

Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee Newsletter

Time to Catch Up!

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IHCC Board Update

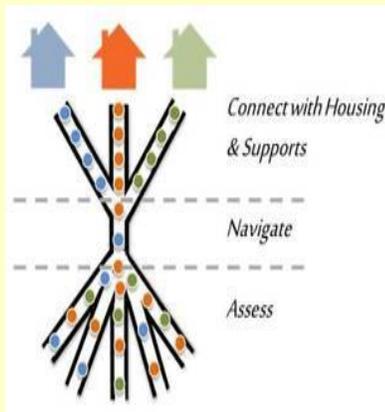
Topics covered during the October 2017 IHCC meeting included:

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

- **PIT count – Statewide** – Jennifer Otto, HMIS/CMIS System Administrator
 - A Sheltered/Unsheltered methodology resolution was presented on behalf of the committee, which voted to keep the same methodology in use since 2006. Next PIT count will occur Jan. 31, 2018.
- **IHCC Website** – Sheri Cook, Senior Special Needs Grant Coordinator
 - The new website was presented to the board and included an overview of the sites features.
- **Coordinated Entry (CE)** – Dana Wiemiller, Coordinated Entry System Administrator
 - Revisions to the CE Entry Manual were presented. Changes to the operating procedures to exclude the “VI-SPDAT” terminology have moved ahead, which is now referred to as a COC approved vulnerability assessment. In addition, language in the access point selection process was revised to reflect what is actually being done. The process has not changed, but issues with the prioritization tool need to be resolved. There were also some additional changes related to HMIS processes in defining the HMIS lead and consolidating the “Orders of Priority”.
- **Operating Guidelines** – Brady Ellis, VP of Housing Support Programs
 - Proposed changes to the guidelines were presented including board quorum, electronic voting, attendance requirements, committee work proposals, differences between policy/procedure, and Collaborative Applicant authorized corrections.
- **Quarterly Reports** – Jennifer Otto, HMIS/CMIS System Administrator
 - Proposed changes to the current Quarterly Reports were proposed to the board along with a presentation on current data collection methods. The redesign was prompted to make the information usable and engaging for the agencies, the IHCC, and IHFA. Motion was approved to make the necessary changes.
- **Attendance Reports** – Shawn Walters, Special Needs Grant Coordinator
 - Two attendance reports were presented to the board; one showing a break down by region and the other by committee. It was made known that Maureen Brewer would be filling in all positions for the Boise CoC. Attendance letters will continue to go out regularly to update members on positions needing to be filled.
- **Resolution on Data Collection, Committees, and Strategic Plan** – Brady Ellis, VP of Housing Support Programs
 - Three resolutions were presented to the board: the evaluation of HMIS data collection, changes in board committee structure and alterations in committees, and finally a resolution on strategic planning. All three resolutions were approved by the Board.
- If you would like more information on any of the above, please reach out to snap@ihfa.org



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

Coordinated Entry Committee

The CE Committee has been meeting twice a month this quarter in preparation for statewide implementation of a comprehensive homelessness response system on January 22, 2018. The committee engaged in significant discussion on key operational policy and procedural items, including the evaluation of consumer assessment tools, the selection of regional access points, and compliance with fair housing laws. Through these efforts, the committee established a standardized assessment process to efficiently allocate scarce resources and ensure those with the greatest need are prioritized for housing.

Governance Committee

Governance Committee sent out attendance and vacancy letters to each region detailing absences or positions that need filled. Governance has postponed meeting until the kickoff of Coordinated Entry at the end of Jan. 2018. Committee members felt this was the more pressing issue at the moment. Meetings will pick up starting in February.

CoC Planning Committee

CoC Committee has not met. Possible committee restructuring in process.

Strategic Planning Committee

The committee has been working on establishing and conforming system performance measures, which HUD has begun to score in the CoC funding competition. They started determining goals and targets for 2018 on each performance measure including a possible focus on youth. The committee has also worked on drafting the measures and setting targets for outreach.

DCR&E Committee

The committee has been reviewing the Length of Stay draft report based on the System Performance Measure report, which will be submitted to the CoC for approval. They have also been working on the Governance agreement and the 0252 Data Completeness Report Card. 2018 goals were discussed at the December meeting which included finalizing the Quarterly Report format, approving AHAR for submission as well as the annual PIT Count, and how to recruit more members to the committee.

PIT Committee

The committee discussed the pre-count strategy forms and specifics on which regions will utilize them. The 2017 Unsheltered Survey form was reviewed for potential changes and clarification of terms. The committee also discussed several incentives for participants with Balance of State and Home Partnership Foundation funds. All members voted to keep the number of incentives the same for each region as the previous year. Boise CoC will also use the same methodologies as the Balance of State so the two can report a Statewide count.

Regional Coalition Updates

Region 1: Region 1 has talked about the impact of Coordinated Entry in the region and voiced concerns about the VI-SPDAT. They have seen an increase in families seeking help and an influx of people due to lack of resources in northern Idaho. They have also seen a spike in people seeking mental health services in the Region, which they continue to monitor.

Region 2: Region 2 met and the various committee members took the opportunity to provide updates from local agencies. They discussed coordinated entry implementation and committee reports from Strategic Planning and PIT.

Region 3: Updates were presented from each shelter/agency. They also discussed the upcoming Housing Forum with updates from various community providers on options for the forum. There was also discussion around the next Information Fair and coordinated entry.

Region 4: Region 4 reported there are 7 families building Self Help homes in Filer, with more to come in August. They are gearing up for the Homeless Stand Down and had several updates from Senator's representatives in attendance.

Region 5: Region 5 discussed their Homeless Stand Down, what went well/what didn't. The annual PIT count was also discussed as finalizing forms and incentives will take some time, and must be communicated to the IHCC's PIT Committee.

Region 6: Region 6 reported out on IHCC committee work and continued discussions about the successfulness of the Homeless Stand Down. The upcoming PIT Count was discussed along with coordination needs and a report out from the IHCC's PIT Committee.

Boise City/Ada County CoC: Reported that Housing was the #1 goal in terms of what is needed in the area. Several members would like to see initiatives on youth homelessness. Discussions also centered on coordinated entry and the VI-SPDAT to clarify that they believe there are no Fair Housing violations.



Counties represented in each region:

Region 1: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone
 Region 2: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce
 Region 3: Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington
 Region 4: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls
 Region 5: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power
 Region 6: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton
 Region 7: Ada

Training Opportunities

ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

2018 HUD Inventory and PIT Count Q&A Session, Jan. 4

IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

RCAC: HUD, Developing Effective Program Manager Skills, Jan. 8-12

RCAC: HUD, Path to Homeownership, February 6-8

2018 National Conference: Family & Youth Homelessness, March 1-2, Los Angeles, CA

Conference Recaps

None to report.

If you have any media, housing news or upcoming conferences or trainings from your local continua, please send the link to snap@ihfa.org for inclusion in our newsletter.