

# House Idaho Collaborative Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

## Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9am-12pm MST/8-11am PST

Board Chair	Jamie Simpson, Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)
Board Vice Chair	Betsy Bowling, CATCH
Board Secretary	Heidi Sellick-Diaz, IHFA's HIC Coordinator
Presenters	Mandy White, Lived Experience Board Rep.; Michelle King, LC Valley Youth Resource Center; Daina Drake, Corrections; Miren Unsworth, H&W; and Rico Barrera, Labor
Attendees	80 attendees with a full quorum.

Heidi, the HIC Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the House Idaho Collaborative (HIC) semi-annual meeting which fostered interaction and provided a refresher on the roles and affiliations of the participants. Attendance can be found in the Appendix.

### **SECTION A: HIC Vision & Mission - Heidi Sellick-Diaz, HIC Coordinator**

Heidi led everyone in an activity on the basics of the HIC. The group discussed partners critical to their work, including mental health providers, landlords, affordable housing providers, and crisis centers. The HIC's vision is "a home for everyone," and its purpose is to make "homelessness in Idaho rare, brief, and non-recurring." You can find the whiteboard interactions in the Appendix.

### **SECTION B: Homeless or Housing Anecdote - Mandy White, Lived Experience Board Rep. & Michelle King, LC Valley Youth Resource Center**

Mandy White, the Lived Experience Panel Board Representative, shared insights about the importance of changing the narrative around homelessness and emphasized the need for advocates to share hopeful stories with policymakers. Idaho's message is trending toward criminalization and dehumanization of the homeless. Mandy called the HIC to advocate for struggling Idahoans and instigate policy change through stories of proven success. You can find the Cicero Institute mentioned by Mandy who are opposing our work:

<https://ciceroinstitute.org/research/>.

Michelle announced a significant milestone for the LC Valley Youth Resource Center; two young adults received their first apartments, marking the first time the center could provide housing support after age 18. Mandy discussed an upcoming lived experience panel focusing on housing barriers and invited everyone to attend.

### **SECTION C: Resolution 26-04-01: HIC Board Elections - Heidi Sellick-Diaz, HIC Coordinator**

The meeting covered board elections, with Patty Wheeler retiring as DV organization representative and Elisabeth Jaeger elected as her replacement, while Erin Anderson was re-elected as the Affordable Developer Representative. Zena Ebed announced her departure as the HIV/AIDS & FQHC representative due to her move to Texas. North Idaho Alliance of Carel

was a suggested nomination for the AIDS/HIV & FQHC representative. Roslyn Ceja Arteaga was elected as the Youth Action Board representative. Voting images are in the Appendix.

#### **SECTION D: HIC Performance Data – Nick Ansotegui, HMIS Lead, IHFA**

Nick Ansotegi presented the HIC's HMIS performance data, including metrics on days spent homeless, return rates, and exits to permanent housing, noting concerning increases in return rates and domestic violence as a leading cause of homelessness. John Gibbons clarified that while domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness, there is no specific data correlating increases in returns to homelessness with domestic violence. Many HIC partner organizations anecdotally shared the high percentage of returns to homelessness has been a result of DV. Elisabeth Jaeger stated that the average time someone returns to an abusive relationship is 7 times. Mandy suggested analyzing domestic violence rates by region instead, which John agreed would be more useful for identifying service gaps. The full data reports are under "Semi-Annual Membership Meeting" on the HIC Website here: [Committees - Idaho Housing and Finance Association](#). Please contact [HMIS@IHFA.ORG](mailto:HMIS@IHFA.ORG) for further information.

#### **SECTION E: State Agency Updates - Daina Drake, Corrections; Miren Unsworth, H&W; and Rico Barrera, Labor**

Daina Drake from the Department of Corrections updated on their supportive housing implementation team, which is exploring evidence-based housing models for previously incarcerated individuals, including the Kentucky and Ohio models, with plans to pilot in Lewiston, Nampa-Caldwell, and potentially Pocatello or Idaho Falls, serving 20-30 clients total over three years. For more information reach out to [ddrake@idoc.idaho.gov](mailto:ddrake@idoc.idaho.gov).

Mirren presented an overview of Idaho's Rural Health Transformation Grant, a \$186 million Year 1 award from CMS that must be obligated by October 30th and spent by the end of the following federal fiscal year. The funds will support five selected initiatives focusing on rural healthcare: access, workforce development, chronic disease prevention, and infrastructure improvements. Requests for proposals are expected to be posted within the next month. To learn more go to [healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov) or reach out to [miren.unsworth@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:miren.unsworth@dhw.idaho.gov).

Rico presented updates on two recently submitted grants focused on re-entry services for individuals recently released from incarceration, targeting 400 adults and 270 youth across the state through American Job Centers and mobile locations. He explained the priority populations under WIOA, including low-income individuals, homeless people, justice-involved individuals, and out-of-school youth. Mandy asked about preparing clients for services, and Rico advised focusing on assessment to determine immediate needs and gathering necessary documentation before referring clients. To learn more about WIOA go to [WIOA Youth Overview](#) for services offered by IDO, [WIOA Adult Overview](#) for services offered by Equus, [Idaho WIOA Eligibility Policy](#) for priority groups for each program, and [IDOL Location](#), or reach out to [rico.barrera@labor.idaho.gov](mailto:rico.barrera@labor.idaho.gov).

#### **SECTION F: HIC Progress, Trends, & Updates - Heidi Sellick-Diaz, HIC Coordinator**

Some key HIC partnership updates included WICAP's selection as the new Access Point in Region 3, starting in July, and shared details about recent DV Bonus funding used for trauma-informed practices training and regional problem-solving initiatives. Mandy invited the Youth Action Board to join the Lived Experience Panel meetings to discuss sharing stories and

managing trauma. She also announced the need for an LEP in Region 4. Other updates included the YAB's social media campaign, LCSNW Safe Families looking for a Program Coordinator in Boise, Motivational Interviewing classes, Idaho Launch student funding (<https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/launch>), and available homeless prevention funding through IHFA's Public Housing Authority branch offices. Jessica Ruehrwin announced a Family & Community Collaboration meeting once a month to coordinate service and supports for participants ([bmcnurlin@lcsnw.org](mailto:bmcnurlin@lcsnw.org)). St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho is considering remote case management or satellite offices in rural communities in Region 1. The HIC members discussed resources for Motivational Interviewing trainings at <https://www.isu.edu/chw/> or [https://cubeacademy.idahochohc.org/products/motivational-interviewing-series-for-behavioral-health-staff#tab-product tab contents](https://cubeacademy.idahochohc.org/products/motivational-interviewing-series-for-behavioral-health-staff#tab-product%20tab%20contents) 7.

Finally, Shawn presented a monthly HIC grants report highlighting the distribution of grant funds across different components like permanent housing, rapid rehousing, and supportive services. The report also covered regional grant allocations and positive exit destinations from various housing projects. HIC Committee Reports and Administrative Agency Action Plans can be found on the HIC's Full Membership Basecamp Board under [Docs & Files](#). Heidi facilitated two whiteboard interactions which can be found in the Appendix.

### **SECTION G: Legislative & Administrative Agency Updates - Jamie Simpson, Guiding Chair**

Jamie provided legislative and administrative updates, explaining that while many changes were proposed at the federal level, most have not been implemented, and discussed a new Idaho law requiring additional reporting on referrals and outcomes for mental health, addiction treatment, and workforce training services. Due to these proposed changes, the HIC has changed their language from "Housing First" to "Housing Focused."

### **SECTION H: Housing & HomeShare - Heidi Sellick-Diaz, HIC Coordinator**

HIC members shared housing and development progress including Safe Passage housing 12 survivors in Transitional Housing (TH), six of which secured safe, permanent housing! The Semper Fi Fund ([Home - Semper Fi & America's Fund](#)) has assisted in the housing Veterans. Additionally, CAP4Action now has a homeless veteran program to help with housing, work, and basic needs. LC Valley Youth Resource Center expanded their program to over 17-year-olds.

### **SECTION I: Recognition - Heidi Sellick-Diaz, HIC Coordinator**

The HIC had a period of shout outs to thank and praise the work of members in their community. Images of praise can be found in the Appendix.

### **SECTION J: Announcements & Closing Remarks - Jamie Simpson, Guiding Chair**

Heidi and Jamie reminded everyone of the HIC's Annual Strategic Planning Session June 9-10<sup>th</sup> in Moscow and the free Magellan Healthcare Partnership Training after a 5-minute break.

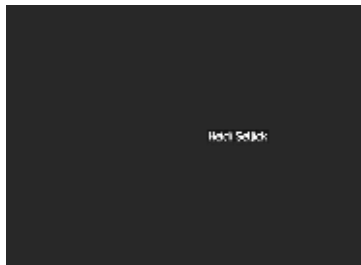
### **Adjourn:**

Jamie thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 10:55am MT.

Magellan Healthcare's Training by Brennan and Rebekah covered how behavioral health services intersect with housing stability across the state. The presentation and slides can be found on the HIC's website here: <https://www.idahohousing.com/homelessness-services-programs/house-idaho-collaborative/committees/>. For more information go to IdahoIAS.com or <https://magellanofidaho.com/> or reach out to [nanselr@magellanhealth.com](mailto:nanselr@magellanhealth.com).

## Appendix:

### Recording:



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### Action Items:

- **HIC members** to select a Guiding Idaho Board member and 2 representatives from each regional coalition to attend the annual strategic planning session June 29-30th.
- **HIC members:** Fill out the HIC membership form to help identify current and missing partners (as requested by Heidi).
- **Mandy:** Invite YAB members to attend LEP meetings and provide schedule/topic list.
- **Dana Drake:** Reach out to Rebekah (Magellan) via email for detailed process on how to refer individuals being released from incarceration for Magellan services before Medicaid approval.
- **Daina Drake:** reach out to Gail Lombardi, Jared Mangum, Rebekah Medicine Eagle about possible pilot program locations.
- **Rico Barrera:** Notify Heidi/put in newsletter when grant results for re-entry employment services are received.
- **Brennan/Magellan:** Accept and respond to partnership/resource fair invitations and presentation opportunities from HIC members.
- **Heidi** to post PPTs, Minutes, and meeting recording on the HIC's website.
- **Heidi** to tally and announce votes for board positions after May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Heidi:** Get Roslyn (YAB) connected with Engaging Idaho and Informing Idaho groups regarding using data to tell stories and messaging.
- **Heidi:** Send Evelyn M FSS Specialist LEP Invites
- **Heidi:** Send Gail invite for IBHC Zero Returns group - [g.lombardi@cap4action.org](mailto:g.lombardi@cap4action.org)
- **Heidi:** Add [Alex@affpocatello.com](mailto:Alex@affpocatello.com) to HIC Newsletter

### Attendance:

**A-** Amelia - Idaho Housing and Finance Assn. (M



Heidi Sellick (Host)



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Amara Edgley | Idaho Housing and Finance



Anna Whithead



Annie Parker, LSW



Ashlee Farnsworth



Ashley Rundle



Autumn Shafer-Palouse



Becca Stinson Region 1 SVdP



Brady Ellis, IHFA



Bre Young (she/her)



Brenna Frantti



Brian Dale (Idaho HUD)



Casey Bolt



Charles Hale



Chris Green



Clarissa Jackman



CLUB, Inc-Kymm Swiston



Daniel Brown



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Dena Skinner



Donna Brundage



Elisabeth Jaeger - Safe Passage



Erika M. ;)



Erika Switzer, IHFA



Erika Wiggins



Erin Anderson The Housing Company



Evelyn M FSS Specialist



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IDHW - Rebecca Medicine Eagle



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Jamie Simpson, Idaho BOS



Jared Mangum (HACP)



Jenna M, Safe Passage



Jennifer Lopez



Jessica Buckley



Jessica Ruehrwein - LCSNW Idaho



John Gibbons / IHFA
























Jessica Ruehrwein - LCSNW Idaho
















John Stennett - Reg. 3





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-  Katie Kilgrew Idaho
-  Kellyrae-FSA
-  Kody AFF
-  Kyle Schreiber
-  Leslie Foltz
-  Linda
-  Lisa Donaldson
-  Margie Potter Housing Idaho and Region 3
-  Melissa Farran
-  Michele Poletti
-  mrritch
-  Nick Ansotegui
-  Nikki Nelson - FSA Advocate
-  OliviaD
-  Patty Wheeler
-  Ramona Raymond
-  rbarrera
-  Robert Swiston (CLUB, Inc., Region 6)
-  Robertta Matulis
-  Roslyn Ceja (she/her/Ella)

-  Sarah H
-  Sarah O'Banion, Family Services Alliance
-  Shara Lyman
-  Shawn Walters
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-  Todd Holcomb
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-  Veronica Rose Advocates
-  Ysabel Nash
-  Zena Ebed

 Mandy White

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 Michelle King, LC Valley Youth Resource Center Inc

 Tami Moore



## Election Votes:

56 voting members voted. Votes were collected from a quorum of representatives of all HIC Committees, all HIC Regional Coalitions, plus one from the Administrative Agency.

# of Ppl	Present Quorum Members	Position	Organization
1	Jamie Simpson	Chair/Tie Breaker	IHFA
2	Rico Barara	Guiding ID Rep	DOL
3	Charles Hale	Housing ID Rep	IF Rescue Mission
4	Donna Brundage	Informing ID Rep	SVDP
5	Brenna Frantti	Engaging ID Rep	Family Promise of the Palouse
6	Chris Green	Region 1 Rep	Heritage Health
7	Autumn Shafer	Region 2 Rep	Family Promise of the Palouse
8	Xochil Perez	Region 3 Rep	Elmore Co. DV
9	Ashlee Farnsworth	Region 4 Rep	IHFA PHA
10	Michele Poletti	Region 5 Rep	Aid For Friends
11	Robert Swiston	Region 6 Rep	CLUB
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## Vote for DV Org. Rep. Elisabeth Jeager:

Approve- Lisa Donaldson  
Approve - Annie Parker, LSW  
Approve!!! - Mandy White  
Approve - Charles Hale  
Approve - Erika M. ;)  
Approve - unswortm  
Approve - Chris Green  
Approve - Jenna M, Safe Passage  
APPROVE - Patty Wheeler  
Approve - Leslie Foltz  
Approve - findhelpidaho.org  
Approve - John Stennett - Reg. 3  
Approve - Autumn Shafer-Palouse  
Approve - IDHW - Rebecca Medicine Eagle  
APPROVE !!! 🍷 - Robert Swiston (CLUB, Inc., Region 6)  
Approve - Sarah H  
Approve - Jennifer Lopez  
APPROVE - Jared Mangum (HACP)  
Approve - Sarah O'Banion, Family Services Alliance  
Approve - mrritch  
Approve - rbarrera  
Approve - Tami Moore

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Approve - ddrake  
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Approve - Dena Skinner  
Approve - Emily Kesler  
Approve - Erin Anderson The Housing Company  
Approve - Jamie Simpson, Idaho BOS  
Approve -kim.lickley  
Approve - Evelyn M FSS Specialist  
Approve - Brenna Frantti  
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Approve - Charles Hale

**Vote for Affordable Developer Rep. Erin Anderson:**

Approve - Mandy White  
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Approve - kim.lickley  
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**Vote for YAB Rep. Roslyn Ceja:**

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**HIV/AIDS/FQHC Nominees:**

North Idaho Alliance of Care! 🗣️ - IDHW - Rebecca Medicine Eagle

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Theresa Davis NIAC Executive Director (which Rebecca mentioned), may be interested - gail lombardi

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**HIC Updates & Developments:**



Love you Michelle! Way to go!!! - Mandy White

Amazing!!! - Donna Brundage

 - Evelyn M FSS Specialist

Thank you Patty, I am absolutely going to miss you and your voice for change! - Annie Parker, LSW

Beth is amazing! Patty, you will be missed! - Jamie Simpson, Idaho BOS



Not just you Beth. Patty, I also learned so much from you!!! Thank you. - Donna Brundage

Love you Patty - Mandy White

Thank you Zena! We are going to miss you! - IDHW - Rebecca Medicine Eagle

So inspiring to see our youth involved! Thank you Roslyn!! - Becca Stinson Region 1 SVdP






So excited about the passion, I have been out of the loop for a couple of years. So pleased to be back would love to hear from everyone to catch up the need is great. [g.lombardi@cap4action.org](mailto:g.lombardi@cap4action.org)



Thank you Mandy!

  Becca Stinson Region 1 SVdP

Thank you! Ditto! Team work makes the dream work!

  Donna Brundage

Thank you everyone

  Mandy White

Region 1 are GOATS! (Greatest of all time!)

  Charles Hale

Shout out to John, Nick, Sonali and the HMIS team. Heidi and Mandy are awesome! Chris Green



Thanks Rebecca!

 John Gibbons / IHFA

Thank you SVDP for your work in the community.

 Jessica Ruehrwein - LCSNW Idaho

Congrats to the new YHDP projects.

  ddrake


This is a great meeting and highly recommend attending!

  Evelyn M FSS Specialist

Thanks Rebecca, you are amazing!

Cap4Action is a vital resource in Region 1! Thank you Gail for sharing. Becca Stinson Region 1 SVdP  
100 percent!

 Jessica Ruehrwein - LCSNW Idaho

Agree, Heidi, Jamie, John, Shawn, Sonali - Mandy White