

Boise County Health Coalition Meeting Minutes

Monday January 26th, 2026

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Idaho City High School Conference Room

100 Centerville Rd, Idaho City, ID 83631

Hybrid Meeting; See virtual meeting link below



Welcome & Introductions- [Contact Info Here](#)

Attendees: Melisa Blackwell, Brent Watson, Alison Riley, Tracy Hall, Tonya Heffington, Stephany Corn, Courtney Boyce, Debra Johnston, Mindy Curran

Community Presenter: CDH Suicide Prevention Programming by Melisa Blackwell

[See 1:45- 27:15 in recording here.](#) Apologies for the glitchy audio.

Melisa reviewed 988 and CDH suicide prevention programming including:

988 Program Overview: Melisa clarified how 988 differs from 911 and outlining available supports such as safety planning and resource referrals. Individuals CAN call the 988 hotline for non-emergent situations and/or advice. Individuals can also text with or message online with the 988 hotline instead.

Mobile Crisis Unit Coordination: Melisa discussed the transition to 988-coordinated mobile crisis units. The statewide 90-minute response goal is still in progress, with times varying by county. She also described the roles of clinicians and officers in these teams.

Geolocation and Resource Matching: Melisa noted the shift from area-code routing to geolocation for 988 calls, resolving issues where callers with out-of-state numbers couldn't access Idaho-specific resources.

Feedback and Service Gaps: Participants highlighted gaps in post-hospitalization care, continuity of services, and the need for consistent follow-up or home visits, especially in rural areas.

Training and Community Resources: Melissa and Mindy emphasized community trainings like ASIST, the availability of virtual services, and how 988 supports both individuals in crisis and those seeking help for others, including safety planning and firearm safety conversations.

Visit <https://idahocrisis.org/> to chat online with a 988 volunteer.

Visit <https://idahocrisis.org/988-materials> to order 988 printed materials for your organization to distribute.

Contact Melisa Blackwell for CDH suicide prevention trainings: MBlackwell@cdh.idaho.gov

Old Business

- Review 2025 achievements/ action plan, discuss new goals or strategies for 2026-2027 Action Plan.
- **Boise County Health Coalition Action Plan Review:** Mindy reviewed Boise County Health Coalition's action plan for 2024-2025,
- **Medical and Mental Health Access for Children:** The coalition completed the objective of establishing a medical clinic at Idaho City School and connecting Garden Valley schools with Charlie Health and BPA.
- **Chronic Care Management Strategies:** The coalition completed strategies to improve transportation for medical and mental health appointments by identifying and learning more about the Idaho contracted Medicaid transportation provider (MTM) and Debra shared successful acquisition of EOA grant to expand van services in Garden Valley to take people to appointments. Idaho Outreach Medicine was also identified provides mobile medical services throughout Boise County, including serving the Medicare population. Alison's group (Best Self Therapy) provides virtual mental health options to Boise County. It was recommended that Alison connect with Idaho City school again, as one of the mental health providers has left.
- **Affordable Housing Initiatives:** Mindy outlined ongoing strategy development for increasing safe and affordable housing in Boise County, referencing partnerships with organizations like LEAP Housing and inviting further suggestions from coalition members.

**Please review and [provide comments on the 2025-26 action plan here](#) by Feb 14th. Please include your thoughts for new goals, objectives, or strategies which will be translated onto the 2026-2027 action plan.

If you do NOT think something on the plan should be a priority, based on your community involvement and expertise, also please make a comment, or email Mindy individually. BCHC will discuss and finalize the proposed 2025-26 action plan at the February 2026 meeting. **

New Business

- Coalition Mini Grant Opportunity
Mindy introduced a \$2,500 coalition mini grant opportunity for projects related to substance use prevention, mental health, and nutrition, inviting members to submit ideas and collaborate on applications. Projects must be completed by June 30th. See the fillable application attached to meeting minutes email.

Roundtable Announcements, Needs and Ideas

- **Tonya:** Shared that the Idaho City Wee Ones mini-wardrobe closet is OPEN. Please utilize the resource. There are diapers, clothing, blankets and more! The closet is housed at the ambulance district building in Idaho City, which almost always has someone there to assist, or folks can contact Tonya or Mari to come open the closet.



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- **Tracy:** Shared that PATH will soon have access to provide ultrasounds at their HSB clinic! Will be receiving funds within the next 6 weeks and will need to train nurses. Will do ultrasounds between 6-20 weeks. Hoping to be up and going by July!
- **Stephany:** Shared that she is trying to bring back school pulse from Dept of Ed. Also, Garden Valley School is working with a mental health counselor one day per week Project PATCH to offer in-person mental health services to students. Stephany has been utilizing community schools funding to provide mental health services to students who may not qualify. Has new partnership with GV fire dept to provide EMT training to students. CTE for medical assistant students will start next year; will be provided to students at high school level above 16 years of age will qualify.
- **Debra:** GV Senior Center have been in contact with Rolling Tomato to start delivering produce and bread to GV Senior center starting this Thursday! Submitted grant to the Bolger Foundation for funding for a full facility generator to house displaced people at senior in the event of a natural disaster. Should hear back about that grant application around March.

Action Items:

- Mindy: Investigate Meals on Wheels options for Boise County
- Mindy: Investigate home health care options for Boise County; in progress (St. Lukes Home Health, Horizon Home Health, Trinity Home Health)
- Mindy: Work with Natalie to plan boothing opportunities at Senior Centers in HSB and Idaho City
- Mindy: Look into getting SWIAA ads into newspapers
- Mindy: Investigate daycare solutions

- Mindy: Schedule follow up meeting for LEAP/ Idaho City Affordable Housing taskforce
- Mindy: Talk with Bart about LEAP presentation in HSB
- Alison: Connect with Jamie again to talk about mental health counseling options
- Mindy: Connect Stephany to Department of Ed for school pulse.
- Mindy: Send Brent pictures of the Wee ones Wardrobe closet

Next Meeting: Feb 23rd (4th Monday, instead of 3rd, due to holiday on Feb 16th), Horseshoe Bend