

# News from SUDS

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## SUD Program Update

Kathy Skippen

This is a great time to be writing a piece for our SUD newsletter. Our staff has completed six of our seven regional provider meetings and the result of these meetings has far exceeded our expectations. The changes we have made to date are good ones, and hopefully ones that benefit providers. We are still looking forward to our meeting with Region 7 providers in June and also intend to stop at Region 2 on our way back. Region 2 is where this all started and it seems fitting to do a Thank You meeting with them on the way home. That first meeting in Region 2 was informative and emotional, and made it clear we needed to be listening more and talking less!

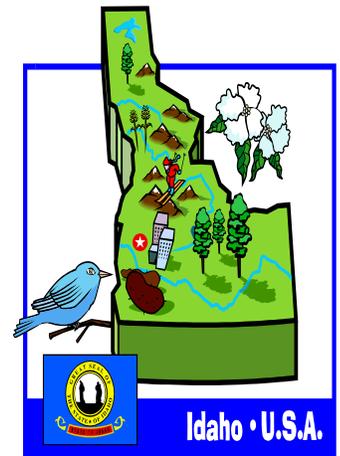
The issues they brought up, solutions they offered and sincerity they showed propelled us around the state. Each region has added to that energy and we, as a staff,

want to thank all who have participated in the meetings. Of course we still have items on our To Do list which we are working on but that is probably always going to be the case.

I'm sure you are all weary of hearing about change, so it is with some reluctance I say there is still more to come. I think this round will be seen as positive. Our partners in SUD treatment funding now have a year under their belts in funding services and are tweaking their systems to address changes they see as being needed. IDHW is headed toward a goal we have had for years, which is to fund treatment for clients before they are involved in the criminal justice system and we are currently up to our armpits designing what this will look like.

The plan will be rolled out after the start of the new fiscal year, July 1.

It is starting to feel like



the storm has been weathered, and those still standing can look forward to better times. I'm sure I speak for all involved in the central offices here and at those of our partners when I say we know this last year has been difficult for all involved and we appreciate that you have all hung in with us. You have had to prove on a daily basis how adaptable you are, and it hasn't been easy. I wouldn't go out and order party hats and balloons quite yet, but I think FY2013 is going to be a good one...and you all deserve it!

## ATR

Michael Bartlett

*"In the middle of  
difficulty lies  
opportunity."  
Albert Einstein*

As of May 1, 2012, ATR treatment funds are no longer being utilized for criminal justice involved adolescent clients. DHW and Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections have jointly decided that continuing to fund this population under ATR funding is no longer necessary. IDJC has committed to continued funding for adolescent

safe and sober housing services. Criminal justice adolescent clients admitted prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> will be able to complete their treatment episodes under ATR funding. DHW will be developing a school-based referral pathway for non-criminal justice involved adolescents with a focus on clients with co-occurring disorders. DHW

is working closely with regional school districts to develop a school-based referral process. DHW currently plans to pilot services for this population in Region 3 while the change of scope request is approved by SAMHSA.

## Case Management

Ryan Phillips

In an effort to create a more convenient case manager certification process, applicants may now meet the case manager training requirement through self-directed study. BPA's PowerPoint training presentation has been posted on the Division's Recovery Support Services website (link below), along with the case management standards manual, and a training declaration form to be signed by the case manager and their supervisor upon completion. Applicants are expected to review and

understand these materials, and the IDAPA standards for case management, prior to signing the declaration form. Please remember that case manager applicants will still need to submit documentation of education and experience to the Department. Once this information is verified, they will be added to the Qualified Case Manager list with the expectation that the self-directed training will be completed within 6 months of hire.

We believe that this change represents a flexible and user friendly

training opportunity for providers and case managers. However, we would also like to thank BPA for developing and delivering this valuable training over the years. Please note that the next scheduled training will be held as scheduled.

DHW Recovery Support Services:  
<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/SubstanceUseDisorders/FindTreatment/RecoverySupportServices/tabid/381/Default.aspx>

## News from BPA

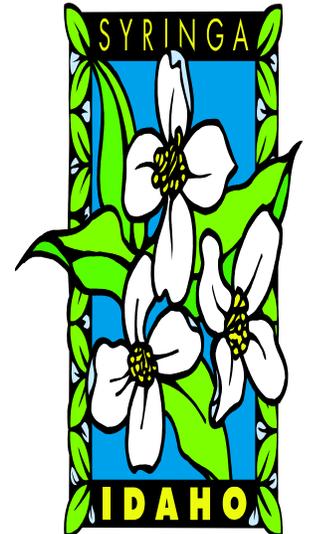
Sandy Colling

1. We would like to welcome the following providers to the network:
  - Rawlings Community Counseling out of Bonners Ferry is approved to provide Adult & Adolescent OP, IOP, CCM, & CM effective 1/18/12.
  - Region 7 Little People's Academy out of Idaho Falls is approved to provide Child Care effective 3/1/12.
  - Absolute Drug Testing in Region 1 is approved for both Adolescent & Adult drug testing effective 3/20/12
  - Wienhoff Drug Testing in Region 3 & 4 is approved for both Adult & Adolescent drug testing effective 3/23/12.
  - My House in Region 5 is approved for Adult SSH effective 4/5/12
  - Easter Seals – Goodwill is now approved to provide Adult Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Clinical Case Management, Case Management, Life Skills, & Transportation services effective 4/13/12.
  - Transylvania Express is approved to provide transportation services for Adults & Adolescents effective 4/14/12
  
2. Updates from the Member Services Center:
  - We have continued to experience increases in call volume over the past 6 months with an average of 3300 calls per month from clients, providers and referral sources, with 92% of calls answered within 180 seconds.
  - Less than 4% of calls were abandoned.
  - The Frontline conducted 807 Phone Screenings in March and processed 538 paper pathway intakes. This is a 14.9% increase over February.
  
3. Updates from the Claims Department:
  - Over the past three months, BPA has paid 99.15% claims within 14 days.
  - The average turn-around time (claims received to claims paid) has been 3 days.
  
4. What you do, makes a difference every day:

**BPA**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Your organization made my life and recovery possible today. Your willingness to pay for my extra transportation has relieved me of much stress and made it possible for me to attend the Walker Center and their amazing program and reunite with my family...money well spent. Their facility is clean, efficient, and effective. The best staff, living facility, and recovery I have ever seen in my 12 treatments all over the U.S. Amazing!!**



*"Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way."  
Abraham Lincoln*

## Free Publications from SAMHSA

Kymerlee Lindsay

Did you know SAMHSA offers a wide selection of publications and literature available for free online? Products include posters, brochures, kits, and manuals on a list of topics about conditions and disorders, substances, prevention, treatment, recovery, and professional and research topics as well. A majority of these publication and products are available for free by digital download or can be ordered and mailed to you (shipping & handling may apply to some orders). Recent popular items include:

State of Idaho Department  
of Health and Welfare  
Substance Use Disorder  
Services  
450 W State Street  
PTC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boise ID 83702

Phone 208-334-5935  
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*Managing Chronic Pain in Adults with or in Recovery from Substance Abuse Disorders, Enhancing Motivation for Change in Substance Abuse Treatment, Addiction Counseling Competencies, Top Health Issues for LGBT Populations Information & Resource Kit, and Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.*

Please visit <http://www.store.samhsa.gov/home> for more information and to order products.

SAMHSA recently published **TIP 54: Managing Chronic Pain in Adults with or in Recovery from Substance Use Disorders**, as part of its Treatment Improvement Protocols Series. This publication offers practical guidance and tools about chronic pain management in adults with a history of substance abuse, including discussion about treatment of chronic pain with opioids.

To download a digital version or to order free printed publications (shipping charges may apply) please go to: <http://www.store.samhsa.gov/product/TIP-54-Managing-Chronic-Pain-in-Adults-With-or-in-Recovery-From-Substance-Use-Disorders/Most-Popular/SMA12-4671?sortBy=4>

## Prevention Services

Terry Pappin

Prevention services are reaching more Idaho residents than ever before. As we near the end of the Idaho fiscal year, over 30,000 individuals have participated in prevention activities. Education and other recurring services were provided to over 70% of the participants. The final numbers will be out in August. The types of programs offered vary by location, based on community needs. To find out about prevention services offered around Idaho, go to <http://www.preventionidaho.net/ProgramList.aspx>.

Looking forward to next fiscal year, the period to apply for funding has closed with a record amount of requests for funds. This year saw an increase in the number of the coalition's seeking funding. In addition, the number of agencies seeking support for parenting education increased this year.

## QSUDP

John Kirsch

GAIN Site Interviewer Training is being scheduled for the academic year 2012/2013. For more information and scheduled dates please visit our website on the QSUDP Page. Exact Dates and time will posted be soon.

QSUDP Approvals:

We have made a decision to immediately broaden our interpretation of the requirements for "1040 hours of clinically supervised direct client SUD treatment services" per IDAPA 16.07.20.218.01.subsections f. through n. to include clinically supervised pre- license experience such as, but not limited to, a Masters level SUD treatment practicum experience.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/SubstanceUseDisorders/tabid/105/Default.aspx>