

**Idaho Behavioral Health Planning Council**  
**March 2, 2016**  
**All-Member Conference Call**  
**9:00 – 11:00 MST (8:00 – 10:00 PST)**

Topic
<p>Jennifer Griffis called the meeting to order at 9:14 am Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call</p> <p><b>Roll Call</b> Region 1 – Angela Palmer, Tammy Rubino, Sammy McMichael Region 2 – Abraham Bronchau, Jen Griffis, Teresa Wolf Region 3 – Judy Gabert, Elda Catalano Region 4 –Carol Dixon, Greg Lewis, Julie Mitchell, Jess Wocheck (sp?) for Bobbi Matkin Region 5 – Region 6 –Susan Hepworth Region 7 –Holly Molino, Candace Moss, Judge Shindurling Boise (PTC Building) - Marianne King, Jen Haddad, Magni Hamso, Jane Donnellan Of the 26-member Council, there were a total of 19 in attendance.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> Approval of the October 2015 Meeting Minutes was deferred until the April meeting because the Prevention Workgroup members were incorrectly noted. Jennifer asked that everyone review the minutes for any other errors and they will be corrected and approved later.</p>
<p><b>Legislative Updates</b></p> <p>Jennifer reminded everyone that we moved this meeting to the middle of the legislative session as a means to be able to provide a timely response to any issues affecting the council.</p>

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**Marianne King provided input from the Office of Drug Policy (ODP)**

The ODP received confirmation from the Secretary of State's office that New Approach Idaho has formally withdrawn the marijuana decriminalization / legalization petition for 2016.

HB 521 – This bill provides limited immunity for underage people who call for medical help during alcohol related illness. The bill shields those under age 21. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Rules and Administration Committee where it received unanimous support. It will now move to the House floor.

HB 494 –Underage drinking tickets. This amends the existing law to reclassify certain offenses as infractions and to provide for penalties. The bill reduces the first time Minor In Possession or Consumption charge to an infraction with a \$450. fine. The first offense is no longer considered a misdemeanor, but the second offense would be. The same applies to serving underage.

HB 495 –Expungement Bill. This bill address alcohol violations and amends the existing law to provide that certain violations and records of violations shall be vacated and sealed. This bill affects those under age 21 who have only one misdemeanor charge of possessing or dispensing alcohol. If there have been no other subsequent alcohol or drug related violations within five (5) years, they can have the violations sealed (expunged). This change affects those who are age 18-21 when the ticket is issued. The court system will provide a form for this purpose and no fee can be charged.

HB 331 –. Powdered Alcohol (Palcohol) This bill effectively bans powdered alcohol sales in Idaho. It amends the existing law to define “powdered alcohol,” and prohibits the possession, sale, purchase, and use of powdered alcohol. Further, it revises criminal penalties and provides for the revocation of liquor licenses held by violators. HB 331 passed the House 42/24/2 and was sent to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

HB 498 – E-Cigarettes. This bill amends the existing law to require a certain permit to sell or distribute electronic cigarettes and to require a sign that is clearly visible stating “State law prohibits the sale of tobacco products or electronic cigarettes to persons under the age of 18. Proof of age required.” The law requires retailers to have a permit to sell e-cigarettes as a first step to regulation. These permits will provide an accurate account of the number and locations of e-cigarette seller in Idaho. The bill passed the House 42/24/4 and moved to the Senate.

**Judy Gabert discussed Suicide Prevention** – The Idaho Health Quality Planning Commission, known as the HQPC, got a rider on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) budget for an office of suicide prevention. If passed, this will build an office of suicide prevention. This funding also provides suicide prevention education and stable funding for the Suicide Prevention Hotline.

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**Greg Lewis – Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC)** – Stated JFAC will set their budget on March 9. They have \$7.2M to treat population and added residential services to the substance use matrix in the community. This rolled out 1 ½ month ago. The IDOC will be working with BPA and ID supreme court on further recommendations. A communication will go out next week. The IDOC is hopeful that SUD funding will remain in place

**Jane Donnellan.** - The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) budget setting is scheduled for March 4, 2016. One line item is for an increase of \$270,600 in general funds. Vocational Rehabilitation currently does not capture its full federal grant and this money would capture another \$1,000.00. As a result of the reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and its amendments enacted on July 22, 2014, IDVR is required to earmark 15% of its federal budget to Pre-employment transition service for students with disabilities. This shift in funds with no additional dollars could impact the adult/non-student population, therefore an increase is being requested so all eligible individuals can receive services.

**Angela Palmer discussed Recovery Center funding** . The JFAC recommended four (4) additional centers. We will know next Thursday March 10th if it passes in JFAC. Recovery Centers funding was recommended but not for Recovery Idaho.

#### **Ross Edmunds provided an update from the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), Division of Behavioral Health (BH)**

Regional clinics were added to the legend drug act. This is a \$1.5M impact for the state and looks on target to be passed. The House unanimously passed it and it is in the Senate for the third reading today.

**Rules** – some wanted to see all providers receive national accreditation. This could cause a reduction of force.

**Current Legislation, HB 518.** The definition of mental illness includes the term dementia. Including dementia is a big impact to the Department and we are developing a compromise on the terminology. We do not think it will be approved as written.

**Budget** –The Coeur d’Alene crisis center appropriation is for a full year of operations. They decided to allow the carryover of \$715K. The next crisis center cannot start until October, 2016. They did give partial ongoing funding to develop two (2) crisis centers: one (1) in Twin Falls and one (1) in Region 4.

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**Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS).** The DHW requested funding to develop and maintain CANS. The breakdown is \$1.1 million to develop CANS plus an additional \$200 thousand for ongoing maintenance. This was approved.

Further, they approved an additional \$840 thousand for respite care. With our current funding, this brings the respite care budget to nearly \$1 million.

Once the Region 6 Behavioral Health Board application is approved, all regions will have a partnership. Our goal is to use respite funding out at the local, regional level to let them manage it.

A stakeholder group Ross chairs is trying to develop long-term solution for adults with serious mental illness. We have no where to put adults when leaving the state hospitals. The Residential Assisted Living Facilities (RALF) are going broke. We are working to establish an Adult Residential Treatment Home (ARTH). The expectation is to propose this for the 2017 legislative session.

**Psychiatric Hospitalization Budget:** JFAC has recommended the base budget consistent with last year. Additionally, they have approved 12 new positions for the state hospitals, six each at State Hospital North (SHN) and State Hospital South (SHS). These positions are intended to add better staffing ratios to hopefully reverse the current trend of more violent patients leading to more assaults, more seclusions, and more restraints. JFAC has approved a modest increase in state hospital psychologist pay to assist with recruitment and retention. Lastly, JFAC has approved the conversion of state temporary staff positions to permanent positions at State Hospital South. We've had a hard time keeping psychologist. We received a position in SHN 1.5 years ago but never able to fill it. An increase in pay was approved to facilitate the hiring process. There are two positions in SHS.

Jennifer noted that the Council did not get to present to the Legislators. However, nearly everything we addressed in the Governor's report has been addressed. Jennifer asked how Council members feel about writing a letter to the House and Senate Health and Welfare committees saying thanks for the work they have done. The letter would also indicate that the Council is available as a resource should the need arise.

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Ross likes the idea as a method to inform Legislators that the Council is watching and to recognize them for the positive steps. Ross also suggested a letter JFAC members as well stating that Representative Malek is a real champion for mental health.

Jennifer stated the letters do not need a motion and said she will draft a letter and send to all council members for input and will have the executive committee approve the letters. Jennifer wants the letters in the Legislators hands before end of session.

**Angela Palmer gave a Behavioral Health Boards update.**

The February co-chair call was cancelled.

Regions 1 and 4 submitted applications to the BHPC and were approved. Region 7 submitted their application to the BHPC and Region 2 requested a copy of Region 1's application to help them prepare theirs. At this time, all Regions have contracts with their health districts.

The deadline for submitting the Gaps and Needs report is March 21, 2016. Region 2 is the only Region that has submitted a report.

Jennifer explained the Councils' role BHB /Region application process.

In October we discussed giving in each of the boards talking points from the Planning Council. Jennifer creates a list of talking points from discussions and provides them to the council representative for each board. We are receiving positive feedback from everyone.

**Children's Mental Health Subcommittee Update**

Roll out of the family supports services program when Optum arrived in 2013. They said they wanted to provide family and peer support services. In January we rolled out the first class for family support partners. The class is limited to 25 participants

Upcoming classes: Hub 2 (Regions 3, 4, and 5) is scheduled for March 14-18. Hub 3 (Regions 6 and 7) training will be done in May.

Rebecca Casey came on board to be the curriculum coordinator. They are waiting for Optum to get in alignment with providers to roll out in mid-March to early April.

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Q: Who wrote the agency readiness curriculum?

A: Rebecca and Connie purchased the curriculum from an out-of-state source with agreement we could adapted it to fit Idaho's needs.

Children's Mental Health Awareness week is in May. There will be a poster contest with the theme "May the Mental Health Force be With You." The statewide winner will receive \$125. Children's Mental Health awareness day is May 5 and its theme is "Finding Health, Finding Hope."

**Teresa Wolf - Planning Council Membership Update**

All regions now have at least one representative. There are two positions that still need to be filled due to recent vacancies: Suicide Survivor and Department of Education. We have two new members – Jen Haddad with DHW and Susan Hepworth representing Region 5. The new members will be receiving information about the Council as soon as their appointments have been confirmed by the Governor's office.

Kim Jardine-Dixon resigned and was on the executive committee. We need to fill that slot for the council to vote on. We will hold off until the April meeting to fill this slot.

**Planning Council Website Discussion / Workgroup**

Jennifer stated that Terry Pappin sent a note to the Council indicating that there are a lot of documents that are old and outdated. Terry asked how we want our web page to look. There was no discussion on this but Jennifer recommended that we establish a work group to focus on the web page. She asked that members wanting to participate in this work group send Jayne an e-mail, so stating. She said most of it is figuring out what documents and links need to be on it. Jayne will do the technical end of it for Department compliance.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grant** informational discussion

The SAMHSA Block Grant is the reason this council exists. Over the history of the council, it has looked a variety of ways. Terry Pappin created a couple of documents to make it easier for the Council and the boards to participate in conversations about the block grant. The grant is over 600 pages. Terry's documents get it down to specific information for the grant. Is your BHB using the documents?

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Region 1 shared the documents with the boards but they did not review them.  
Region2 shared the documents as well and they are working with subcommittees.

Terry's summary documents are not just for the regions. Your agency can use these documents, also. The goal for the grant is to ensure there is as much input coming into the department as possible.

In April , we need to send the documents to all council members. Look through them and note your comments and things you want to share. The April Council agenda will include an opportunity discuss the gran.

**Wrap up and Adjourn**

Jennifer is working on the April agenda. If you have anything you want to see on it, let her know. The focus of the meeting will be to review the Legislative session as well as gaps and needs. Also, recognizing that this is an election year, we could be dealing with new legislators. With that in mind, how can we educate them and get them up to speed on who we are and what we do.

Idaho Medicaid has requested information from shareholders. Medicaid will send all Council members 2.5 pages of questions about Medicaid in Idaho.

Marianne and Magni have made progress in Naloxone in the Boise area. Next, they would like to expand it to other areas. We need information about it to go to providers/pharmacists, etc. There are pamphlets available. Contact office of drug policy and they will mail them out.

Judge Shinduring moved to close the meeting. Marianne King 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Unanimous.  
The meeting adjourned 10:53

**Next Meeting: April 25-27, 2016. Location Holiday Inn, Airport, 2970 W. Elder St., Boise, Idaho**