

Guiding Idaho Committee House Idaho Collaborative Board

Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 18, 2025, 9-11am MDT

Chair	Jamie Simpson, Idaho Housing and Finance Association
Vice Chair	Betsy Bowling, CATCH
Secretary	Heidi Sellick-Diaz, Idaho Housing and Finance Association
Voting Members Present	Chris Green, Region 1 Representative Autumn Shafer, Region 2 Representative Betsy Bowling, Region 3 Representative Rosanna Campbell, Region 4 Representative Jared Mangum, Region 5 Representative Dena Skinner, Region 6 Representative Casey Mattoon, Boise CoC Representative Mandy White, Lived Experience Representative Patty Wheeler, Victims' Service Organization Representative Zena Ebed, HIV/AIDS Organization Representative Erin Anderson, Housing Developer Representative Tony Tenne, Dept. of Commerce Representative Daina Drake, Dept. of Corrections Representative Emily Kesler, Dept. of Education Representative Miren Unsworth, Dept. H&W Representative Rico Barrera, Dept. of Labor Representative
Voting Members Absent	Anna Johnson-Whitehead, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs Representative
Advisory Members	None at this time
Others in Attendance	Brenna Frantti, Engaging Idaho Chair Margie Potter, Housing Idaho Chair Tami Moore, Informing Idaho Chair Anji Armagost, Idaho Housing and Finance Association Amelia Valasek, Idaho Housing and Finance Association Erika Switzer, Idaho Housing and Finance Association John Gibbons, Idaho Housing and Finance Association Shane Carlton, Idaho Housing and Finance Association Shawn Walters, Idaho Housing and Finance Association Sonali Thombare, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Jamie welcomed everyone, commenced the meeting at 9:02am, and conducted board roll call.

SECTION A: Welcome New Board Members

Rosanna Campbell replaced Randy Wastradowski as the Board's Region 4 representative. Rosanna's bio can be found in the Board Book p.6.

SECTION B: Homeless or Housing Anecdote – Mandy White

Mandy White delivered a moving anecdote about the importance of Access Point Directors in supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. In the past year the Housing Company has leased 21 units with supportive services with the help of the Access Point Directors. Clients felt heard by their Access Point Director which brought them hope. Mandy then reminded Board members to sign-up for the Zoom Lived Experience Panel (LEP) meetings.

SECTION C: Resolution 25-09-01: Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Jamie Simpson

Minutes from June were submitted to the House Idaho Collaborative Board for approval. June Minutes can be found on pages 11-16 of the Board Book.

Motion:	Jared Mangum
Second Motion:	Chris Green
Vote:	None opposed
Motion Approved	

Resolution 25-09-01 was approved without changes.

SECTION D: Governance Charter Updates – Heidi Sellick-Diaz

Heidi reviewed the *HIC’s Governance Charter* proposed updates which included the addition of a purpose statement, guiding principles, leadership role descriptions, and expanded conflict of interest and advocacy and lobbying sections. Chris asked to include “regional representatives” in leadership descriptions. Heidi clarified the difference between “ESG Recipient” and ESG subrecipients. They debated having a Guiding member on each committee and how to track Regional Coalition membership diversity.

The Board agreed to change the purpose statement’s language from “deal with homelessness” to “prevent and resolve” and to align meeting schedules with the fiscal year. The group also discussed and agreed on several other updates, including finalizing agendas a week before meetings with a 48-hour window for final changes, and including presentation materials for review. Heidi expressed concern over Engaging Idaho handling board nominations, and Jared suggested a nomination subcommittee. The Board will review the updated charter sections with their groups and provide feedback via email before the next meeting's vote in December.

SECTION E: HIC Committee Progress – HIC Committee Representatives

Tami reported on the Informing Idaho committee's work, including changes to HMIS data collection like state where clients became homeless and gender/sex information. Their focus has been on data quality improvement. Informing Idaho struggles to get HIC feedback on their ideas. Margie discussed the Housing Idaho committee's efforts to complete a 100-unit goal and work on resource sessions like Planning and Zoning. Two members also sit on the Affordable Housing Development Subcommittee. Brenna and Erika provided an update on the Engaging Idaho committee's approval of a new Coordinated Entry prioritization formula Alternate 1. Engaging struggles to have space to discuss their thoughts without outside input. Mandy shared the LEP's work on housing programs and the LETA leadership training. The LEP is looking for a Region 4 site host. Anji posted an update in the chat about YAB's progress, including completed

scoring and ranking of YHDP projects. They are recruiting YAB members under 25: [Join the Youth Action Board](#). YAB members can be in a housing program. All HIC Committee Reports can be found in the Board Book ps.18-36.

SECTION F: HIC Administrative Agency Quarterly Reports – Shawn Walters & John Gibbons

Shawn presented the HIC's grant updates from the Board Book pages 38-39. Notably, the ESG grant has increased by \$26,078, effective October 1, 2025. Additionally, the Grant Agreements have been updated for the new administration. The Continuum of Care (CoC) received \$1.3 million more than last year, with \$580,000 allocated to the Coordinated Entry DV Bonus grant. The Board voted to increase CE by an additional \$264,000 to support Access Point success. The Department of Education's ARP-HCY grant, spent down \$70,000 to build partnerships between McKinney Vento liaisons and Access Points. The YHSI grant is conducting listening sessions and a Statewide Youth Assessment for Coordinated Entry. The YHDP received 8 applications across 4 regions, with 6 Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing projects, 1 Supportive Services Only Host Homes project, and 1 Street Outreach project. Awards will be announced on IHFA's website on September 30th. Successful projects will need to recruit a Youth Advisory Board (YAB) member to participate. Shawn also shared the HIC's grants' quarterly report found on the Board Book's page 40. Only ESG was spent in July and August.

John Gibbons shared the HMIS/CE quarterly report for April to June 2025. The report highlighted that the HIC served 121 clients at DV shelters, with a 50-50 split of adults to children, marking a 29% increase from the previous quarter. Additionally, 16 households were housed through DV Rapid Rehousing providers, while 19 households were unhoused but being served. The HIC housed 21 less and served 19 less households from the previous quarter. There are 443 households on the HIC's CE queue with 47% having been on the queue for less than 90 days. 1,600 clients were served by HIC's HUD housing programs. In the 'Exit Destination' portion of the dashboard, "Other" exit destinations was clarified to refer to the statuses "No Exit Interview," "Deceased," or "Client prefers not to answer." The HIC's Community Analysis Dashboard (previously called the "Anchor Data Points") updates HMIS data quarterly on the HIC's website: [00064 - ID-501 - Idaho Housing and Finance Association - CAD | Tableau Public](#). This dashboard cannot be broken into Regions. IHFA's HMIS Team is happy to pull requested reports. HIC HMIS users received an 85% data quality score. John reported that an area for improvement in data collection and reporting is Annual Assessments; providers must collect and record Annual Assessments in order for the System Performance Measures to be accurate and true. This will not change the data quality score on the dashboard. Board members were concerned about "first-time homelessness" numbers, which had increased, but John noted that the measure was actually down from 83% to 82%. Chris also quoted a 2023 study that 90% of homeless individuals stay in their original community, providing context for the numbers.

Finally, the HIC received their 2025 PIT Count results from HUD. The results can be found here: <https://www.idahohousing.com/partners/service-providers/grant-programs/hmis/>. The HIC is down 2% in both sheltered and unsheltered numbers.

SECTION G: ASPS Outcomes & Progress – Jamie Simpson

Jamie posed two questions regarding the HIC's Annual Strategic Planning Session (ASPS) goals: 'should Regional Coalition goals be included in the HIC's ongoing ASP?' and 'Should the

HIC update their ASP annually, or longer-term?' The group discussed the timing of strategic goals, with Mandy and Rico agreeing that annual goals were preferable due to current uncertainties, while Chris suggested maintaining annual goals for funding, but a 3-5-year plan for goals like advocacy or Regional Coalitions. Jamie summarized that the HIC should be flexible, having some annual goals like funding while other goals including advocacy and the regional coalitions' goals be longer term.

SECTION H: Housing First Discussion – Jamie Simpson

With the change in administration, Jamie warned that the HIC may need to remove the term "Housing First" from its governance documents. Casey Mattoon shared that the OPH is considering removing the term and instead addressing it in CoC-funded projects. "Housing First" ultimately means housing a client before they need to enter programs, heal, or change. However, some definitions include post-entry program requirements. Mandy emphasized the importance of client autonomy, stating that forced participation in programs is ineffective.

Housing and service providers advocated "housing first, not housing only," focusing on improving programs through an "assertive" approach, financial literacy, income support, and wellness practices. Providers have been brainstorming ways to help clients overcome barriers, including housing stability, healthcare access, and navigating resources through Lived Experience mentors and peer guides.

Betsy expressed concerns about funding and housing clients with higher barriers, such as debt or unit damage. Jamie proposed a statewide tenant training course and mentioned Finally Home's free online Financial Basics course. IHFA is hiring someone to support property managers and landlord liaisons with education. Chris started a "Housing Sustainability Working Committee" to develop solutions to client accountability, noting that housing providers are moving towards "housing-focused" instead of "housing first" approaches. The group acknowledged the need for more conversation and collaboration to address the complex challenges facing housing and service providers.

SECTION I: Roundtable Updates & Announcements – HIC Board Members

Jamie started updates and announcements with Region 1 mentioning an impact study on housing in the area. Region 3 is working on their bylaws, Housing Conference, and Share the Day events. The City of Nampa is also hosting a Housing Dinner. Region 6 is organizing their Homeless Stand Down event. Patty shared that Victim Service Agencies posted their national client count, and October is DV Awareness month.

Zena discussed House Bill 135, which prevented undocumented individuals living with HIV from receiving Ryan White services. However, an injunction was granted, allowing emergency financial assistance for rent and utility assistance to continue until further notice. Rico reported Department of Labor funding held this year, but they are also waiting for further guidance regarding documentation and work authorization requirements. Department of Labor often helps clients get their I-9 documents. Dana noted that Department of Corrections funding was not affected. Emily with the Department of Education shared that they are strengthening their McKinney Vento liaisons to identify homeless students and reach their communities.

Erin reported that The Housing Company is improving their PSH implementation and intake. Jamie provided information on voucher vacancies, including Foster Youth to Independence

Vouchers, Non-elderly disabled homeless vouchers, and vouchers for clients graduating Rapid Rehousing. Access Points can clarify the voucher eligibility and process.

Jamie thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 11:06am.

Action Items:

- **All Board Members** sign up for >1 LEP in the next year on p. 7-10.
- **All Board Members** to review the updated Governance Charter with their groups and provide feedback via email before the next meeting's vote in December.
- **All Board Members** to discuss Housing First with their groups and provide feedback to Heidis@ihfa.org
- **Patty** to share Victim Service Agencies' DV Count
- **Heidi** to distribute updated Governance Charter
- **Heidi** to distribute Minutes & Action Items
- **Heidi** to change language in Governance Charter purpose statement from "deal with" to "prevent and resolve homelessness"
- **Heidi** to add "Regional Coalition Representative" to the HIC Leadership roles section in Governance Charter
- **Heidi & Jamie** to make HIC goals flexible, having some annual goals like funding while other goals including advocacy and the regional coalitions' goals be longer term.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 18th 9-11am

HIC Board/Guiding Idaho Meeting Recording is ready!

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