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HIC Successes!

Zena Ebed with Full Circle Health, which is a federally qualified health center, operates as the HIC's Board HIV-AIDS representative - A recent victory for us is, for the last two and a half years since I started here, I've been trying to get a patient on the aged and disabled waiver, so that he can get housing. He has two broken hips, two broken shoulders, and he's been houseless for two and a half years. So we finally got that interview taken care of, and he's been matched in a program as of yesterday.

Autumn - last night at the Moscow Board of Adjustment meeting, they approved the conditional use permit for Family Promises' new shelter site.

Region 3's transition of the Access Point from CATCH, with a decision expected soon on the new provider to ensure a smooth transition by July 1st.

national DV count was held in September and will release data in April. She noted that housing and homelessness are the top unmet needs for survivors.

Casey with Our Path Home shared that Interfaith Sanctuary's opening has begun accepting individuals with high medical needs from hospital systems who have been in hospitals for days or months.

Dana from the Department of Corrections reported that the GEO Reentry Services contract was terminated due to budget cuts, with various intervention stations (which handle case management, intervention, programming, and work) closing between April and June. Client housing would continue under Department of Corrections oversight but without the help of GEO handling onboarding new transitional houses, maintaining housing standards, and billing processing. Corrections does have a list of providers wanting to help but are on hold. See the <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172500.pdf> . Connection Intervention Station (CIS) closures for Districts 3 & 4 on April 1st, Districts 1, 2, 5 on May 1st, Districts 6 & 7, and GEO Transitional Housing Support on June 1st.

Emily sent Department of Education updates including the Labor–Health and Human Services–Education (LHHS) appropriations package, expecting level funding across Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs, with preliminary appropriations being received in March or April. Currently, there are 5,474 unique students identified as experiencing homelessness in Idaho (unduplicated count including couch surfing and doubled up). The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Subgrant is now open to public school districts and charters to apply for funding to enhance their McKinney-Vento program. Application closes 4/15/2026. The College Starter Kit program is open until April 1, 2026. All college-bound students experiencing homelessness (SY2025-26) are eligible to apply. See the flier and information sheet on Basecamp.

Miren from Department of Health and Welfare provided updates on state budget reductions of 3-4% for state fiscal year 26, with uncertainty about future years, and mentioned upcoming community engagement requirements for Medicaid expansion starting January 1, 2027. House Bill 345 means they are preparing to implement community engagement requirements, or work requirements, for the Medicaid expansion population, but they are uncertain of details like 30 days to 90 days demonstration of the requirements, etc.

Rico from the Department of Labor discussed their Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act four-year plan modification which includes plans for employment services, veteran's programs, trade adjustment assistance, vocational rehabilitation, and career technical education, noting they are now serving in-school youth. Rico received notice that the comment period of the modified WIOA State Plan has closed and submitted to the federal team for their review and approval. The public can review the initial state plan here - <https://wdc.idaho.gov/workforce-innovation-opportunity-act/#wioa-resources> until the modified plan is approved by USDOL and its federal partners. The Department of Labor is 90% federally funded. They are waiting for April to see what the results are. Importantly, an executive order requiring work authorization verification for workforce program participants had been rescinded.

The board reviewed the HIC's System Performance Measures (SPMs) and Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data for the reporting period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Key findings included HIC's clients averaging 314 days homeless with a median of 99 days. The HIC has a 19.52% return to homelessness rate, up from 12% the previous year. This increase may be due to a Transitional Housing spike. The HIC saw a 15.2% increase (to

32.6%) in income for stayers and stayed at 37.7% for leavers from HIC housing programs. John presented data showing there are 434 households on the Coordinated Entry queue and reported that the majority (60%) stay on the queue for under three months. 96.26% of exits from permanent supportive housing projects to permanent destinations. The HIC's Data Dashboard (HMIS & CE Quarterly report from October 1, 2025- December 31, 2025) results are here: 00064 - ID-501 - Idaho Housing and Finance Association - CAD | Tableau Public. Gaither shared a Community Analysis Dashboard Support Page to help people interpret the data.

Anji took the Youth Action Board to Washington, D.C. for a national conference where they got to talk with Idaho lawmakers about youth homelessness. CATCH connected Oxford House with property owners in Region 3. Dena shared that CLUB Inc. has been doing street outreach and getting people housed. Kyle from the Bonner Community Housing Agency shared that they have successfully filled all housing units in their new community land trust. Chris from Heritage Health hired a new therapist last week. Tami from Aid for Friends highlighted successful placements of individuals from their homeless shelter into permanent housing. Patty is retiring August 1st. The conversation ended with plans to move the state department updates section earlier in the agenda to accommodate early departures from some participants.