Behavioral Health Transformation

**BH Transformation Legislation**
- Integrates the existing mental health and substance use disorder systems into a unified Behavioral Health System.
- Creates regional behavioral health boards and grants them greater local control and responsibility over their Behavioral Health systems.
- Aligns state statute with current practice.
- Establishes clearly defined roles and responsibilities for the Regional Behavioral Health Centers, the Regional Behavioral Health Boards and the State Behavioral Health Planning Council.

**System Organization**

**Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative**
- Advises the State BH Authority on policy issues related to BH care in Idaho.
- Membership includes the branches of government, state agencies and system stakeholders.

**State BH Authority (IDHW)**
- Provides oversight of the State Behavioral Health System of Care.
- Operates Regional Behavioral Health Centers and State Psychiatric Hospitals.
- Reports statewide utilization, performance and outcome data.

**State Behavioral Health Planning Council**
- A volunteer council of consumers & stakeholders.
- Required by federal law.
- Annually reports on status of Idaho’s BH System to Governor, Legislature and Judiciary.

**Regional Behavioral Health Centers**
- Deliver medically necessary clinical treatment services.
- Provide emergency BH intervention.

**Regional Behavioral Health Boards**
- Organize and provide supportive BH care services.
- Advise the Regional BH Centers & State Council on regional successes and challenges.

**Next Steps**
- IDHW will develop a toolkit to guide new Regional Behavioral Health Boards through their transition and new responsibilities.
- Regional Behavioral Health Boards will determine how to meet the statutory membership requirements.
- IDHW will work with the Behavioral Health Planning Council to outline readiness criteria for the Regional Behavioral Health Boards.
- IDHW and Regional Behavioral Health Boards will begin exploring local partnership opportunities (e.g. with local health districts) for recovery support and other services.