

Boise County Health Coalition Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 7th 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

Idaho City Middle/High School Conference Room

100 Centerville Rd, Idaho City, ID 83631

OR

Virtual Teams Meeting; See link below



Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Brian Hunicke, Brent Watson, Mari Adams, Jessica Ruehrwein, Amanda Leader, Emilio Ramirez, Mindy Curran

Review BCHC Proposed Action Plan

Mindy brought and distributed the proposed BCHC Action Plan to include concerns and input from the CHANGE Survey, and other community partner reported needs. This action plan is meant to be a flexible document to help guide the direction and actions of the coalition, and is not meant to limit the coalitions actions. Mindy will work on identifying and solidifying measurement criteria, solely for the purpose of measuring progress of the coalition, and all of the great things happening in Boise County.

Please see the BCHC Action Plan below and if you have any questions, comments or concerns about it please contact Mindy Curran (mcurran@cdh.idaho.gov) to discuss.



Boise County Health Coalition Action Plan (DRAFT)

Goal: By June 30th, 2025, improve access to medical and mental health services for all Boise County residents. (Identify measurement criteria)

Objective 1: By June 30th, 2025, improve access to medical and mental health services for school-aged children. (Identify measurement criteria)

Strategy 1: Develop a sustainable relationship with at least one medical service provider and one mental health service provider to provide services to children.

Strategy 2: Leverage Community Schools framework to incorporate these partnerships into the Community Schools programming. (Incorporate daycare solutions framework to align with Community Schools somehow?)

Strategy 3: Identify funding or partnerships to staff a social worker for each school district.

Objective 2: By June 30th, 2025, improve access to medical and mental health services for patients needing chronic care management. (Identify measurement criteria)

Strategy 1: Identify or develop a transportation program in at least one Boise County community that provides successful transportation to/from medical/ mental health service provider appointments.

Strategy 2: Develop a partnership with at least one medical and one mental health service provider to provide mobile medical services to at least one Boise County community.

Goal: By June 30th, 2025, improve upon affordable housing solutions. (Identify measurement criteria)

Objective 1: By June 30th, 2025, increase the number of homes in Boise County that are safe, and fully operational/livable. (Identify measurement criteria)

Strategy 1: Partner to identify/ apply for funding/ implement homeowner renovation/ education program for Boise County residents. (If renting, homeowner would agree to reduce rent for any improvements made to the house, money for projects would come from grant)

Objective 2: By June 30th, 2025, increase availability of affordable housing solutions for professionals serving Boise County communities.

Strategy 1: Research/ Apply for/ Resource share/ Develop framework for high school construction program to build tiny homes for professionals.

Guest Presenter: Safe Families for Children

Jessica Ruehrwein joined the coalition meeting to talk about a program that has been successful in the Treasure Valley and across the country as a “diversion” to foster care program, called Safe Families for Children (Safe Families). Safe Families partners with churches to recruits and train volunteers to help families in crisis, with whatever needs they might have. (e.g. If a parent is struggling to qualify for ICCP, because they need 2 week work history, the volunteer host may care for children while the parent works to gain this work history to qualify for ICCP). Some major differences between this organization, and foster care are: less stigmatizing, and parents would have full custody and visitation with children. Safe Families: works with church coordinator to coordinate volunteers, provide admin support, and cover background check costs. Interested volunteers would

need to: attend 2 hour trauma informed care trainings, be background checked, and work with Safe Families and church coordinator to provide safe place for families in need. Childcare is just one example of the many volunteer needs this organization has been helpful for. There are many potential needs that could be met with this partnership. Next steps will be to try and connect Jessica with the churches in Idaho City (and other areas of Boise County), to recruit volunteers, get them trained, and have them ready to help families in need. Please see attached powerpoint presentation for more information on Safe Families for Children Program.

This program may help with the need for daycare solutions (as identified in action plan), and may help with have trickle down effects for the other mental health and housing needs identified in the action plan.

Guest Presenter: MTM Medical Transportation Services

Emilio Ramirez joined the coalition to talk about MTM, the state contractor for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for Medicaid clients. MTM has 60-70 independent contractors statewide that assist with taking clients to their Medicaid qualified appointments. Trips are scheduled through the online portal, or can be called in by phone. MTM can triage and accommodate whether a patient needs a wheelchair accessible vehicle, stretcher, etc. In Boise County, there is only one primary provider that runs out of Garden Valley (New Life Transportation), whom primarily makes trips with clients taking them down to Boise. There are approximately 300 trips booked in Boise County each month.

Some options that coalition members and partners might consider are:

Mileage reimbursement: \$0.30 per mile is reimbursed for people who may get ride assistance from a friend or family member, or who drive their personal vehicle to appointments.

OR

An organization, who may already do transportation services, could apply to become a provider through MTM to serve patients in their community. In order to become a provider: there are credentials and trainings that the organization must meet (e.g. workman's comp, liability insurance, background check, driver license, etc.); must go through contracting process with MTM.

More information about different processes and procedures with MTM can be found here:

<https://www.mtm-inc.net/idaho/members/>

Follow up questions that came up:

- What about getting ride back home from appointment?
- Possibility to open up to other insurances?

BCHC will continue to work with MTM to see what other future opportunities might be available.

Dental Services Funding Proposal

CDH has applied for a grant through United Way to provide mobile dental services to Boise County residents. CDH has made it through the first round, and is awaiting further instruction, and will notify BCHC members if an award decision has been made. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events, Announcements, Needs and Ideas

Brent mentioned a significant need for in-home health care for older residents. Mindy will look into opportunities to address this need. After talking about the dental services grant opportunity, Brent also mentioned there might be some opportunity to try and bring some other much needed services to kids at the school. In his previous experience at Canyon Springs school, they had full services (haircuts, etc.) offered to the students there. Brent said he would try to reach out and find out who they partnered with to make that happen.

Jessica mentioned a dental collaborative (contact person, Jack). Mindy will follow up and see if there are opportunities for partnership. Jessica also mentioned that some of her volunteers might be willing to do free mobile haircuts. Ideally, we would like to try to utilize local businesses for partnership if they are open to it (Mindy look into funding and/or reach out to Chelsea Reeder with Breath of Fresh Hair).

Action Items:

- Mindy: Follow up with Area on Aging to see how to get programming into Boise County
- Mindy: Look into funding for haircuts
- Mindy: Continue conversation with MTM about branching out to other insurances
- Mindy: Investigate Meals on Wheels options for Boise County
- Mindy: Investigate home health care options for Boise County
- Tonya: Connect with any church contacts, let's connect Jessica with them ASAP
- Brent: Reach out to contacts at Canyon Springs to investigate how they brought services to their school
- Steve: Connect with Kelsey and Brian on ICRS funding opportunity for collaboration

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 6th @10-11am. Location: TBD