

Time to Catch Up

Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee Newsletter

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Let us know about your upcoming Regional events, and we will feature them in this quarterly newsletter.

IHCC Board Update

The January IHCC Board meeting featured presentations from IHFA staff including the Homeless Programs Manager, Brady Ellis, and the HMIS Administrator, Jennifer Otto. The board reviewed the CoC FY16 program awards. All funding was renewed at the current level with the exception of the COC planning grant. The planning grant experienced a negligible decrease. HUD did not award the CoC the bonus project included in the continuum’s application.

HMIS presented revisions of the HMIS Governance Agreement. The new agreement will require monthly data quality reporting. Information on this new requirement will be released to affected agencies.

In accordance with the Operating Guidelines, Governance committee will publish this quarterly newsletter. In the near future, the newsletter will be housed on IHFA’s website. Governance will also work towards filling newly created advisory IHCC board seats.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

IHCC On-Site Meeting-Boise April 18-19, 2017

The IHCC On-Site Meeting will occur in April with CMIS training to follow. It will take place at the Hampton Inn Boise in the Payette Room. Executive directors, program directors, DV agency data entry staff, and committee chairs will receive reimbursement for travel. Any other interested parties are welcome to participate. For additional information, please reach out to Cindy Montoto, cindym@ihfa.org,

Boise City/Ada County COC:

Homeless Coalition- National Day of Action for Housing April 1, 2017

Tomorrow at the Boise Farmer’s Market, the Boise HC will hand out cards with information on the Coalition and discuss how our community can work together to end homelessness. Please come down if you can.

Interfaith Sanctuary- Give Me Shelter April 6, 2017

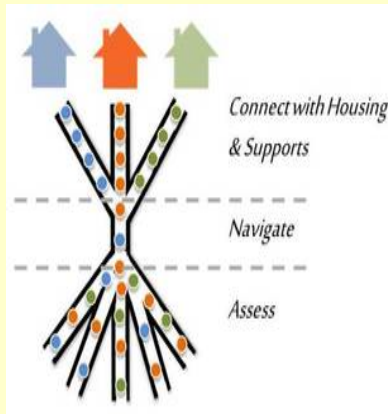
For First Thursday, Interfaith is hosting a free concert and silent auction at the Record Exchange in Boise from 6 pm to 8pm. All proceeds benefit Interfaith Sanctuary. Interfaith has several upcoming events, so check in at their website, <http://interfaithsanctuary.org/>, for more information.

Region 3: Annual Information Fair April 19, 2017

It will feature free health check-ups, housing information, and much more. Please contact Jette Rogers (jette@tvccrc.net) for additional information.

Region 1: Veterans Stand Down May 13, 2017

North Idaho will hold a day of appreciation for all veterans at Kootenai County Fairgrounds from 8 am to 3 pm. It will include breakfast, Texas Roadhouse lunch, housing assistance, haircuts, and more.



If you would like to participate in a committee, please email snap@ihfa.org

Coordinated Entry Committee

Coordinated Entry meetings were conducted in all IHCC regions in late February/early March. Collectively, more than 125 service providers and community stakeholders attended the meetings which provided a general overview of coordinated entry, the guiding principles, the coordinated entry process, and agency roles and responsibilities. In addition, IHFA Homeless Programs staff met one-on-one with agencies identified in each region as potential coordinated entry access sites. Input received at the meetings, and through discussions with potential access points, are being evaluated to determine the implementation schedule and individual launch date for each region.

Governance Committee

Governance Committee focused on creating a culture of inclusion within the IHCC board. The committee wants to formulate a targeted approach to find invested state and community stakeholders. The hope is then to implement this approach at a committee and coalition level. If we can create buy in for homeless issues, we can better respond. If you know someone that would like to get involved or have ideas on how to improve this process, please contact Ryan Watson (ryanwatson310@gmail.com) or Andrea Moore (andream@ihfa.org)

CoC Planning Committee

CoC Planning continued to work on Written Standards for the CoC. After creation of the Standards last summer, the committee opened the Written Standards up for provider comments. They spent the past several months discussing and making changes, and submitted the revisions for CoC Board review on March 23, 2017. Written Standards training and implementation will begin soon after their March meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee

As of late, the Strategic Planning Committee got the system performance measure process approved as part of the IHCC written standards. Currently, the committee strives to create a data monitoring plan in conjunction with DCR&E/HMIS. This will capture project and system level data elements in order to target areas of focus for the DCR&E committee. The committee hopes to find some of the root causes of homelessness in Idaho.

DCR&E Committee

The committee worked on formulation of 2017 committee goals and the Point in Time (PIT) count preparation and execution.

PIT Committee

The committee will present the PIT report at the IHCC Board meeting in April. All quarter the committee and the HMIS team has been hard at work finalizing the count and the report deliverables.

Regional Coalition Updates

Region 1: Agencies in Region 1 were busy. Heritage Health Street Medicine acquired a clinic space located near the St Vincent de Paul HELP center. The veterans programs are preparing a prospectus to double the inventory of veteran housing and have submitted a funding request. 2nd Street Commons/Kaleidoscope Community Services started to work on the "Pathfinder Tiny House" project.

Region 2: The coalition interacted with several providers and civil service agencies to ensure that the Point in Time Count reached the most people. Sojourners' Alliance's PSH and TH programs are re-open and accepting clients.

Region 3: Focused on the Point in Time Count this quarter. Another concern is resources available for individuals experiencing homelessness. Several local resources, including Advocates Against Family Violence, have emergency grants available to help homeless families with rent and deposits (if qualified) to obtain housing.

Region 4: The main focus for the last quarter was the Point in Time Count. The coalition also worked on education to get the message out about the group. In order to make education a more prominent piece, a different provider will present each meeting. They will put together a presentation to share with community members.

Region 5: As part of the City of Pocatello Mayor's Homelessness Task Force, Region 5 had business cards made with emergency shelter contacts and places to get food on the back. Currently, they are working on the "Feed the Meter" program. Instead of donating directly to panhandlers, people can donate to a meter. The money from the meter would go towards programs that help the homeless. Idaho State University donated meters which are being retrofitted. The coalition is making signs and deciding where to place the meters.

Boise City/Ada County CoC: The coalition focused on creating goals for the CoC in order to make the most of their time and recreate the drive for their group members. It will now meet on a bi-monthly basis. They are also looking to fill working group positions. Contact Stephanie Day for more info, sdlay@catchprogram.org.



Region 6: During the past quarter, the Region 6 coalition worked on establishing written by-laws including our mission and procedures. The region collaborated and planned the upcoming Point in Time Count and Homeless Stand-Down. Their goals for 2017 include exploring and implementing a Coordinated Entry System for the region and providing housing for low-income and homeless families

Training Opportunities

CMIS Training for DV providers April 19-20, 2017

Will take place at the Hampton Inn Boise in the Payette Room on the 19th and the Boise Room on the 20th. DV executive directors, program directors, and agency data entry staff will receive reimbursement for travel. For additional information, please reach out to Jennifer Otto, jennifer@ihfa.org

HUD Fair Housing Training April 28, 2017

The training is on-site at Boise City Hall. Please contact Brian Dale (Brian.Dale@hud.gov) for more information. To register go to the link below:

<http://hwwalwp4913.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.addRegisterEvent&eventId=3043&update=N>