We hope you enjoy the winter edition of the IHCC Newsletter.

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Resource Updates

Grant Opportunity
Applications for grants are being accepted to support case management services of the VA Homeless Providers GPD program. These time-limited case management services will improve retention of housing by veterans who are at risk of becoming or were previously homeless and are transitioning to permanent housing from programs such as VA’s Homeless Providers GPD program or VA’s Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Contracted Residential Services (CRS) program. Applications will be accepted through May 4, 2023. Learn more at: www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/03/...

Warming Shelters
View warming shelters in each region here.

Compliance Monitoring Tips
If your agency is monitored for compliance, monitoring kicks off 2/27/23 and goes through 7/10/23. View important dates and Procorem tips here.

Mental Health Directory
Crush the Curve Idaho is a nonprofit with the goal to empower Idahoans with easy-to-understand information about mental health services in their community. View the directory here.

Reimbursement for SOAR case management
Optum announced that case managers who hold SOAR certifications can now bill for assisting clients with completing their SSI Disability applications. What does this mean for helping the homeless? The SOAR application process is expedited to help those in the most need start receiving income quickly, specifically homeless individuals.

IHCC Updates

New Lived Experience Board Member
Mandy has been attending the Lived Experience Panel (LEP) in hopes that she can offer insight into what homelessness has been like for her and her family, both during and after homelessness. Mandy believes housing is a human right, and all voices need to speak up for this right. She is incredibly honored to have been voted in as a member of the IHCC Board, and looks forward to assisting in any way possible.
New Region 2 Board Member

Autumn has replaced Cliff McAleer as the board representative for Region 2. Autumn began serving as Executive Director for Family Promise of the Palouse in November of 2021. She has a degree in business with an emphasis on business organization and accounting. Autumn has lived on the Palouse for over twenty years and has experience in property management, accounting, and non-profit administration.

Updates to the HMIS Policy & Procedures and Standards Plan

View IHCC Board approved changes to the HMIS Balance of State Governance Charter Policy & Procedures and Standards plan [here](#).

View previous Policy Memos and Newsletters

You can now find all previously issued Policy Memos and IHCC Newsletters at [https://app.procorem.com/](https://app.procorem.com/). All IHCC Newsletters are posted on the IHCC website under the "IHCC Quarterly Newsletters" tab.

Partner Spotlight

**Children's Village**

**Region 1**

Children's Village in Coeur d'Alene received $1.5 million from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections to build a Family Support Center on their campus. The aim of the center is to provide a one-stop shop where the community can help identify underlying issues that are contributing to concerning behavior and partner with youth and families to get the individualized services and resources they need. “This Family Support Center is in line with our strategic plan to increase our reach into the community to keep children out of the state and federal systems,” said Vanessa Moos, MPA, CEO. Once built, the Family Support Center will be run by a cooperative of agencies and nonprofits.

By the Numbers

**2022 State of Homelessness Report**

The [2022 State of Homelessness Report](#) highlights some notable changes from years past. For the first time in many years, the primary cause of homelessness shifted from Domestic Violence to an inability to pay rent / being forced from residence. Although more Idahoans experienced homelessness in 2022 the majority did so for the first time and half did so with a source of income.

If your organization would like copies of the 2022 report, submit an order [here](#).

**2023 PIT Count: Region 2 Volunteer Experience**

Joe Hightower's unique experience on the PIT Count team for the Nez Perce Tribal Authority in Lapwai includes a survey of a homeless encampment called “The Jungle”.

Review the 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count [here](#). Data collected from the 2023 PIT Count will be available later this year.

Innovative Methods & Best Practices

**Innovative Methods from Housing Matters**

ALTERNATIVES TO POLICING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS: Those experiencing unsheltered homelessness frequently interact with law enforcement whether it be for low-level offenses or sweeping/policing encampments. This can [cost cities millions of dollars](#). Supportive housing,
continuum of care coupled with housing first, and community response teams can be good alternatives to policing homelessness.

**Best Practices: Achieving Functional Zero**
Functional zero is when a community has measurably solved homelessness for a specific population making it rare and brief occasion. See how cities have achieved functional zero for veteran and chronic homelessness through systems that quickly detect and resolve incidents of homelessness. Read the full article [here.](#)

**In the News**

**“All-In” Federal Strategic Plan to end homelessness**
The US Interagency Council on Homelessness is aiming to reduce homelessness across America by 25% by 2025. There are 3 foundations: equity, data and evidence, and collaboration. And there are 3 solutions: housing and supports, crisis response, and homeless prevention. Learn more and view the full plan [here.](#)

**Federal requirement for continuous Medicaid enrollment expires March 31**
Medicaid Protection was put in place at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and provided continued Medicaid coverage for individuals who may have otherwise been ineligible. Congress has recently passed a bill that ends this continued coverage requirement on April 1, 2023. Learn more [here.](#)

**Boise to rebuild Fire Station 5 with adjacent affordable housing project for those with medical needs.** With a minimum of 40 units, the building will be designed to house those in the homeless community that have immediate medical needs but do not require nursing home care. Read the full article [here.](#)

**Did you Know?**
At least 11,051 individuals experienced an interaction with a homelessness program in 2022, up from the 8,814 interactions documented in 2021.