

# Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee Newsletter

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## IHFA Updates

### Idaho Housing and Finance Association Update:

- **Homelessness Programs:**

- **UFA Status:** 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.

- **IHCC:**

- IHCC has developed a mission and vision statement to provide inspiration for the strategies and the daily operations of the various organizations it helps govern.

**Vision-** "A Home for Everyone"

**Mission-** "The mission of the IHCC is to provide leadership in addressing the challenges of homelessness in Idaho through community engagement and collaboration. We encourage communities to creatively leverage resources and develop partnerships, services, and solutions towards ending homelessness. "

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

## Coordinated Entry Committee

The Coordinated Entry Committee is currently engaged in a system evaluation process which includes HMIS data review, surveys of housing service providers and Access Point clients, and a roundtable discussion among committee members and Access Point representatives. The collected data and information will assist the committee in evaluating system policies, improving system processes, and establishing performance metrics for ongoing system evaluation. This process will continue through December and the committee anticipates submitting a set of system performance metrics for IHCC Board review in January.

## Governance Committee

Kristina Larkin will be taking over the governance committee with the guidance and assistance of Shawn Walters. The Governance Committee has appointed Leslie Foltz as the chair, and Tammy Romine as the Secretary. The committee still has vacancies for regions 2 and 4.

## 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.

## PIT Committee

The PIT Count Committee began the planning in August for the 2019 PIT Count. The count will be for the night of Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> using the same methodology as in prior years pending IHCC approval. Most members of the committee have been actively involved in the count for many years and using that experience and knowledge we have some enhancements in the implementation of this year's counts. These include development of a PIT Count Fact sheet for community outreach, using the Homeless Connect (HC) referral cards, surveying at the HC Access Points, using on-line forms and/or phone surveys, narrowing the focus of the survey to collect data only on the unsheltered, and continuing to build relationships with the Depts. of Education, Health of Welfare and Veteran Administration, all who serve special populations.

## DCR&E Committee



## Regional Coalition Updates

### Region 1:

**Region 2:** Sojourners' Alliance and Salvation Army (SA) of Lewiston have partnered to have a part-time Housing Specialist work out of Lewiston's SA office but is employed by Sojourners'. The person was hired 10/1/18. Sojourners' Alliance had partnered with the Health & Welfare Navigator that covers Idaho County, Lewis County and Clearwater County to provide Homeless Prevention Funds. The Navigator will be able to access \$4,000 and can help a household up to the 80% poverty level with these funds.

Family Promise of the Palouse is celebrating their 5th Anniversary this month (October) and has served 60 families since opening. Family Promise of Lewiston/Clarkston has recently celebrated their 10th Anniversary.

Steve Bonnar, Executive Director, Sojourners' Alliance has recently been selected to participate in the Idaho Peer Leaders Network which is designed to be a supportive forum for rural Idaho providers.

The Food Not Bombs program has recently begun in Moscow. They are providing food for people once a week.

**Region 3:** The Region Three Housing Coalition is collecting much needed gently used, clean, or new winter clothing in all sizes. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets for men, women, and children are needed. All items will be distributed to the homeless and low income individuals & families at the upcoming *Share the Day* event. They will also receive free medical services, free haircuts, a hot Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, and so much more.

### Region 4:

### Region 5:

### Region 6: .

### Boise City/Ada County CoC:



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

### ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

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

### IN PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Finally Home! Homebuyer Education**
  - **More locations and dates:**  
<https://www.finallyhomecourse.com/en/location/idaho/>

*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:

#### Region 1:

#### Region 2:

#### Region 3:

- Share the Day:
  - Items will be collected from October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - Drop sites in Nampa and Caldwell
- 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:

#### Region 6:

- Stand Down
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
  - Idaho Falls Activity Center

#### Boise City/Ada County COC:



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