

Meeting	Idaho Behavioral Health Council Meeting
Date / Time of Meeting	April 12 th , 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. MT
Host	Director Sara Omundson & Deputy Director Miren Unsworth 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	Presenters and Staff	Att'd
Sara Omundson, Director AOC ID Courts - Co Chair	Y	Ross Edmunds, IDHW	Y
Miren Unsworth, Deputy Director IDHW - Co Chair	Y	Liza Houser, IDHW	Y
Josh Tewalt, Director IDOC	O	Scott Rasmussen, IDHW	Y
Monty Prow, Director IDJC	Y	Ryan Porter, ID Courts	
Ashely Dowell, Exec. Director ID Comm. of Pardons and Parole	Y	Scott Ronan, ID Courts	Y
Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, IDE	O	Dr. Jeff Dillon, Wilder School District	Y
Brent Mendenhall, County Commissioner	O	Shannon McGuire, Spark	Y
Kate Dolan, Member of the Public	O		
Gene Petty, District Judge	Y		
Dave Jeppesen, Member of the Public	O		
Rep. Chenele Dixon	Y		
Rep. Brooke Green	Y		
Sen. Doug Ricks	O		
Sen. Ali Rabe	O	Cheryl Foster, IBHC	Y

MEETING AGENDA

#	Time	Length	Topic	Topic Owner	Discussion	Decisions
1	1:00 p.m.	5 min	Welcome Agenda Review Action Item: Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from 1/12/24	Sara Omundson		No quorum, so no action taken on the meeting minutes.
2	1:05 p.m.	5 min	Introduction of new members	Sara Omundson	The Governor's new Executive Order adds an additional member to the IBHC - the Executive Director of the Commission of Pardons and Parole, Ashley Dowell. Director Dowell is also the chair of the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission and the chair of the Insight Integrated Data System Oversight Council. To accompany the new Executive Order, the Court also issued a new proclamation, which appointed members	Members will receive emailed copies of the Executive and Court Orders.

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					to the IBHC. The Court's new member of the public is Dave Jeppesen. Also, the new Co-Chair is Miren Unsworth, Deputy Director of the Department of Health and Welfare.	
3	1:10 p.m.	5 min	Vision Statement and Review of Guiding Principles	Miren Unsworth	Ms. Unsworth read the IBHC Vision Statement and Guiding Principles.	
4	1:15 p.m.	5 min	Review Idaho Behavioral Health System framework	Cheryl Foster	Ms. Foster read and explained the major segments of Idaho's Behavioral Health System Framework.	
5	1:20 p.m.	15 min	Wilder Middle School Students Mental Health Project	Dr. Jeff Dillon	<p>Superintendent Dr. Jeff Dillon of Wilder School District described their unique education model, which focuses on learning and executive function development. This model allows the students to work on projects like telling stories through animation.</p> <p>Mr. Mike Nelson, Teacher/Instructor and Director of Animation Studio, said they have been working on the animation program for the past six years. The opportunity with the Idaho Resilience Project to create mental health videos allows students to have a wider reach.</p> <p>Although the project was for middle schoolers, high school students led the project. The project leaders presenting today: Connor Smallwood - Voice Actor Miguel Echegoyen - Music Salvador Gutierrez - Storyboarding and staging Genesis Hernandez - Storyboarding and Voice Actor Melanie Aguiniga- Storyboarding</p> <p>The students described the entire project, beginning with their many collaborations, including the Idaho Resilience Project, Wondermedia, and the middle schoolers.</p> <p>The goal of the project was to show middle schoolers that it is okay to have struggles, share feelings, and not be ashamed.</p>	

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					<p>The students explained how they accomplished each stage of the production process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conception and Writing • Storyboarding - scripts, background • Voice Acting • Staging and Puppeteering • Music and Sound Effects • Editing and Final Details <p>The Council viewed two of the mental health animation videos the students created on Stress Response and Self Esteem</p> <p>The students are continuing to advance their skills and they shared the intro of a TV series they are working on related to mental health.</p> <p>The Council members expressed appreciation and amazement for their animation work</p>	
6	1:35 p.m.	15 min	IDHW Updates	Ross Edmunds	<p>Mr. Edmunds started by updating the Council on the IDHW projects selected for the state-directed Opioid Settlement Funds based on the Council's recommendations. First, IDHW received \$800,000 for substance use disorder and mental health workforce development. Second, the department received \$400,000 for recovery projects, such as peer-based recovery programs for schools - kids and university level.</p> <p>Other opioid settlement funds are going to the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing for workforce development, the Department of Correction for treatment services, and the Office of Drug Policy for prevention programs.</p> <p>Mr. Edmunds also provided updates on projects from the current strategic plan: CCBHCs, PRTFs, and recovery centers.</p>	<p>Dir. Omundson - We are working with the Division of Financial Management to create a document that shows the behavioral health investments passed by the Legislature this year. We will be sent out to all the Council members when it is done.</p>

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					<p>A CCBHC - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic/Center provides services inverse to a Federally Qualified Health Center for primary care (e.g., Terry Reilly). The FQHCs concentrate on primary care and provide some behavioral health. The CCBHCs focus on behavioral health and include some primary and dental care.</p> <p>Based on the Council’s recommendation, IDHW requested funding from the Legislature to stand up CCBHCs. Shortly thereafter, a federal grant was released and four (4) FQHC facilities received CCBHC grants. In a second round of federal funding, the state had at least three additional facilities apply, but only one was awarded this past year. These five (5) CCBHCs will form the foundation for the network of care across the state.</p> <p>PRTF - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Medicaid services must be provided in PRTF, and there were none available for children and youth within the state. Based on the IBHC’s recommendation, the legislature provided the funds to stand up the PRTFs. There are now PRTFs scheduled to operate in three (3) parts of the state.</p> <p>In SW Idaho, the Idaho Youth Ranch is growing a large PRTF. They have eight (8) beds now open, but plan to have 64 beds. They cannot add more right away as they are having trouble staffing. Their CMS certification is in process.</p> <p>In North Idaho, Northwest Children’s Home has a smaller PRTF with a unique model. They will only have eight (8) beds, focusing on younger kids. They are building two apartments where the families can come stay and learn with their kids. They will open in July.</p> <p>In Eastern Idaho, Jackson House will open two PRTFs for adolescents - one for female and one for male. Target opening date is early 2025 since they are starting from scratch.</p>	

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					<p>In other projects from the IBHC strategic action plan, the department is continuing to partner with Recovery Community Centers.</p> <p>Idaho Behavioral Health Plan for the managed care contract will roll out in July. It creates behavioral health system in Idaho for inpatient and outpatient services funded by both Medicaid and non-Medicaid sources. Once it is implemented, IDHW will provide an update</p>	
7	1:50 p.m.	15 min	FY 2026 Opioid Settlement Fund Recommendation Process	Sara Omundson	<p>For the past three years, we have been meeting once a quarter to receive updates on the implementation of the current strategic plan. With the new Executive Order and new Proclamation, the Council will embark on a new strategic planning process.</p> <p>However, before the strategic planning process, the Council will undertake the process to make recommendations for the Opioid Settlement Fund from April 15 through June 14. The only responsibility of the Council in statute -Idaho Code 57-825 - is for the IBHC to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature’s Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on how the state spends the proceeds from the opioid settlement fund.</p> <p>To kick off this process, the IBHC will send out a press release to the public on Monday requesting the public’s input on how the funds should be spent. From April 15-May 15, individuals, nonprofits, public agencies or others can submit general recommendations, high level concepts, or specific projects to fund.</p> <p>Prior to the June 14 meeting, IBHC members will receive the list of submitted recommendations and any supporting information. During the meeting, the Council will make decisions on high level or “north star” priorities. The Council does not distribute funds to individual projects.</p>	

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					<p>The next step in the recommendation process is for state agencies to sponsor individual projects. The opioid settlement funding goes through the state budget process and is appropriated to state agencies. This year for the first time, the state agencies served as pass-through agencies for non-profit organizations to receive opioid funding for their projects.</p> <p>Mr. Edmunds reminded the council members that the first part of his update was a description of the projects funded from last year's opioid settlement funding process.</p>	
8	2:05 p.m.	25 min	IBHC Strategic Planning Overview	<p>Director Omundson and Shannon McGuire, Spark!</p>	<p>Director Omundson - The new executive order requires a new strategic plan, and we are starting from scratch. Last time we contracted with an organization called Spark! to look at things systemically on how to approach behavioral health in Idaho.</p> <p>We pulled together workgroups made up of people working in the system and using the system. They came up with a list of items they believed Idaho needed to address and provided those recommendations to the Advisory Board.</p> <p>The Advisory Board is made up of leaders of many organizations throughout the state. They categorized the recommendations and gave them to the Council as categorized high level concepts. The Council then set the priorities for the next three years. All of this will happen between now and the middle of October.</p> <p>Director Omundson and Deputy Director Unsworth will go around the state to take in-person feedback, specifically to Kootenai, Canyon, Bonneville counties. All council members are also invited to attend.</p> <p>Director Omundson introduced Shannon McGuire from Spark. She led the entire process last time and will do so again this year. Her leadership was instrumental in the Council's success.</p>	<p>Timeline of Meetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 19 Kickoff Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 16 Council will review recommendations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Outreach Period</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 13 Council will vote and prioritize categories</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 18 Finalize and adopt strategic plan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 31 Delivery of plan to Gov, Supreme Court and Legislature</p>

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					<p>Ms. McGuire emphasized this work is very meaningful to her, and she is happy to be back and guide the process. She noted that although the process is starting from scratch, we already have all the ingredients to move forward.</p> <p>To walk through the process, she laid the groundwork by reading the Council’s mission statement and three areas of focus: mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorder. She noted that the Council later added Mental Health as a focus. The protractor will be a big part of the recommendations process for reviewing the existing recommendations and potential new ones. She described the infrastructure and community partners sections underneath the protractor.</p> <p>The IBHC accountability structure for strategic planning consists of the Workgroups, Advisory Board, and Ops Team. The recommendations and action items flow from one group to the other.</p> <p>The groups are to research and identify best practices in use within the state and nationally. Within the system focus areas, the groups develop and categorize the recommendations into the following types - Programs, Projects, Policies, and Partnerships.</p> <p>Ms. McGuire described the aspects of systems level planning and change and explained the framework to view and understand the systems. Levels: Macro, Meso, and Micro Process: Systems mapping, Asset mapping, Persona identification, and SWOTT analysis</p> <p>The timeline for Workgroups and Advisory Board work will be ongoing before the Council meets and evaluates the recommendations.</p> <p>Ms. McGuire took questions from the Council members.</p>	

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9	2:30 p.m.	15 min	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Schedule • IBHC Strategic Planning • IBHC Outreach Schedule 	Sara Omundson		No quorum, so the January meetings minutes will be added to the next meeting's agenda
10	2:45 p.m.	15 min	Closing and Q&A	Sara Omundson		
11	2:35 p.m.		Adjourn	Sara Omundson		

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

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