

# Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee Newsletter

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## IHCC Updates

### Idaho Housing and Finance Association Update:

- The Idaho Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), led by IHFA as the Collaborative Applicant, recently received the designation of a Unified Funding Agency (UFA) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In this highly competitive process, only 8 out of 404 CoC's nationwide were awarded this distinguished status. Being designated as a UFA will provide greater local control and decision making authority over federal funding for programs that serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Obtaining UFA status involves a rigorous application process which requires demonstration of sound financial management practices, good internal controls and oversight capabilities, ability to effectively manage resources and to build partnerships to address homelessness. IHFA's Homelessness Department and Finance department has worked together applying for this designation each year for the past 5 years. We are thrilled that we have put in place the processes and achieved recognition for our effective oversight and management of HUD programs which enabled us to be awarded UFA status for the 2020 grant year.

- Welcome to Shannon and Alicia! Shannon joined the SNAP's team on May 21<sup>st</sup> as the new Special Needs Grant Coordinator working alongside Shawn and Sheri. Alicia joined the HMIS team on June 11<sup>th</sup> working as the new HMIS Security and Compliance Coordinator. She will be working with Jen and Lori. The Homelessness Programs department is very excited to have them apart of our team!

### Project Updates:

- Congratulations to CATCH Inc. on their new project, *Your Front Door* that started on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Coordinated Entry Committee

Homelessness Programs staff is currently visiting the CoC regions to share information about Homeless Connect with service providers and community stakeholders. The series of meetings provides an opportunity to review how the Homeless Connect system works, share system-wide and regional data, and discuss housing challenges and opportunities. Meetings in Regions 1, 2, 5 & 6 just wrapped up in June, with meetings in Regions 3 and 4 to be scheduled in July or August. Since implementation in January 2018, more than 1,200 households experiencing a housing crisis have visited one of the six regional Homeless Connect Access Points to participate in an assessment for homelessness prevention or housing assistance. Homeless Connect system data, combined with input and feedback from service providers and stakeholders, will be used for on-going system evaluation and enhancements.

## Governance Committee

Shannon Mahoney will now be leading the Governance Committee. The committee has been working to approve the new mission and vision statement, as well as adding a Vice Chair to HMIS Contract. There are still vacancies in Regions 1, 2, and 4. If you or someone you know would like to join this committee, please contact Shannon Mahoney at IHFA.

## 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 Quarterly Reports for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018 have been submitted to the IHCC Board for approval and includes data on Client Counts, Data Quality and Congruency, Length of Time Homeless and Exit Destination Outcomes by project types. In May 2018 the Data Completeness Report was ran for all the projects in the Balance of State CoC for Q1 2018. It showed a 96.86% data completeness into HMIS for the required data elements from all of the federally funded projects and 98.27% data completeness from our non federally funded projects, who volunteer to enter their project's data into HMIS. This report does not require IHCC Board approval.

## PIT Committee

The PIT Committee will resume their regular meeting times in August 2018.

## Rapid Re-Housing Ad Hoc Committee

Sheri Cook of IHFA organized a temporary committee to revise the Written Standards, specifically for Rapid Re-Housing. Changes include rent to income ratio, percentage paid by household, and length of time that the project will cover 100% of rent and utilities. All the changes can be found in the Written Standards draft that is pending approval from the IHCC Board.

*If you would like to participate in a committee, please email [snap@ihfa.org](mailto:snap@ihfa.org)*

## Regional Coalition Updates

**Region 1:**

**Region 2:** Region 2 reported that there has been a 56 person increase in homelessness according to the 2018 PIT Count. This increase is likely due to having more volunteers help with the count.

**Region 3:**

**Region 4:**

**Region 5:**

**Region 6:** A new shelter for families experiencing homelessness, Promise Ridge, has opened in Idaho Falls. They have already had clients in their program, and they are offering case management to help address the underlying needs of the families.

**Boise City/Ada County CoC:** The BCAC CoC hosted Our Path to Ending Homelessness: Year One Community Impact Report. *Our Path Home*, operated by CATCH, is the partnership that has come together to create a single access point for homeless services in Ada County. Over 200 community members spent an evening learning about how the partnership is functioning to improve coordination and collaboration among service providers, how coordinated entry helps ensure the highest and best use of limited resources, and how other community members, not previously engaged, can join the CoC in its efforts. The BCAC CoC is soliciting project applications for permanent housing projects in Ada County. Applications are due August 1.



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:**

- **Finally Home! Homebuyers Education**
  - **Online Registration**

**IN PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **Finally Home! Homebuyer Education**
  - **Boise: July 17-18 2018 6:00-9:00 PM**
  - **More locations and dates:**  
<https://www.finallyhomecourse.com/en/location/idaho/>
- **2018 National Conference on Ending Homelessness**
  - **Washington, DC: July 23-25**

*If you have any media, housing news or upcoming conferences or trainings from your local continua, please send the link to [snap@ihfa.org](mailto:snap@ihfa.org) for inclusion in our*

## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

### Mark your calendars!

#### IHCC:

- Board Meeting: IHFA Office, First floor conference room
  - July 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-5:00pm
  - July 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am- 3:30pm
- Plan for October IHCC meeting
  - October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Region 1:

- IHFA Roundtable in Post Falls
  - September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am- 11:00 am
    - Post Falls Senior Center

#### Region 2:

- IHFA Roundtable in Lewiston
  - September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm- 4:30 pm
    - Red Lion Hotel

#### Region 3:

- Housing Forum Roundtable
  - September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:30-11:30
  - Idaho Department of Labor- Caldwell, Idaho
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Share the Day Dinner
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00am- 3:00pm
  - Nampa First Christian Church

#### Region 4:

#### Region 5:

- Regional Meeting
  - July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00am

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