled in the spring of 2016.