

Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee Newsletter

Time to Catch Up!

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IHCC Board Update

Topics covered in the April 18 -19, 2017 IHCC meeting included:

- **PIT overview and vote** - Jennifer Otto, HMIS System Administrator
 - Jennifer presented on the January PIT count and informed members that the HMIS team was in the process of entering the data.
- **IHCC Website** –Brady Ellis, VP of Housing Support Programs
 - The IHCC will soon have an individualized website. Brady showed committee members the potential features and core components of the website.
- **Coordinated Entry** – Dana Wiemiller, Coordinated Entry System Administrator
 - Dana presented on the goals and expectations of the soon to be rolled out Coordinated Entry process for Balance of State COC. Roundtable discussions for access points included questions on the VI-SPIDAT, compliance with fair housing, accessibility of care, and concerns over waiting lists
- **System Performance Measures** – Amy Sisneros, Special Needs Grant Coordinator
 - HMIS is working on second submission of System Performance Measures to HUD. Amy solicited feedback on what criteria the Strategic Planning Committee should use when implementing the measures.
- **CMIS**- Jennifer Otto
 - As of April 1, 2017, all domestic violence agencies funded by COC or ESG grants need to enter their data into the CMIS. If agencies need training and/or help implementing CMIS, please email CMIS@ihfa.org .
- **CoC and ESG application overview** – Amy Sisneros
 - Amy presented the revamped CoC FY2017 application and the ESG FY2017 application. Changes included addition of attendance requirements, updating how budget requests are made, and inclusion of education information for new applicants.
- **Written Standards Training** – Sheri Cook, Senior Special Needs Grant Coordinator
 - Sheri presented on the Continuums’ Written Standards. The Written Standards went into effect on July 1, 2017. The Standards are intended to guide agencies through the homeless programs requirements at a state level. They are tailored to meet the specific needs of Idaho and its communities.
- **Motivational Interviewing and Trauma Informed Care** – Jeremy Blades, Director of Housing Services, CATCH, Inc.
 - Jeremy taught members about the basics of these two essential service topics. Talking points included meeting clients where they are at, understanding trauma and encouraging motivation to change.
- If you would like more information on any of the above, please reach out to snap@ihfa.org

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Mark your calendars!

Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee (IHCC)



- **COC Applications (New & Renewal)**

- **Due August 15, 2017** at 5 pm MST to snap@ihfa.org

- **On-Site Meeting – October 26-27, 2017**- Look for a save the date soon!

Region 1

- **Cardboard Box City** – all proceeds benefit *Family Promise of North Idaho*

- **September 22**- Community United Methodist Church, 1470 W Hanley Ave, CdA, ID
- For more info, please see <http://www.familypromiseni.org>

- **St. Vinny's Veterans Run**- all proceeds benefit *Saint Vincent de Paul of North Idaho*

- **September 24** @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm PST – McEuen Park, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- \$20 per person, see <http://stvincentdepaulcda.org/events> for more info

Region 2

- **Mayor's Golf Tournament** – all proceeds benefit *Family Promise of the Palouse*

- **August 11** @ 8 am – 2 pm PST – University of Idaho Golf Course, Moscow, Idaho
- \$75 per person, see <http://moscowrecreation.sportsites.com/Player/PlayerSingleEvents.aspx?id=5867> for more info

Region 3

- **Shelter Shower** – all proceeds benefit *Salvation Army Nampa – Family Shelter*

- **Ends September 30** - Charity drive for kitchen supplies
- For more info, see: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/nampa-shelter-shower/c137177>

- **Canyon Acoustic Music Festival** – all proceeds benefit *Advocates Against Family Violence*

- **August 25- 26** - Memorial Park, Caldwell, ID
- See <https://aafvhope.org/events/> for more detail

Region 4

- **Golf Scramble** – all proceeds benefit *Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley*

- **July 28** @ 8 am – 2 pm MST – Canyon Springs Golf Course, Twin Falls, ID
- For more information, see http://habitatmagicvalley.org/files/2017/06/Habitat-Golf-Flyer.Final_.pdf

- **Green Dot Community Education** – hosted by *The Advocates*

- **August 16** – Details TBA, Hailey, ID
- For more info, see: <http://www.theadvocatesorg.org/green-dot-2/>

- **Community Partnerships in Action** – hosted by *South Central Community Action Partnership*

- **September 16** @ 11 am – 3 pm – Twin Falls City Park, Twin Falls, Idaho
- For more info, see: <http://www.sccap-id.org/>

Region 5

- **5th Annual Splish & Splash** – all proceeds benefit *Aid for Friends*

- **August 4** @ 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm MST – Ross Park Aquatic Complex, Pocatello, ID
- \$10 per person, see <http://aidforfriendspocatello.com/5th-annual-splish-splash/> for more detail

Region 6

- **Salmon Empowerment Project for Youth**– hosted by *Mahoney House*

- **Began June 20 runs to August 7** – Salmon, ID
- Contact Ali Uthe for more detail (ali@lcci-mahoneyhouse.org)

Region 7

- **10th Annual Flapjack Feed** – all proceeds benefit the *United Way Community Fund*

- **August 10th** @ 7:30 am – 10 am MST – Basque Block, Boise, ID
- Suggested donation, \$7 per person
- For more info: <https://www.unitedwaytv.org/10th-annual-flapjack-feed-aug-10>

- **SueB Walk/Run, 5k, 10k** – all proceeds benefit *Women's and Children's Alliance*

- **October 1** @ 1 pm MST – Julia Davis Park, Boise, ID
- For more info: <http://www.wcaboise.org/news-events/wca-event/sueb-5k/>

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



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

There are current openings on Governance, CoC Planning and Strategic Planning

PIT Committee

For the Balance of State CoC the PIT Count identified 1,204 homeless men, women and children on the night of January 25, 2017. This represents a 13% decrease from 2016. The statewide count was 2,037 which is a 9.3% decrease from 2016.

Coordinated Entry Committee

Preparation for implementation of Coordinated Entry in Region 1 is underway with the start of a 30-day trial program on July 10. St. Vincent de Paul in Coeur d'Alene is serving as the access site for Region 1 and will implement the coordinated entry assessment process which includes a series of screening assessments to evaluate a household's need for either homelessness prevention or housing assistance. Referrals for prevention or housing assistance will not occur during the 30-day trial period. This effort will assist in evaluating and refining CES operating policies and procedures prior to fully implementing coordinated entry across all CoC regions. We will continue to keep you updated on the results of the Region 1 trial program and the full CoC implementation schedule. In the meantime, many thanks to St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho for their support and cooperation!

Governance Committee

The Regional Coalition "collaborative" agreements need to be updated. The committee discussed including a plan for voting and a requirement for each Coalition to have by-laws. The by-laws would include a mission statement and a Coalition voting schedule. The by-laws would be a Coalition effort with minimal, only if needed, input from IHFA. Please reach out to andream@ihfa.org with if you have feedback regarding these new considerations.

CoC Planning Committee

The final Written Standards were approved in March and went into effect July 1, 2017. If changes are suggested, they will be considered for next year. If you have questions, please contact sheric@ihfa.org. The committee is also in the process of reviewing COC and ESG applications for compliance with the written standards

Strategic Planning Committee

The committee is working on establishing target performance outcome ranges to assist in the SPM monitoring process. They created a survey listing underlying factors that may be influencing the outcomes of the measures. Committee members, IHFA staff and other community members completed the survey. The survey results are being compiled and the process is moving forward to determine which on the ground strategies to improve outcomes where possible.

DCR&E Committee

The committee has been working together with the Strategic Planning Committee to formulate a procedure for reporting and evaluation of the System Performance Measures. They have also been working to redesign the Quarterly Reports.

Regional Coalition Updates

Region 1: Meetings are now held at St. Vincent de Paul's newly remodeled conference room. The Coalition is currently in search of a Chair. In the March meeting, the coalition discussed future strategies for the St Vincent HELP center, local outreach and veterans programs.

Region 2: During the Coalition's April meeting, the focus was on Coordinated Entry implementation. The Coalition discussed the invasive aspects of the VI-SPDAT as well as setting up a cloud database so that other agencies could see who needs help in real time.

Region 3: A new senior low income housing project developed by Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp was approved for the Nampa area. The Coalition also discussed waitlists and needs at their local homeless agencies.

Region 4: No updates.

Region 5: The coalition is still hard at work implementing the Feed the Meter Program. The idea behind the program would be to have community members donate to modified parking meters instead of to panhandlers. This would secure more funding for agencies in the Pocatello area and with the potential to reduce panhandling.

Region 6: The coalition's current goal is to increase participation from community members. The Mayor of Idaho Falls attended the meetings, as well as some additional community members. The coalition has several openings. Their last meeting was focused on housing issues in their community.

Boise City/Ada County CoC: The Coordinating Team's meeting focused on updates from each working group. Coordinated Entry in Boise launched the first week of May. The Fair Housing group needs a new chair. The Funding development group continues to work on improving the CoC's application's scoring process. The Housing group wants to establish a damage fund and is almost done with a brochure and flyer for housing providers. The newly created Youth Homelessness group is seeking a chair.



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.

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