

Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee Newsletter

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IHCC Board Update

Topics covered during the January 2018 IHCC meeting included:

- **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 Coordinated Entry Committee has been focused on implementation of the CoC’s coordinated entry system, known among service providers as Homeless Connect. Since system launch on January 22, the committee has been focused on monitoring system processes and addressing implementation issues and questions. In the coming months, the committee will begin developing performance metrics for ongoing system evaluation.

Governance Committee

Governance Committee has been reviewing the CoC Operating Guidelines for potential revisions and will be presenting those revisions for a vote at the full IHCC Board meeting in April. In addition, Governance has also continued to focus on committee attendance, newsletter updates and Regional committee participation.

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.

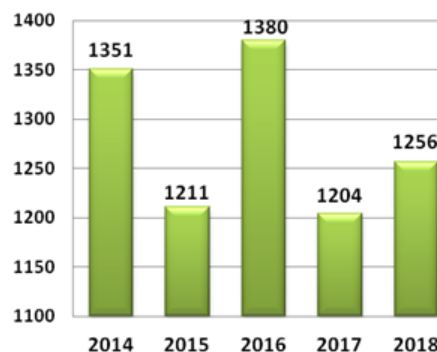
DCR&E Committee

The DCR&E Committee has been working with the Strategic Planning Committee to incorporate benchmarks and baselines for both the System Performance Measurements and the Quarterly Reports. The Quarterly Reports for the 1st quarter of 2018 have been submitted to the IHCC Board for approval and include data on Client Counts, Data Quality, Length of Time Homeless and Exit Destination Outcomes by project types.

PIT Committee

For the Balance of State Continuum of Care on the night of January 31, 2018, the PIT Count identified 1,256 homeless men, women and children. This represents a 4% increase from 2017.

2018 PIT Count Results – Balance of State



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 noted that the repairs to their men's house, due to the fire, are coming along nicely. The projection for completion of their model is estimated to be mid-July. The damage to the basement is near completion. All residents of Syringa Trailer Court received notice that they must vacate by June 5, 2018. As of this time, there are currently 37 households that will be displaced with an estimated number of people being displaced at 105.

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: A group with St. Vincent de Paul society saw a need for an emergency housing shelter for families. This group has been meeting for over a year to learn about housing and to look for a property that would be appropriate for this purpose. The First Presbyterian Church owns a home that was previously used by the Idaho Youth Ranch as a home for youth. These two groups have joined together to support this project. The home is being provided by the First Presbyterian Church and the staffing will be provided by the St. Vincent de Paul society group. They expect this project to open this spring/summer.



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 Fair Housing Basics- Webinar, May 16
- *Housing Counseling Webinar: Fun Tips and Tools. April 20*

IN PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Finally Home- Homebuyer Education May 15-16
 - For more info call 208-258-6225
- RCAC Training: Housing Counseling Essentials for the Beginning Counselor. April 24, Phoenix AZ

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

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Mark your calendars!

Intermountain Fair Housing Council

- 50th Anniversary Fair Housing Vision Summit
 - April 18th 7:30am-6:00pm
 - Boise Centre East Level 4

IHCC:

- Board Meeting – April 24th & 25th, 2018, Boise

Region 1:

- North Idaho Veterans Stand Down
 - May 12, 2018 8:00am – 3:00pm, Organized by St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho
 - Kootenai County Fairgrounds
- St. Vinny's Party in the Park
 - July 20, 2018 from 5:00 – 9:00pm, Tickets \$12.00
 - McEuen Park, 420 E. Front Ave, Coeur d'Alene

Region 2:

- The City of Moscow Fair & Affordable Housing Commission
 - 1st Annual Housing Fair on April 27, 2018

Region 3:

- Citizenship Classes
 - Nampa Public Library, 215 12th Ave. S. – Classes are in a 10 week series
 - For more info, please call 208-345-6031

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

Boise City/Ada County COC:

- Fair Housing Forum

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