

OWI Advisory Committee Meeting

DMACC, Ankeny, IA

May 30, 2013

Attending in person: Kim Oaks, Lois Kiester, Jill Whitson, Joe Quinn, Pete Aguilar, Mary Sloan, Krista Mattson, Nancy Tegeler, Shannon Greene, Michelle Cherrier, Marcia Oltrogge, Katrina Carter, Michelle Ellison, Eric Preuss, Barbara Ledvina, Janine Johnson

1. Welcome

Welcome to new Committee Members: Mary Sloan, Compass Pointe; Krista Mattson, Assessment Services; Pete Aguilar, Iowa Valley CC; and Shannon Greene, MECCA. Other new members unable to attend today but will be on the committee: Steve Allison, Indian Hills CC and Deb Sabin, Iowa Valley CC.

2. Barb distributed copies of and reviewed the committee guidelines for the new members.

3. Iowa does not accept online classes for the state mandated drinking driver program. We have contacted the Iowa Court Administrators to advise them of this policy as well.

When we become aware of companies offering the online class – especially those that appear to be targeting Iowans, we request that they put a disclaimer on their website indicating that the class will not be accepted in Iowa. Several people requested copies of what the Dept of Education has for this documentation.

4. The subject of raising the rates charged for the OWI program has been raised a couple of times. It has been at \$115 since 2006. Raising the program fee would require modification of the Administrative Rules, and requires justification to do. We had tried to electronically survey the agencies to determine what their costs were in delivering the program, but the costs were all over the board, and impossible to compare fairly. Our goal is to contact each of the providers in the state to discuss the costs they have with the program. Hopefully by doing this, we can get a more accurate representation of the cost of delivering the program. Michelle Ellison indicated that Prime for Life does not anticipate raising the cost of the workbook prices in the near future. Version 9 of Prime for Life will be coming out in 2014.

5. Rule Making: Since the program has changed over the years, the Administrative Rules under the Iowa Code needs to be updated. Recommended changes are in our director's hands. Once we get feedback from him, we will bring the proposed rules to the Advisory Committee to review. Barb will send out via email if it comes back before our next Advisory Meeting.

6. It was noted that while there is a set syllabus for delivering the 12-hour Prime for Life program, there is not one for the weekend jail based programs (1st or 2nd offense). The question was raised about the development of a syllabus for these programs. Michelle Ellison stated she recommends using the 16-

hour syllabus. The Department of Education recommends that all agencies use best practices when it comes to ratio of teachers vs. students and not to cut corners.

Indigent people cannot be denied access to take the course, but they must provide their “white sheet” from Workforce Development.

7. Group Concerns: Barb reminded agencies that the Department of Education is now the repository for records retention, as the state requires 60 years of records to be kept. We are doing it electronically, with the help of the agencies turning in their quarterly class lists, as well as the out of state records that come directly into our office.

The issue of a nationwide change to a BAC of .05 was raised. Michelle she said that someone at PRI is currently doing research regarding this.

Michelle reminded everyone that recertification needs to happen within the same year they expire, but it can be after their actual expiration date.

8. Next meeting date and location: Hotel Vetro, Iowa City on September 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM. More information will follow as the date gets closer.