

Guiding Idaho Committee House Idaho Collaborative Board

Meeting Minutes Monday, June 9, 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	Scott Ferguson, Region 1 proxy Autumn Shafer, Region 2 Betsy Bowling, Region 3 Rosanna Campbell, Region 4 Jared Mangum, Region 5 Dena Skinner, Region 6 Casey Mattoon, Boise CoC Mandy White, Lived Experience Patty Wheeler, Victims' Service Organization Daina Drake, Dept. of Corrections Emily Kesler, Dept. of Education Miren Unsworth, Dept. H&W Rico Barrera, Dept. of Labor John Randall, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Voting Members Absent	Chris Green, Region 1, John Stennett, Region 3 Alternate, Zena Ebed, HIV/AIDS Organization, Erin Anderson, Housing Developer, Tony Tenne, Dept. of Commerce, Anna Johnson-Whitehead, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Advisory Members	None at this time
Others in Attendance	Brian Dale, HUD Margie Potter, The Idaho Hispanic Foundation & Housing Idaho Chair 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

Jamie welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 9am. Heidi conducted board roll call.

SECTION A: Welcome New Board Members

Jamie introduced herself to the new Board members as the new HIC Board Chair.

Zena Ebed replaced Jamie MacDonald as the Board's HIV/AIDS Organization representative. Zena's bio can be found in the Board Book.

SECTION B: Homeless or Housing Anecdote – Mandy White

Mandy shared a quote from Mother Theresa, “We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked, and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.” She then advocated for members to attend the Lived Experience Panel (LEP) on the second Fridays of the month from noon-1pm MST. She handed out a sign-up sheet and five people signed-up.

SECTION C: Resolution 25-6-01: Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Jamie Simpson

Minutes from March were submitted to the House Idaho Collaborative Board for approval. March Minutes can be found on pages 11-19 of the Board Book.

Motion:	Jared Mangum
Second Motion:	Autumn Shafer
Vote:	None opposed
Motion Approved	

Resolutions 25-6-01 was approved without changes.

SECTION D: HIC Grant Updates – Shawn Walters

Shawn shared the HIC’s grant updates which can be found in the Board Book pages 20-23. Key points include an increase of \$26,078 for the ESG which begins Oct. 1, 2025, an increase of \$1,385,418 of the CoC grant which begins July 1, 2025, and the tentative timeline for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant. Additionally, the Youth Action Board (YAB) selected eligible activities for application under the YHDP grant. These are: Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Services Only including Host Homes, Kinship Care, Street Outreach, and Special Activities which are listed in Appendix A of the 2023 YHDP Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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

Shawn shared the highlights of the HIC’s grants’ quarterly report. Total grant spending for ESG and CoC reached \$4,304,451 for FY25 so far and up through 5/31/25. Shawn also shared data on the total number of individuals served during the FY (2,330) as well as the total exits and a breakdown of the exit destinations from RRH and PSH projects.

John Gibbons shared the PIT Count numbers have been submitted to HUD but have not been processed by HUD. Therefore, the State’s numbers are still not publishable. However, John shared IHFA’s HMIS team in conjunction with Informing and Engaging committees and Gaither Dynamics, have finally completed their Community Analysis Dashboard (previously called the “Anchor Data Points”). The Dashboard can be found on Tableau via the HIC’s website or here: [00064 - ID-501 - Idaho Housing and Finance Association - CAD | Tableau Public](#) . The HIC hopes this Dashboard will give the public some basic data on how the HIC’s HMIS agencies are doing in reducing homelessness. Members asked if the Dashboard could be broken into

Regional Coalition data. This is not possible due to the data source and software. However, IHFA's HMIS Team is happy to pull requested reports.

SECTION F: Gaps Analysis - John Gibbons

John shared the System Performance Measures (SPMs) and Gaps Analysis results for 2024. This report can be requested from HMIS at hmis@ihfa.org. Some key points were the HIC's average days homeless were 322, with median days homeless at 103. Informing Idaho suggested standard practices of increased diversion and earlier referrals to Coordinated Entry may help diminish time spent homeless. Returns to homelessness within 24 months of exiting programs is at 11.66%. Clients who exited from Emergency Shelter to a Permanent Destination had the highest rate of return at 22%. 1,650 clients are recorded as first time homelessness which is defined as not having a project entry in the 24 months prior to the reporting period. John explained this number does not include Coordinated Entry. People exiting Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Rapid Rehousing, to Permanent Destinations have remained steady at 43% over the past three years. From RRH the rate is about 85% and from ES it is about 30%. Many members questioned the PSH client count with Region 5 stating that in one project alone there were more than 9 clients housed. John will research and reach out to concerned members about the PSH numbers. John also shared the Idaho Policy Institute's eviction data. This information can also be requested from HMIS.

Jamie thanked everyone for coming. She adjourned the meeting at 10:00am. Then the Annual Strategic Planning Session commenced. During the Annual Strategic Planning Session, they addressed HIC Committee updates, Regional Coalition updates, and the LEP Recommendations from 2024. The HIC Committee Reports can be found in the Annual Strategic Planning Book.

Action Items:

- Collaborative Applicant to prepare a proposal for increasing coordinated entry funding for the Board to vote on.
- HMIS Lead to research the questionable data on first time homelessness and PSH client counts.