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Regional Behavioral Health Board Members:

The State Behavioral Health Planning Council developed the readiness criteria toolkit for the Regional Behavioral Health Boards (RBHB) in October 2014 to assist in your readiness efforts per Idaho Code 39-3125. The toolkit contains the application and documents needed to help guide your board as you decide your direction. This packet is posted to the Planning Council website for the regional boards to use for discussion and planning.

There are three options from which to choose. It is up to the RBHB membership to determine what best meets your regional needs as you each choose your own path to Transformation:

- Option 1 – Partner with another entity
- Option 2 – Become a free-standing 501 (3) non-profit organization
- Option 3 – Stay the same in an advisory capacity to the Division of Behavioral Health

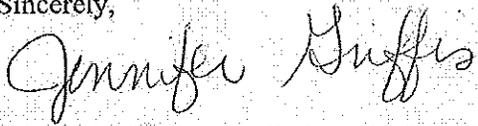
Once your board has identified the option you believe best fits your region you will be required to submit documentation to support your decision. This documentation provides the Planning Council with the information necessary to determine readiness. It is important the completed application reflects services for both adults and children. The Planning Council stands ready to evaluate each region's readiness to provide the identified services and notify the RBHBs of the Planning Council's determination.

The RBHBs were provided with a copy of the Gaps and Needs Analysis document along with a sample document to assist the regions. It is important to complete the provided form as this will help establish consistency across the state and assist us in understanding the regional and statewide needs and gaps in services. The Needs and Gaps Analysis is a **legislative requirement** and it is vitally important it be completed to reflect the issues that need to be addressed within the individual regions.

Return this document to the Planning Council by **April 24, 2015** to allow sufficient review time and to ensure the regional information is included in the annual report to the Governor and Legislature. Please return the documents to: tabbj@dhw.idaho.gov, with "State Behavioral Health Planning Council" in the subject line.

This is an opportunity to improve your individual communities and provide much needed community services. We support your efforts to provide family support services and recovery support services within your individual regions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Griffis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jennifer Griffis
Chair