

Boise County Health Coalition Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

Garden Valley School District Office

1053 Banks Lowman Road, Garden Valley, Idaho 83622



Welcome & Introductions:

Attendees: Bundy Stephens, Nancy Allen, Tonya Heffington, Rosemary Koenig, Travis Schmidt, Laura Ackerman, Brett Wardell, Terry Riemenapp

Old Business

Update on Idaho City City Council LEAP Housing Meeting (Mindy)

Bart Cochran with LEAP Housing, and Mindy went to present to Idaho City City Council on November 13th. The presentation was similar to the July meeting that happened, but the goal was to get the blessing from city council to move forward with conversations. They were supportive of the continuation of the conversations for Idaho City, however, we need to first discuss, and figure out what infrastructure needs will be, and make sure whatever we propose or move forward with will not add a burden to the current water and sewer struggles that the city is working through. The next community meeting will likely happen in January or February, where we will start taking steps to identify sites.

The question was asked if these affordable housing conversations are limited to Idaho City. Conversations could expand to Horseshoe Bend or Garden Valley, if there is interest and community support for it. It sounds like water and sewer infrastructure is going to be a concern in other communities as well.

Mobile Pharmacy/ Prescription Delivery Updates (Mindy)

Mindy followed up on some questions regarding certain types of medications, and their ability to be mailed to patients. Rosemary, from Garden Valley Medicine, provided some very useful insight about how dispensing at their clinic happens for their patients. They do have a dispensing license, but only dispense certain medications for their patients. She said, typically if people are going down to the valley to see their provider, they are picking up their meds down there as well. There was also conversation about Amazon delivery for prescriptions, which sounds like is available in Boise County.

Tonya mentioned the struggle for Idaho City being that there is no provider in Idaho City. If there could be a hospital taxing district implemented, it could help bring providers to the area. As for the old clinic area in the school building in Idaho City, the clinic portion is being unused, except for WIC, who uses it one Tuesday every other month. However, it was mentioned, that is it not very

accessible to the people that need it. Tonya mentioned talking to Russ, director of CDH, to send a provider to Idaho City on a regular basis.

Rosemary mentioned having issues recruiting a nurse practitioner or physicians assistant for their medical clinics as well. Mindy is going to help promote the job in her circles. [Here](#) is the link to the Garden Valley Medical Clinic job listing, for coalition members to share in their circles as well.

Present Mental Health Fair Plan (Mindy)

Mindy proposed an idea to try and stand up some “mental health fairs” in the different Boise County communities. The idea was that we bring in vendors to offer free mental health, self care and/or coping services at their booths, and also bring in mental health organizations to do outreach to folks who might like to sign up for mental health services. We are also thinking we want to offer booth spaces to local businesses first, before bringing in vendors from the valley. There is funding available from a number of different avenues, but we need to decide what the money would be spent on, and come up with a plan before applying. Perhaps provide a stipend for local businesses who offer services at the event?

Travis from the Boise VA was interested in doing outreach. It is also essential to have food at the event! Idaho Youth Ranch does mental health services and telehealth for youth, Laura will send Mindy the contact for them. We also talked about not labeling it a “mental health fair”. For example, Horseshoe Bend did a health fair called “Healthy in Horseshoe Bend”. We could get creative and think of some other ideas for the other communities.

[Here](#) is a shared document to start brainstorming vendors, services, activities and estimated costs if applicable. Each tab is for each community. There can be multiple booths that are the same type. Please start entering in any ideas that you might have 😊

New Business: Roundtable Announcements, Needs and Ideas

Laura: Mentioned there is going to be Safe Families for Children Parent Café starting up in February. There is a new church in HSB that would be excellent to try and get on board and connected to Safe Families.

Tonya: Has one opening for Parents as Teachers on her case load, if there is any family that may benefit from PAT services, please connect with Tonya. Tonya is going to connect with Laura.

There are many efforts right now happening related to Giving Trees, Toys for Tots, etc. Connect with your local community schools coordinator if there is a child or family that could benefit from one of these programs for the holidays. (Kelsey Willams- Horseshoe Bend, Bundy Stephens- Garden Valley, Dawn Gillis- Idaho City)

Bundy and Tonya are going to reconnect.

Please see our shared [BCHC Connections document](#) to see our member organizations, and the services they provide! Please also enter your organization information into it, so that we can tap into each other’s resources and programs 😊

Action Items:

- Mindy: Investigate Meals on Wheels options for Boise County
- Mindy: Investigate home health care options for Boise County
- Brent: Reach out to contacts at Canyon Springs to investigate how they brought services to their school
- Mindy: Work with Natalie to plan boothing opportunities at Senior Centers
- Mindy: Look into getting SWIAA ads into newspapers
- Mindy: Investigate daycare solutions
- Laura: Reach out to Tonya to connect WeeOnes and PAT
- Mindy: Connect with Kelsey about Cooking Matters opportunities for elementary
- Mindy: Follow up with Marcy about getting resources on the bookmobile for Lowman residents
- Mindy: Investigate possibility of using R4JJC funding for Mental Health Fairs in Boise County
- Mindy: Start conversations with LEAP for HSB and GV
- Mindy: Schedule follow up meeting for LEAP/ Idaho City Affordable Housing taskforce
- Mindy: Follow up on mobile primary care providers for Idaho City
- Tonya: Chat with Russ about primary care provider for Idaho City
- All: Enter ideas into [collaborative document for Mental Health Fairs](#) to occur next year

Next Meeting: December 17th @ 10am. In-person location: Horseshoe Bend School