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**NOTICE:** The IHCC has been renamed as the House Idaho Collaborative (HIC). Thank you for your patience as we work through this transition on our website and printed materials.

**Have suggestions?**
If you know someone who would like to be added to the distribution list or want to suggest/contribute content, email snap@ihfa.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject line.

### HIC Updates

**BoS CoC Restructure: IHCC is now HIC**
In April the IHCC Board finalized the restructure and renaming of the IHCC to the House Idaho Collaborative (HIC). In addition to a collective impact governing structure, new committees were formed.

If you are interested in joining a new committee, reach out to your Regional Coalition Chair:

- **Region 1:** John Bruning
- **Region 2:** Molly Pollarstini
- **Region 3:** Natalie Sandoval
- **Region 4:** Randy Wastradowski
- **Region 5:** Amy Wuest
- **Region 6:** Karen Lansing

**Updates to HIC Governance Charter and Written Standards**
Review the changes to the Governance Charter (formerly Operating Guidelines) and Written Standards [here](#).

**Use HMIS/CMIS?**
Review the changes to the HMIS/CMIS Policies and Procedures [here](#).

### Resource Updates

**Feedback on VA services**
The VA needs your feedback about services for Veterans experiencing homelessness. The CHALENG survey will improve the quality, shape and direction of Veterans services. [Take the survey](#).

**Grant Opportunity: Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program**
The Idaho Department of Labor announced the homeless veterans reintegration program that provides housing and employment support for homeless veterans. [Learn more](#).

**ESG-CV Grant Program**
The ESG-CV grant program that helps mitigate COVID-19 expenses is set to conclude once all funds are spent or by September 30th, whichever comes first. So far over $15 million has been spent helping house over 6,000 Idahoans.

**Emergency Rental Assistance: Housing Preservation Program**
The Emergency Rental Assistance program, HPP, that helps low-income renters (80% or below AMI) with rent and utility assistance reopened on April 24 and will permanently conclude when funds are exhausted.
Partner Spotlight

Valley House & SCCAP  
Region 4

Seeing a critical need in the community, Randy Wastradowski of SCCAP and John Spiers of Valley House Homeless Shelter took on leadership roles to provide unsheltered people in Twin Falls with warm and safe shelter on frigidly cold nights last winter.

In its pilot year, ten people were housed during 17 freezing days and nights. Many volunteers and professionals made this effort a success, but Randy and John went above and beyond in their efforts. They performed behind the scenes work to establish the center, became the main volunteers to support the center, and even took turns staying up all night so they could keep the shelter open.

John and Randy recently won the Adult Professional Health Heroes award from the South Central Public Health District for the warming center they developed with the Region 4 Homeless Coalition.

By the Numbers

National State of Homelessness
The National Alliance to End Homelessness has released the State of Homelessness: 2023 Edition. Complete with interactive maps and charts, you can view population breakdowns, inventory, capacity and emerging national or statewide trends. Data in the report is gathered from 2022 PIT and Housing Inventory Count Data.

Innovative Methods & Best Practices

Innovative Methods for Affordable Housing Solutions
HOMESHARING: Similar to renting out rooms and homes to vacationers, homesharing is when two or more unrelated people share housing for their mutual benefit. HomeShare Kootenai county has created a database that pairs homeowners with tenants who need affordable housing solutions. Learn more here.

CONVERTING OFFICE SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL UNITS: While many office spaces remain vacant, adapting office space for residential use could be a way to solve the affordable housing crisis. STOREYS identified existing commercial office buildings in the U.S. and Canada that could be adapted for housing purposes. Learn more here.

Best Practices: Public/Private Partnerships
To address unsheltered homelessness in Santa Barbara, DignityMoves has partnered with philanthropists, government, non-profits, faith-based organizations, volunteers and local businesses to create a supportive housing community on county-owned land. Watch this video to see how they were able to house 33 people in nine months.

In the News

200 Affordable Housing Units approved near Saint Al’s
The Boise City Council has approved a proposal to build a five-story apartment building on Denton Street and Curtis Road near the Saint Alphonsus Hospital. Funded with the help of ARPA funds, the building will have affordable housing units for residents that make between 30-80% of the area median income. Read the full article here.

HUD makes Fair Housing Equal Opportunity Materials Available
Download or order Fair Housing and non-discrimination policies posters, flyers and digital images from HUD to display and use within your organization. Learn more here.

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness releases Newsletter
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