Substance Use Disorders
Workforce Development Sub-Committee
Long Term Issues

Issue	Possible Solutions	Outcome
Lack of reciprocity between the State of Idaho and other states such as Montana		
Lack of course work in the field of substance use disorders in higher education	1. Develop curriculum/academic agreements with the Universities and Colleges 2. Revisit the contracts that DHW has with the universities 3. Develop an advisory board to higher education to advise them on curriculum	
Lack of a State of Idaho recognized licensure for substance use disorder treatment professionals	Investigate the requirements and opportunities for state licensure	
Lack of treatment options in rural and frontier areas	1. Evaluate compensation and incentive opportunities to make it economically feasible to deliver services in these areas 2. Use SBIRT and other models in these areas 3. Evaluate the ability to deliver services in alternative locations such as health districts, health centers, etc *(if facility approval is difficult to get it may not be very attractive to these alternative locations)* 4. Tele-medicine	
Although the GAIN-I is a thorough assessment that collects a lot of data it generally spits out a laundry list of rule out mental health diagnosis in addition to substance use disorders. Only clinicians with a masters degree or higher are qualified to diagnose all of the diagnoses in the DSM	1. Admin staff could administer the GAIN-I and then clinicians could review the data and schedule an individual appointment and gather collateral information to complete an accurate assessment 2. Allow the GAIN Short Screen be used state wide for data collection and then have clinicians complete assessment with a thorough intake/individual session	