

**Idaho Behavioral Health Council
Meeting Minutes November 3, 2023**

Meeting	Idaho Behavioral Health Council Meeting
Date / Time of Meeting	November 3 rd , 2023, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Mountain Standard Time
Host	Director Sara Omundson & Director Dave Jeppesen, Co-Chairs
Zoom Link	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJum8GLob4kr4TJ9BvqnSZA
Meeting Location	Idaho Supreme Court 451 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702 - Lincoln Room (Basement Level)

Council Members	Att'd	Zoom	Att'd
Sara Omundson, Director AOC ID Courts - Co Chair	x	Peyton Nunes, Idaho Behavioral Health Association	x
Dave Jeppesen, Director IDHW - Co Chair	x	Liza Ruys, Crush the Curve Idaho	x
Brent Mendenhall, County Commissioner	o	Kristina Schindele, IDOC	x
David Pate, MD	o	Adam Panitch, IDHW	x
Gene Petty, District Judge	x	Scott Ronan, ID Courts	x
Bree Derrick for Josh Tewalt, Director IDOC	o	Ryan Porter, ID Courts	x
Monty Prow, Director IDJC	x	Greg Wilson, SDE	x
Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, BOE	o		
Rep. Brooke Green	o		
Sen. Doug Ricks	o		
Rep. Chenele Dixon	x		
Sen. Ali Rabe	x		
Kate Dolan, Member of the Public	x	Cheryl Foster, IBHC	x

MEETING AGENDA

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1	1:00 PM	5 min	Welcome Agenda Review Action Item: Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from 8/11/23	Sara Omundson	Director Omundson welcomed the Council to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.	Judge Petty moved to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2023 IBHC meeting. Director Prow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2	1:05 PM	5 min	Review of Guiding Principles	Co-Chairs	Ms. Omundson reviewed the IBHC's guiding principles, focusing on 2) cross-system collaboration and 4) recovery and resiliency oriented.	
3	1:10 PM	5 min	Review IBHC framework and work to date	Cheryl Foster	Ms. Foster reviewed the IBHC vision and framework of the behavioral health system (protractor). She reviewed the nine priority recommendations from the Council's Strategic Plan and noted updates on the recommendations would be reviewed today.	

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					<p>Ms. Foster reviewed the timeline for the Strategic Plan to date, pointing out the significant progress made on each of the priorities. She discussed some of the accomplishments to date along with the remaining work.</p> <p>Ms. Foster reviewed the implementation roles and makeup of each role as it relates to the entire team. She reminded the members of the IBHC's website and where to find resources and updates on project progress.</p>	
4	1:15 PM	5 min	Idaho Behavioral Health Association	Peyton Nunes	<p>Ms. Omundson introduced Peyton Nunes, Executive Director of the Idaho Behavioral Health Association to give an update from the Association. Ms. Nunes discussed the creation of the Association to solve issues in the behavioral health system, noting that no individual group focused on collaboration for all three areas of patients, providers, and payers. The Association was developed last August with the goal of bringing all areas to the table. The Association uses a success-oriented and problem-solving model to support both the Idaho Behavioral Health Council and their own initiatives to put forth a private and public sector connection.</p> <p>Ms. Nunes responded to a question about initial success by noting that the Association recently put on a conference that brought all players together to discuss pieces of the system and celebrate successes.</p>	
5	1:20 PM	10 min	Directory of Hope - Crush the Curve Idaho	Liza Ruys	<p>https://crushthecurveidaho.com/mental-health-wellness#directory</p> <p>Ms. Liza Ruys introduced Crush the Curve Idaho - a private non-profit organization. She explained their <i>Directory of Hope</i> which is a website where all Idahoans can go to find resources for treatment and answers surrounding mental health. It is one place, one directory, one website, which contains hundreds of organizations, businesses, and other searchable resources for Idahoans. Ms. Ruys discussed behavioral and mental health being a major issue in Idaho and across the US.</p>	

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					In response to a question, Ms. Ruys confirmed that the Directory of Hope has a website plugin. She noted the difference between the <i>Find Help Idaho</i> and the <i>Directory of Hope</i> websites is the <i>Directory of Hope</i> is just for behavioral health and the <i>Find Help Idaho</i> website is for many types of resources in Idaho.	
6	1:30 PM	10 min	Early Engagement #4 - 19-2524 Action Item: Vote for IBHC to endorse proposed changes to 19-2524	Kristina Schindele	<p>Ms. Schindele introduced the proposed changes to Idaho Code § 19-2524. She discussed how the Idaho Department of Corrections led the effort to draft revisions and the proposed changes were addressed by the committee, the judiciary, and other stakeholders.</p> <p>She noted that drafting revisions to 19-2524 required a review of two other statutes: 19-2522 and 19-2523. These statutes involve mental health and substance use disorder screenings and assessments provided prior to sentencing. These revisions were required in part because of Medicaid expansion changes related to assessments, and that duplicative assessments were wasting resources. The goal was to combine three statutes into one. Ms. Schindele reviewed a crosswalk of the three statutes, and challenges and goals of the revised statutes, along with the current and desired situations under the statutes. Ms. Schindele summarized the desired change as replacing lengthy assessments with new screening tools prior to sentencing and allowing the court to order more in-depth assessments as needed post-sentencing for use in treatment as a condition of probation.</p> <p>Ms. Omundson pointed out the proposed legislation would benefit from being endorsed by the Council when it is presented to the legislative branch.</p>	Director Prow moved for the Idaho Behavioral Health Council to endorse the proposed changes to Idaho Code § 19-2524. Judge Petty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7	1:40 PM	10 min	Treatment #3 - Civil Commitments Discussion on Proposed Changes to 66-326 and 66-329	Cheryl Foster	Ms. Foster updated the Council on the iterative work being done related to civil commitments by revisions to Title 66 Idaho Code. Specifically, the committee has modified § 66-326 and § 66-329 on the designated	

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8	1:50 PM	20 min	Promotion #4 - SIM Updates	Cheryl Foster	<p>Ms. Foster provided an overview and summary of Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) and reported that SIM workshops have been completed in each of the seven judicial districts. Each district report has been published. Two more workshops are planned in 2024. The SIM workshops were completed in Canyon, Bannock, Nez Perce, Twin Falls, Ada and Boise, Bonneville, and Kootenai Counties. She described the workshop process and its outcome map as a diagram of six intercepts. Each intercept on the map indicates where individuals with behavioral health issues encounter the criminal justice system and the opportunities to receive services or treatment within each intercept.</p> <p>Ms. Foster shared observations from the statewide report with the Council. She reviewed outcomes from the SIM mapping workshops, noting some of the areas previously identified as gaps in the first workshops of 2022 have been addressed by the Council either completely or they are in progress. She identified and discussed structural deficiencies, such as workforce shortages and reviewed the most common recommendations from each report which include expanding mobile crisis services, exploring co-responder models, improving jail reentry services, and expanding embedding of peers.</p>	

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					<p>Ms. Omundson reminded the Council that the Courts have been the sponsor of the SIM effort in local communities. These efforts gather local stakeholders from a variety of disciplines together to inventory the local resources (such as housing), which is beneficial information for judges. If a community is interested in conducting a SIM workshop, they can reach out to Cheryl or the Courts for assistance.</p>	
9	2:05 PM	10 min	Infrastructure #2 - Workforce Plan Update	Adam Panitch	<p>Mr. Panitch introduced the workforce plan and noted that a full report will be available in early 2024.</p> <p>He provided an update on Recovery Coach Training Academy. Launched in August 2022, it provides training opportunities for coaches and supervisors, both in person and virtually, along with ongoing support and networking options. He noted 15 trainings have been completed across Idaho and 89 people have been trained, of which about 60% have received certifications. There are 145 Academy Members as of 10/31/2023. There are four upcoming training opportunities later this month through January. Certification is completed through IBADCC (Idaho Board of Alcohol/Drug Counselor Certification).</p> <p>Mr. Panitch reviewed the DBH Center of Excellence bureau, which now has over 50 staff members. Its mission is to support Idaho's Behavioral Health system through dynamic collaboration in training, mentoring, and monitoring the implementation of best practices in behavioral health treatment. He reviewed the five core functions of the DBH Center of Excellence and its goal to improve the quality and effectiveness of services developed by the managed care organization through training, mentoring, and coaching. He also reviewed the competency centers within the Center of Excellence.</p> <p>Mr. Panitch recognized the many members/partners of the healthcare workforce, applauding the collaborative work being done.</p>	

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10	2:15 PM	20 min	<p>Other DHW Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure #8 - CCBHCs • Recovery #3 - Recovery Centers • Treatment #1 - Youth PRTFs • Treatment #7 - Crisis Response System 	Adam Panitch	<p>Mr. Panitch discussed Treatment #7 for youth crisis response and adult crisis system expansion. He pointed out the 988 suicide and crisis hotline has been put into operation in Idaho. In addition to the seven adult crisis centers, three youth crisis centers are open now, and a fourth will be in Nampa in late January.</p> <p>For project updates related to Recovery #3, Mr. Panitch noted they are hopeful that the Millennium Fund will serve as a long-term funding source for the community recovery centers.</p> <p>For Treatment #1, DHW has distributed \$16.5m to three youth residential facilities (PRTF). The first, Idaho Youth Ranch, opened earlier this year and has already served eight youth. They are currently finalizing their accreditation.</p> <p>Mr. Panitch discussed Infrastructure #8 certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs), which are specially designated clinics to provide comprehensive integrated health care, mental health care, and substance use services particularly to vulnerable individuals with complex needs, regardless of ability to pay.</p> <p>He explained the CCBHC model was established in 2017 as a demonstration project, and participation has expanded into nearly every state in the country. The national CCBHC model is federally defined, state driven, and locally achieved. He also reviewed the program requirements and nine core services provided directly or through formal partnerships.</p> <p>Mr. Panitch reviewed what is happening in Idaho noting CCBHCs were identified as one of the Council's priority recommendations in its 2021 plan and there are now five awarded in the state. The Governor and Legislature funded \$12m over two years to support the model. DHW, as the state</p>	

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11	2:40 PM	5 min	Recovery #5 - Youth Protective Factors	Monty Prow	<p>Director Prow discussed Recovery #5 - Youth Resilience and Protective Factors. He updated the Council on IDJC safe teen assessment centers, noting two years' worth of funding has been approved equating to over \$10.5M to support an initiative for youth assessment centers. A total of eight centers were awarded grant funds in the first year. All seven judicial districts are represented, and there are two centers in district five. The first center was stood up in Burley. He noted year two's focus was on rural replication.</p> <p>He provided a flyer from Ada County's youth assessment center that included information such as the sources of referrals (such as from law enforcement) and services needed from the community (such as counseling. He commented on the partnerships that are being established to support youth and families.</p> <p>He indicated approaching the legislature next year about using the savings that IDJC is seeing due to the investment in prevention for further spending in up front prevention-oriented services.</p> <p>Director Prow also expressed hope for another strategic plan to include prevention as a critical component.</p>	
12	2:45 PM	5 min	Set meeting dates for 2024	Sara Omundson	Save the dates were sent out for 2024 meeting dates.	<p>The 2024 meeting dates were set as follows:</p> <p>January 12, 2024 April 12, 2024 June 14, 2024</p>

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13	2:50 PM	10 min	Closing and Q&A	Sara Omundson	No comments or questions received. Ms. Omundson noted that the next meeting will include a retrospective of the work the Council and the State as a whole has accomplished during the past three years. She encouraged others working on similar behavioral health matters to share issues, needs, and resources with the Council and expressed the desire to include information from private and public organizations to the Council and stakeholders.	
14	2:37 PM		Adjourn	Sara Omundson	Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM MST.	

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

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