



## Elmore County Health Coalition Meeting

Thursday, August 15th, 2024

12:00 – 1:00pm

Teams meeting link located below

In-person Meeting Location:

Doyel Ray Hope Center  
1140 Airbase Road (W 6th S)  
Mountain Home, ID 83647

### MISSION

*To bring together and work with community partners to empower our communities through strategic initiatives that advance equity and health for present and future generations*

To view the recording of this meeting instead, click here:

[Elmore County Health Coalition August Meeting-20240815 120159-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

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### Agenda

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#### Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Vicky Jekich, Allan Carroll, Amy Balzer, Cassi Garza, Christy Acord, Kelsey Cooper, Maritza Lorenzana

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#### Boise VA Veterans Resource Presentation- Maritza Lorenzana

Maritza gave a lovely presentation showcasing the services that the Boise VA does including VA access, benefits, claims, suicide prevention programming, and healthcare programs. See the recording of the meeting to view the presentation (6:30 to 27:50), or review the PDF of the presentation attached to the email or see it on the [landing page](#) under the Review Coalition Presentations tab.

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#### Executive Committee Nominations Announcement- Mindy Curran

##### ECHC Specific Updates:

We voted in the ECHC bylaws and are now operating under a framework! Hooray!

ECHC has a current executive committee: Allan Carroll, Beth Deschene, Christy Acord, which have been the members for about 2 years now. Now that we have bylaws in place, we will be going through the process to vote in new executive committee members. Nominations for Executive Committee members will end on September 30<sup>th</sup> (not 29<sup>th</sup>), and voting for new executive committee members will happen at the next upcoming October coalition meeting. There will be three open slots for executive committee nominations. We will also be nominating a Communications Manager. All expectations of these positions will be made clear on the nomination form, so those nominated know their expectations. **Please feel free to nominate self or others (with their consent) [here](#).**

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Because we will be voting in new members, it will be important to have updated membership information on file, so all organizations will be completing a new membership form, which will include identifying a proxy to vote in your place on action items, and which committees want to be a part of. All ECHC current members, or those wanting to become members need to fill out this [membership agreement](#) **BEFORE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>** to be able to vote for executive committee and communication manager.

Fun things: We have ECHC nametags and buttons and table signs for members to have at community events! Woo hoo! Please reach out to Mindy to get a table sign, some buttons or a nametag for yourself to help identify you as a member of the coalition. We also have nicer infographic brochure showcasing the ECHC action plans. Attached to email is a virtual copy of the ECHC Action Plan Infographic, that members can print out if they'd like.

Christy would like to come up with a tagline for the coalition, to put on shirts. We do not have a tagline, but we have our mission, which a little long. We decided that it would be a good idea to vote on a shorter tagline to represent the coalition, and that we could print on things so that we can quickly and succinctly let people know what ECHC is all about. We brainstormed a few ideas, which can be seen in the linked survey below. Some discussion occurred on including the word "health" in the tagline might drive some people away, but actually their organizations might be related to what we're doing without even knowing it.

Please take the [following survey](#) to vote on a tagline for ECHC to use here, **BEFORE September 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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## **Committee Updates: Nutrition, Nicotine/SUD, Mental Health**

### Mental Health Committee Updates:

Shared about GF health fair coming up on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>.

September article for all newspaper outlets is complete and has been distributed to them.

Need to solidify an in-person meeting date for MH subcommittee, after the GF PD Day meetings on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Ali needs to connect with Christy on a place to meet in GF.

Ali will be communicating with subcommittee members on the Friday of the week she receives information instead of communicationg when she receives info, so she is only sending one email to committee members. Created a subfolder in the shared drive to house resources shared as well.

Committee is chatting about how to extend the YAM campaign into GF schools as well. Also working on bringning the Yellow Bench Story back to the forefront. Info is included in the September article

### Nutrition Committee:

Solidified Elmore County specific foodbank access information card, which Kelsey is designing, translating, and will be printing for us to distribute. Kelsey is asking about how big we want the card. Wants to size it up, but we don't want to be so big. We think 1/2 sheet will be a good size. Maybe even English and Spanish separate cards. Kelsey will continue to work to get it done.

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Cooking Matters classes update: Not successful in getting class in GF, but Desert Sage staff (Anna and Maritza) will be co-hosting classes with CDH at the MH Senior Center Starting September 5<sup>th</sup>! Please share the information about the class! Desert Sage is really excited to participate! They have pep sign up sheets and a virtual form for folks to fill out. The class is for adults, but there may be future conversation about starting those partnerships in the schools. CM classes could be good to push with recovery groups.

### Substance Use Committee:

Still no coordinator, please let us know if you have someone in mind who might be a good fit for the coordinator position!

Allan provided an update on sub use related things: Allan has engaged with the schools on bringin in and leading CATCH My Breath, working on coordinating with the schools on how to make that happen in MH. Discussed online program potential to bring to GF schools: IPTV KnowVape curriculum? If goes well in MH, then Hope Center might be able to bring CATCH to GF in Spring. Let's chat about bringing this up on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> PD Day.

Not discussed, but indy will follow up with committee coordinatos on the following topics:

- Review communication schedule
- Review data collection tools (survey)

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### **Discussion on Back-To-School events and school focused initiatives**

GF Back to School Night is Monday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> which a number of folks will be there as well.

You Are More apparel day is Sept 11<sup>th</sup> (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month). St. Lukes is doing sale for staff to purchase items to help support that and show comraderie with the schools.

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### **Roundtable Updates, Announcements, Ideas- Open to all**

DR Hope Center is opening their Youth Center opening Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>! Will be open to 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Lots of activities already in the building for kids to do, e.g. StepManiaX, pool tables, fooseball tables, basketball scoring game, arcade machines, ping pong, shuffleboard, and classes (art and art therapy, music, karaoke). Kids will be able to participate in positive youth development activities, e.g. classes, courses and curriculum. Drop in aspect is hoped to draw kids interest. By Oct, hoping to run classes. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the youth center and or reach out to Allan Carroll.

\*\*Allan connect with Vicky on art therapy related resources.

Elmore County Roundtable Event August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 12-1pm at Pioneer Federal Credit Union. Networking event. If you'd like to attend future meetings, reach out to Kristi Lakatos, who is currently coordinating those meetings: [klakatos@cdh.idaho.gov](mailto:klakatos@cdh.idaho.gov).

Allan thinks we can be on the MH Chamber Meeting maybe October. Allan will continue to help coordinate.

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Next meeting: October 17th

Find the Elmore County Health Coalition landing page and past minutes and presentations here:  
<https://cdh.idaho.gov/community-health/community-health-partnerships/elmore-county-healthcare-coalition/>