

Meeting	Idaho Behavioral Health Council Meeting Minutes
Date / Time of Meeting	January 12 th , 2024, 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time
Host	Director Dave Jeppesen & Director Sara Omundson Co-Chairs
Livestream Link	https://www.youtube.com/@idahobehavioralhealthcounc3300/streams
Meeting Location	Idaho Supreme Court 451 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702 - Lincoln Room (Basement Level)

Council Members	Att'd	Zoom	Att'd
Dave Jeppesen, Director IDHW - Co Chair	X	Miren Unsworth, IDHW	X
Sara Omundson, Director AOC ID Courts - Co Chair	X	Ross Edmunds, IDHW	X
Brent Mendenhall, County Commissioner	X	Adam Panitch, IDHW	X
David Pate, MD	O	Scott Ronan, ID Courts	X
Gene Petty, District Judge	X	Ryan Porter, ID Courts	
Josh Tewalt, Director IDOC	X	Judge Jessica Lorello, ID Court of Appeals	X
Monty Prow, Director IDJC	X	Shannon Moskitis, Pathways of Idaho	X
Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, BOE	X	Norma Jaeger, Recovery Idaho	X
Rep. Brooke Green	X	Todd Mauger, Bannock County Juvenile Probation	X
Sen. Doug Ricks	X	Morgan Ballis, Hailey Police Department	O
Rep. Chenele Dixon	X	Laura Kiehl, 3 rd Judicial District	X
Sen. Ali Rabe	X		
Kate Dolan, Member of the Public	o	Cheryl Foster, IBHC	X

MEETING AGENDA

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1	3:15 PM	5 min	Welcome Agenda Review Action Item: Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from 11/03/23	Dave Jeppesen	Director Jeppesen called the meeting to order and welcomed former council, advisory board and workgroup members who were invited. The purpose of this meeting is to celebrate the many successes in implementing the strategic plan over the past three years. The meeting minutes were approved, and Director Jeppesen reviewed the agenda.	Superintendent Critchfield moved to approve the November 3, 2023 minutes. Josh Tewalt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2	3:20 PM	2 min	Vision Statement and Review of Guiding Principles	Co-Chairs	Director Jeppesen explained the origin of the guiding principles. They are the Council's intent in implementing the strategic plan - starting with recognizing the importance of including consumer and family voices.	

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3	3:22 PM	3 min	Review IBHC framework and project work to date	Cheryl Foster	<p>Ms. Foster noted the behavioral health system framework components correspond with strategic plan goals and emphasized that each component is equally important. Next, she briefly reviewed the 9 strategic plan goals, the almost completed timeline, and the implementation process.</p> <p>Ms. Foster noted that she recently received access to maintain the IBHC website and will update it to include the new strategic plan update report.</p>	
4	3:25 PM	5 min	Recognition of Advisory Board and Implementation Team Members	Dave Jeppesen	<p>Director Jeppesen recognized the IBHC Advisory Board, workgroups, and implementation team members as an important component of developing the strategic plan. The Council itself was kept small to facilitate decision making, but the strategic planning process needed individuals with lived experience and professional experience from many organizations. The process involved many meetings and developed over 100 recommendations for the Council to prioritize.</p> <p>Director Omundson also thanked the many individuals in the working groups who contributed to the successful implementation.</p>	
5	3:30 PM	5 min	Infrastructure #2: Workforce Plan	Adam Panitch	<p>Mr. Panitch thanked the Council and others for the opportunity to work on the strategic plan and implementation. Mr. Panitch noted the workplace plan was an early deliverable in the timeline, but workforce continues to be a long-term issue.</p> <p>He highlighted two successes: First, the Center of Excellence at Division of Behavioral Health is built out with six competency areas and will support the future Behavioral Health Plan network. Second, the Substance Use Disorder Team at DBH established and operated Recovery Coach Training Academy prioritizing a workforce with lived experience.</p>	
6	3:35 PM	5 min	Infrastructure #8: CCBHCs	Ross Edmunds	<p>Mr. Edmunds first thanked the council for the amazing work that they have accomplished together.</p> <p>Mr. Edmunds explained they started to explore the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Model but have gone much further into implementation. Mr. Edmunds viewed CCBHCs as similar to Federally Qualified Health Centers, except focused on behavioral health. Since Idaho already</p>	

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					<p>had several of these health clinics, they approached the FQHCs to see if they wanted to partner and apply for a federal expansion grant (state funds also provided). Idaho now has 5 identified CCBHCs; they will be fully operational in about two years. CCBHCs are required to provide a full array of services, instead of the patchwork provider system that now exists.</p> <p>Director Jeppesen reminded the Council that this priority was added at the last minute after a request from Justice Stegner to look into the emerging model.</p>	
7	3:40 PM	5 min	Promotion #4: SIM Workshop - Statewide SIM Report	Cheryl Foster	<p>Ms. Foster recognized the previous IBHC project manager Laura Kiehl for her work in accomplishing the strategic plan objectives and ongoing SIM work.</p> <p>Ms. Foster described the Sequential Intercept Model workshop process and described the goal of the statewide SIM report to look for local issues that can be addressed at the state level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase messaging around 988 - Increase messaging around findhelp.org - Forensic psychiatric facility - Use IBHC to convene local practitioners for sharing best practices 	
8	3:45 PM	5 min	Engagement #4: Early Engagement	Scott Ronan	<p>Mr. Ronan described the Early Engagement workgroup composition and its goals for engaging individuals with behavioral health issues throughout the justice process. These included a literature and gaps review, legislation and rule revisions, examining existing and proposed diversion programs, and developing a pilot for pre-plea early intervention courts and low-risk, high-need tracks in existing treatment courts.</p>	
9	3:50 PM	5 min	Treatment #1: Youth PRTFs	Ross Edmunds	<p>Mr. Edmunds explained that a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility is required for any Medicaid-paid out of home care provided to youth in a residential setting. Because Idaho did not have any of these facilities, the youth had to be treated out-of-state.</p> <p>The Council prioritized, the Governor requested, and the Legislature funded grants to provide three facilities in Idaho. The Idaho Youth Ranch recently opened the first in the Treasure Valley and will eventually become a 64-bed facility. The others will open within the next two years: Northwest Children’s Home and Jackson House for a total of 80-90 beds.</p>	

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10	3:55 PM	5 min	Treatment #3: Civil Commitments	Judge Jessica Lorello	<p>Judge Lorello serves on the Court of Appeals but is allowed to service as a presiding judge in the 4th judicial district over civil commitment hearings one day a week for Ada County.</p> <p>Judge Lorello highlighted the changes included in Senate Bill 1327 from 2022 that updated provisions around civil commitments. In addition to some technical changes and language corrections, the legislation expanded who could serve as a second designated examiner. It also clarified and expanded the definition of grave disability to include the inability to “exercise sufficient behavioral control to avoid serious criminal justice involvement.” Another change permits the parties to take a 7-day court continuance, which allows the individual to stabilize and avoid a formal commitment. It is Judge Lorello’s experience that these changes have proven effective in improving the civil commitments process.</p>	
11	4:00 PM	10 min	Treatment #7: Crisis Response System	Shannon Moskitis Pathways of Idaho	<p>Ms. Moskitis talked about the Pathways Crisis Centers, which are part of the Idaho network of crisis centers. Crisis centers provide short-term care, stabilization and referral to community resources. Pathways has an adult center and a newly opened youth crisis center in Boise, an adult center in Caldwell, and soon-to-open a youth center in Nampa.</p> <p>Ms. Moskitis described the services available in the centers, provided testimonials and statistics on the use, satisfaction, and efficacy of the centers.</p> <p>Director Jeppesen thanked Director Prow for the work from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections in establishing the youth crisis centers.</p>	
12	4:10 PM	10 min	Recovery #3: Long Term Recovery Supports	Norma Jaeger, Recovery Idaho	<p>Ms. Jaeger gave her appreciation to Director Jeppesen and thanked the group for including long-term recovery as part of the system of care. However, she noted that recovery is not at the end of the continuum but is part of a continuous cycle - including prevention for themselves or others. She also noted that unlike treatment or crisis intervention, recovery is for a lifetime.</p> <p>Idaho’s long-term recovery support includes recovery coaches with lived experience. The Idaho Recovery Coach Academy is helping build this resource.</p>	

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					<p>Idaho Recovery Community Centers are supported by individuals in recovery in their own communities. The centers are located in nine areas of the state, with satellites programs in rural areas such as McCall, Soda Springs, Montpelier, American Falls, Orofino. In Kamiah, the new Upriver Recovery Community Center was established with federal funds.</p> <p>The recovery centers provide and connect services to individuals and families in their communities. Some centers are co-located with crisis centers. For general numbers of those served by recovery centers, in 2022 there were over 100,000 individual contacts and 8,000 unduplicated individuals receiving direct services.</p>	
13	4:20 PM	10 min	Recovery #5 - Youth Protective Factors - Youth Assessment Centers	Todd Mauger, Bannock County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer	<p>Mr. Mauger spoke about The Village - a safe teen assessment center in southeastern Idaho established with funds from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. It is one of seven centers in the state and implemented using the framework of the National Assessment Center Association</p> <p>Its primary goal is to keep youth from progressing to the juvenile justice system by providing comprehensive services to youth and families. These services include screening and assessments, case management, and support groups. Referrals can come from schools, families, law enforcement (not felonies), and self-referral. The center also leverages local universities, local providers, and AmeriCorps to provide staff support for services.</p> <p>The center opened on July 1. From July through September, they had contact with 257 youth and families and served 126 who were eligible.</p> <p>Director Omundson visited the center in December and was impressed that wraparound services are provided to youth “when they need and where they need it.”</p> <p>Director Prow noted that there are currently 8 centers operating and 12 centers will be open by the middle of this year across the state.</p>	
14	4:30 PM	10 min	Recovery #5 - Youth Protective Factors - School Resource Officer Training	Officer Morgan Ballis Idaho Association of School	<p>Officer Ballis was not available to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Director Jeppesen asked Director Prow to provide an update on the work done with the Idaho Association of School Resource Officers. The Youth Resilience group was able to reconnect with the</p>	

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				Resource Officers	<p>leadership of IDASRO to revive the organization and implement proven NASRO principles - mentorship, education, and protection.</p> <p>ACE scores show adverse childhood experiences make it harder for an individual to succeed later in life. However, the impact of an ACE score is reduced by having at least one person who is not related to you show care and concern. That is our hope for the SRO engagement in schools.</p>	
15	4:40 PM	5 min	Next Steps	Sara Omundson	<p>Director Jeppesen expressed appreciation for all the work accomplished during the last three years and specifically thanked former project manager Laura Kiehl, current project manager Cheryl Foster, the Spark! organization which helped put together the strategic plan, and the Ops Team for organizing the workgroup meetings.</p> <p>Director Omundson - Today's meeting was meant to be a retrospective. The Governor's Executive Order created the Council in 2020 and expires after four years. We have learned a new Executive Order to continue the Council for another four years is forthcoming. Miren Unsworth will be the new co-chair.</p> <p>The work in progress will continue, but the Council will start the strategic planning process again. We are planning to bring back Spark!, the advisory board, and restart the workgroups. As originally intended before the pandemic, the Council will convene meetings around the state, so that they can hear the public's needs. They will create another time-bound action-oriented strategic plan to implement over the following three years.</p>	
16	4:45 PM	5 min	Director Jeppesen Retirement and Recognition	Sara Omundson	Director Omundson explained that Jeppesen was integral in the creation of the Council and on its behalf, she presented him an appreciation plaque for his service.	
17	4:50 PM	3 min	Closing and Q&A	Dave Jeppesen	Representative Green remarked on the progress the Council had made since they started and thanked Director Jeppesen.	
18	4:53 PM		Adjourn	Dave Jeppesen		

The IBHC will track action items and their status from the meetings here:

Follow Up Items	Date Opened	Owner	Due Date	Complete/Comments	Status