

**Idaho Behavioral Health Council
Meeting Minutes July 19, 2024**

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Date / Time of Meeting	July 19 th , 2024, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Mountain Time
Host	Sara Omundson & Jared Larsen 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	X	Ross Edmunds, DHW	X
Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW - Co Chair	X	Liza Houser, DHW	X
Josh Tewalt, Director IDOC	O	Ryan Porter, ID Courts	O
Ashley Dowell, Dir. ID Comm. of Pardons and Parole	X	Scott Ronan, ID Courts	X
Jason Stone, IDJC for Ashley Dowell as Director IDJC	X	Janie Potter, ID Courts	X
Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, IDE	O	Beth Rumpel, DHW	X
Brent Mendenhall, County Commissioner	X	Alan Foutz, DAG DHW	X
Kate Dolan, Member of the Public	O	Juliet Charron, DHW	X
Gene Petty, District Judge	X	Shannon McGuire, Spark	X
Dave Jeppesen, Member of the Public	O	Adrian Castaneda, Spark	X
Rep. Chenele Dixon	O		
Rep. Brooke Green	O		
Sen. Doug Ricks (Joined at 2 PM)	X		
Sen. Ali Rabe	O	Cheryl Foster, IBHC	X

MEETING AGENDA

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1	1:00 p.m.	5 min	Welcome Agenda Review Action Items: Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from 6/14/24	Jared Larsen	The Co-chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jared Larsen indicated that there was not a quorum present for today's meeting, so there would be no action taken for any of the proposed action items. There were six voting members present. Jared Larson indicated the approval of the 6/14/24 minutes would be taken up at the next meeting. He reviewed the agenda for those present. He did say a short review of the items presented today may be necessary at the next meeting.	No action taken
2	1:05 p.m.	5 min	Review of IBHC Vision and Guiding Principles	Co-Chairs	Director Omundson read the IBHC Vision and focused on #7 of the Guiding Principles-Quality, Accountability, and Outcomes. She called out that IDJC Director Ashley Dowell is also serving as the Chair for the group called Insight Idaho collecting data and evaluating programs and outcomes.	

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3	1:10 p.m.	5 min	Review of IBHC Framework	Cheryl Foster	Ms. Foster reviewed the IBHC Framework. She identified and commented on each of the areas within the framework which include Promotion, Prevention, Engagement, Treatment, and Recovery. Ms. Foster discussed some of the infrastructure which includes public agencies, and also community partners.	
4	1:15 p.m.	30 min	<p>Civil Commitments Legislation Action Item: Vote on proposed endorsement of statutory revisions</p> <p>§ 66-326 - Procedures for Emergency Involuntary Detention and Application for Commitment</p> <p>§ 6-329 - Commitment to Department Director Upon Court Order - Judicial Procedure</p>	Cheryl Foster Beth Rumpel	<p>Jared Larson indicated voting on the proposed endorsement of statutory revisions would be taken up at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cheryl Foster introduced Beth Rumpel, DHW DBH, to assist with the discussion on the proposed changes to the Civil Commitments legislation. Ms. Foster also acknowledged the presence of Alan Foutz, DHW Deputy Attorney General, to assist with any questions.</p> <p>Ms. Foster noted the proposed changes to the civil commitments process are specifically to the statutes § 66-326 and § 66-329. She reviewed the composition of the drafting workgroup, and reviewed the organizations which were requested to review and comment on the changes. She added that for future changes, ER physicians would be added to the initial list of organizations.</p> <p>Ms. Rumpel reviewed the background for the changes needed, discussing the involuntary civil commitment requirements and the current commitment processes for § 66-326 (primary process) and § 66-329 (1)-(5) (“field petition” process).</p> <p>Ms. Foster reviewed the content changes to the statutes, noting that both processes are reorganized under § 66-326; § 66-329 is reserved for the commitment hearing.</p> <p>Ms. Dowell commented that IDOC has historically used the field petition process when individuals are ready to full term their sentence, but they are very unstable and have no option to get emergency care.</p> <p>Some of the major changes include shortened timelines and added off-ramps for individuals in custody, added tribal officers to the definition of peace officer, added mental health professionals to the list of individuals who can submit an application for</p>	No action taken

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					<p>commitment, and applications are submitted first to IDHW instead of directly to the prosecutor.</p> <p>Statewide, there are approximately 6,000 involuntary holds. Applications for commitment or field petitions are very rarely used, around six per month. Most come from the jails or IDOC. Ms. Rumpel estimates that less than 15 applications per year come from members of the community.</p> <p>Ms. Foster noted the proposed statute changes and slide deck for this presentation will be posted on the Council’s website.</p>	
5	1:45 p.m.	30 min	Medicaid Presentation	Juliet Charron	<p>Juliet Charron, Deputy Director over Medicaid at DHW introduced herself. She provided an overview of Medicaid, who it serves, and what types of services are provided, and the impact Medicaid has in Idaho.</p> <p>Ms. Charron began by discussing Medicaid and CHIP, noting Medicaid is an entitlement program providing necessary healthcare to qualifying individuals. The Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, mirrors Medicaid coverage but is not an entitlement program. The budget for Medicaid in Idaho is about \$4.7 B and serves almost 20% of Idahoans (350,000). It provides a multitude of services to qualifying individuals. She also noted it is the largest payer of behavioral health and long-term care. Ms. Charron reviewed eligibility for those receiving Medicare and discussed Medicaid covered services. She provided a chart showing Medicaid spending by category for FY23.</p> <p>Ms. Charron also discussed the Idaho Medicaid and Behavioral Health Plan which launched a few weeks ago. She outlined the historical overview of the plan and the new plan which has taken over three years to develop. It serves both Medicaid-covered and non-Medicaid covered Idahoans. This plan leverages Medicaid and non-Medicaid funding and is the largest state contract at over \$1.2B.</p> <p>Ms. Charron reviewed the plan’s framework of developing a system of care for individuals with co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorder, creating a seamless behavioral health system in Idaho for Medicaid members, and leveraging both</p>	

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					<p>Medicaid and non-Medicaid funds. She reviewed the goals for the plan and discussed new or enhanced services.</p> <p>Mr. Larsen complimented Ms. Charron and her team on the implementation of the contract. He then asked where, from her view, would be the best way for the IBHC to make constant, incremental improvements. Ms. Charron responded that her recommendation is to focus on intensive community-based services for both youth and adults. There is a lack of those services in our communities. She said attracting the right type of qualified clinicians is a challenge. She pointed out that of significance and related to workforce, we are in a crisis with the lack of workforce available to serve our communities.</p> <p>Mr. Ross Edmunds reaffirmed that workforce is a concern and added safe and appropriate housing as an issue. Ms. Omundson agreed that the courts see the same issues. She asked Ms. Charron if there is student loan forgiveness for behavioral health providers. Ms. Charron said that there are federal programs, but very few Idaho-specific. Mr. Edmunds said that there is a small program for psychiatrists and prescribers at the state hospital. He also said that opioid settlement funds will be used for scholarships for individuals working in the area of substance disorders.</p> <p>Mr. Larsen noted that the Council has had success with infrastructure-related projects and asked if they could identify other infrastructure needs the IBHC could address. Ms. Charron responded that Idaho is lacking infrastructure and services for adults and children with dual diagnoses. Also, any current and new infrastructure projects need to have a sustainable funding model. Judge Petty asked Ms. Charron about the potential of expanding the services offered by the crisis centers.</p>	
6	2:15 p.m.	40 min	IBHC Strategic Planning Kick-off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of strategic planning methodology and process 	Shannon McGuire	<p>Shannon McGuire walked the Council through the overview of the methodology and process, starting with the Vision of the IBHC, and the three key areas of focus: mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorder. She reviewed the IBHC framework, and the infrastructure involved to keep the work moving.</p> <p>Ms. McGuire discussed the planning methodology which was kicked off with the workgroups last week. She reminded the</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated discussion on challenges and opportunities 		<p>Council that they will be looking at the behavioral health system through three lenses: Macro (statewide), Meso (organizational), and Micro (individual). She discussed the IBHC accountability structure, and the scope and mission of the Council. She illustrated that the strategy and operational support team is working with the various workgroups to create action items for the Advisory Board to review and refine into recommendations which are then presented to the Council co-chairs, and then on to the whole Council for approval and strategic action.</p> <p>Ms. McGuire reviewed key dates, noting the workgroups are working now on their recommendations for an August 16 review of the first draft of recommendations. Other dates are as follows: September 13 - vote on priorities; August 23-September 13 - public comment and outreach; October 18 - finalize and adopt Strategic Action Plan; October 31 - Deliver plan to leadership.</p> <p>Ms. Omundson noted that she and Mr. Larsen will be hosting three community meetings around the state after the recommendations from the Advisory Board are received in order to gather public comment on how those items should be prioritized. Those dates are August 26 in Coeur d’Alene, and August 29 in Canyon County both from 6-7:30 in the evening, location TBD. There will be one in Idaho Falls but the date is TBD. Council members are invited to attend if they wish.</p> <p>Ms. McGuire asked the council members to consider challenges and opportunities for this round of strategic planning. Ms. Omundson would like to see the Council understand and incorporate what the communities want to work on locally and take that into consideration as action items.</p> <p>Commissioner Mendenhall recommended reaching out to the other behavioral health boards in the state to identify gaps, needs, and goals for the year. Ross Edmunds noted annually the behavioral health boards across the state do a regional needs assessment which is used in an annual report. He recommended using that report as a resource document. Mr. Edmunds will send the most recent report to Mr. Larsen for distribution to the Council.</p>	

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					<p>Ms. McGuire pointed out for the Council two key areas that came up repeatedly in discussion during the workgroup meetings were 1) the role of promotion and prevention, and 2) recovery.</p> <p>Mr. Larsen welcomed Jason Stone, Administrator at the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, to the meeting and asked for a perspective from the juvenile area for the Council. Mr. Stone thanked the council for its work that enabled their recent successes. He indicated they are in the infancy of some of the new developments (assessment centers, crisis centers, etc.) and have new resources that were not available previously. He said that he and Director Dowell would continue to work on prevention and intervention initiatives.</p>	
7	2:55 p.m.	5 min	Closing and Q&A	Jared Larsen	<p>Ms. Foster noted the next meetings are August 16, September 12 (in person), and October 18th. Those meetings will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; updated calendar invites will be sent.</p> <p>Dir. Omundson thanked the Ops Team and Shannon. Mr. Larsen attended most of the Workgroup Summit and is looking forward to turning conversations into action items. He noted that his philosophy is constant advancement, to keep coming back and getting things done.</p>	
8	3:00 p.m.		Adjourn			

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

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