

Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee Newsletter

Time to Catch Up!

October 2017

IHCC Board Update

Topics covered in the July 25, 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 System Administrator
 - The Point in Time report brought to the board is not the final version of the statewide count. It was asked that it not be shared as each region will report their specific regional data.
- **IHCC Website** – Brady Ellis, VP of Housing Support Programs
 - Development work is moving along with most structural updates complete. Work was contracted out, and Brady expects it complete by October.
- **Coordinated Entry** – Dana Wiemiller, Coordinated Entry System Administrator
 - Concerns were expressed about the removal of the CE System documentation from the Written Standards. Brady advised that HUD's deadline for having CE fully implemented is Jan. 23. Dana identified one access point as the testing ground during the pilot period, and is looking at other regions to gain additional access points. Brady suggested the board needs to start thinking about how to require participation of an access point in each region to fully implement Coordinated Entry.
- **System Performance Measures** – Andrea Moore, Special Needs Grant Coordinator
 - Jennifer Otto provided data regarding 6 system performance measures required by HUD for the Balance of State CoC.
- **Written Standards Roundtable** – Sheri Cook, Senior Special Needs Grant Coordinator
 - Written Standards became effective July 1, 2017 and are influenced by Housing First principles. Sheri has provided six webinar trainings, and there were several questions regarding those trainings. Questions/answers are being drafted and should be provided soon.
- **Quarterly Reports** – Susan Thurm, on behalf of DCR&E committee
 - Quarterly Reports were presented to the Board by Susan Thurm on behalf of the DCR&E committee and were approved unanimously. Jennifer Otto discussed a redesign of these reports and there were no objections to reworking them.
- **General Updates** – Brady Ellis, VP of Housing Support Programs
 - The Board discussed making changes to update Brady's new title as VP of Housing Support Programs in the Operating Guidelines. Brady discussed drafting a proposal for IHFA to make these updates without Board approval. CoC competition has opened up and the NOFA was released. Renewal and new project applications have been sent out to those pursuing reallocation funds and HUD's bonus project. Competition closes Sept. 28, 2017. IHFA will be completing the general CoC application for submittal to HUD.
- If you would like more information on any of the above, please reach out to snap@ihfa.org

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Mark your calendars!

IHCC:

- **On-Site Meeting - October 26-27, 2017**

Region 1:

- **Last Chance Scramble**
 - **October 13**, The Club at Rock Creek, CdA, ID, 10am registration
 - For more info, please see <https://safepassageid.org>
- **SOUPort the End of Homelessness** - all proceeds benefit Saint Vincent de Paul of North Idaho
 - **November 16**, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm PST – Kootenai County Fairgrounds
 - \$10 per person, please see <http://stvincentdepaulcda.org/events>

Region 2:

- **5th Annual "Home for the Holidays" Gingerbread Fundraiser**
 - **December 1**, Starts at 6:30pm in the Great Room at 1912 Center (412 E. 3rd St., Moscow)
 - \$10 admission, for more info, please see <http://atvp.org/fundraiser.shtml>

Region 3:

- **Amparo Godinez's Celebration of Life** – all proceeds benefit AAFV
 - **October 28-29** – 1402 W. Grove St, Boise, ID
 - For more info, please see <https://aafvhope.org/events/>

Region 4:

- **Next Regional Coalition Meeting**
 - **October 17**, 9:00am – 10:30am, 420 Falls Ave, Twin Falls

Region 5:

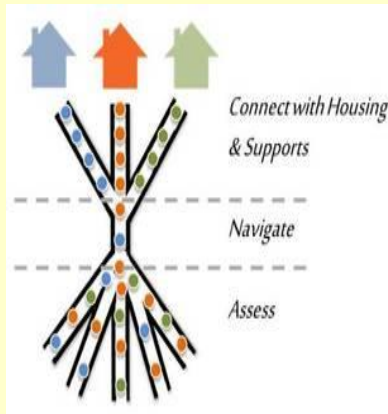
- **An Evening in Red** – in celebration of World AIDS day, hosted by the Idaho Coalition for HIV Health and Safety
 - **December 1**, 5:00pm – 9:00pm, Main Steam Coffee & Desserts, 234 N. Main, Pocatello, ID
 - For more info, please contact John Harvey at: jharvey66284@yahoo.com
- **11th Annual Homeless Encampment**
 - **December 2**, 10:00am – 4:00pm, Caldwell Park, Corner of Center St. & 7th, Pocatello, ID
- **22nd Annual Homeless Stand Down**
 - **October 21**, 8:00am-12:00pm, Idaho State University's Reed Gym

Region 6:

- **Homeless Stand Down**
 - **November 4**, TBD

Boise City/Ada County COC:

- **Veterans Day Parade**
 - **November 4**, 9:00am – 11:00am, Downtown Boise
 - For more info, please see <http://www.homelesscoalitionboise.com/event/veterans-day-parade/>
- **5th Annual Walk a Mile- A Walk in My Shoes**
 - **November 9** @ 5:00pm, St. Luke's Parking on Americana & Shoreline Dr., Boise
 - \$10 per person, for more info, please see: <http://www.homelesscoalitionboise.com/event/walk-a-mile-in-my-shoes/>



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

Coordinated Entry Committee

The CE Committee is responsible for outlining the framework for discussions up to full implementation, achieving a consensus on the list of outstanding discussion items, and to resolve VI-SPDAT concerns. The committee went over a schedule outlining general administrative/operational tasks, activities for implementation throughout the regions, and monitoring/evaluation protocols. Discussions were held to replace the VI-SPDAT with another tool.

Governance Committee

Governance Committee has sent out attendance and vacancy letters to each region detailing absences or positions that need filled. IHFA will be visiting each of the regional coalitions in person starting sometime after the 1st of the coming year. The committee discussed having updates from each region that includes events, trainings, and flyers so that IHFA can include those in future newsletters.

CoC Planning Committee

CoC Committee announced the NOFA was released in July and Region 1 is piloting CE. IHFA will begin working on the CoC application and the committee discussed the application in detail including project solicitation, funding allocations, new applicants, needs and outcomes, etc.

Strategic Planning Committee

The committee has been working on system performance measures, which HUD has begun to score in the CoC funding competition. They are determining goals and targets for each measure including success rates of employment and populations served. They have also worked on drafting the top four measures and setting targets for outreach.

DCR&E Committee

The committee has been reviewing data included on the 0640 report that might be included on the new quarterly reports, with particular attention on the number of adults, children, veterans, and the chronically homeless. They also have been discussing the actual quarterly reports and what type of data is being reported.

PIT Committee

The committee discussed the final 2017 PIT report as well as an overview of the uses of the PIT count, PIT limitations, unsheltered/sheltered methodology, HUD homeless definitions, regional PIT committee responsibilities, and a "to do" list for the upcoming years count. Having a planning worksheet for the PIT count that would help keep the committee on track and utilizing HUD's suggestions of a workflow for planning was also discussed.

Regional Coalition Updates

Region 1: Region 1 has seen an increase in working families seeking help and an influx of people due to lack of resources in Spokane and the CDA area. They have also seen a spike in people seeking mental health services in the Region.

Region 2: Region 2 met and the various committee members took the opportunity to provide updates from local agencies. Many reported full housing/shelters and increasing numbers.

Region 3: Updates were presented from each Shelter/Agency. General discussions centered around the need for bi-laws for the coalition. Jesse Tree has funding available for RRH for the Homeless and Veterans in Canyon County until October, as well as Hope's Plaza, which still has funding left for rent/security deposits.

Region 4: Region 4 reported there are 7 families building Self Help homes in Filer, and 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 Homeless Stand Down will be held on 10/21, and a call was made for agencies to volunteer and man a table. Subcommittees also talked about retrofitted parking meters on several local properties to be used as homelessness donation options.

Region 6: Region 6 reported out on IHCC Committee work and continued discussions about the Homeless Stand Down including what providers will be there. There will be food, clothing donations, medical services, the labor force and hair cut vouchers.

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 around CE and the VI-SPDAT to make sure there are no Fair Housing violations. There was also a presentation from Pathways about how they can help.



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:

HUD Counselor's Webinar: Scam Prevention, Oct. 25

IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

IHCC On-Site Meeting and Training, Oct. 26-27

EQUIFAX data breach: What to do Now, Nov. 9th, Pocatello

RCAC: HUD Certification and Core Competencies, Dec. 5-7

Conference Recaps

Conference Recaps here.

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.