# Boise County Health Coalition
# Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19th, 2026
12:00pm – 1:00pm
Virtual

**Welcome & Introductions:** Alison Riley, Brad Raburn, Jennifer Haycock, Nancy Allen, Deb Johnston, Laura Ackerman, Tonya Heffington, Stephany Corn, Melisa Blackwell

See connections document here, for attendance and contact info.

**New Business**

2026 IC & GV Health Fair Debrief

- **Idaho City Health Fair:** Mindy reported that the October 3rd Idaho City Health Fair attracted at least 150 attendees, helped by the inflatable brain, improved coordination with the chamber, parking availability, and A-frame signs. The event included smoothie demonstrations, health and counseling resources, Idaho City Health Clinic information, passport activities for children, and coalition giveaways.
- Idaho City Outcomes: Alison reported that their organization obtained a client referral through a raffle. Tonya said Parents as Teachers and WIC each enrolled a family, with Tonya obtaining contact information and following up directly. Mindy also reported distributing approximately two full totes of health resources at Idaho City Days.
- **Garden Valley Health Fair:** Stephany reported 70 people signed in at the October 10th Garden Valley event—54 adults and 16 children—with 22 vendors and 38 vendor representatives. The Garden Valley Library hosted the event, and vendors used the quieter early period for networking. Deb reported that the Senior Center's minestrone soup service distributed five gallons of soup and crackers, while Brad described useful connections with vendors and community members.
- **Future Event Planning**: Feedback for the next Garden Valley fair included distributing physical flyers, improving vendor parking by using the field across from the library, and extending the event from the current 10 a.m.–1 p.m. schedule to approximately 11 a.m.–2 or 3 p.m. For Idaho City, Mindy agreed that signage should be added on the road near the Masonic Lodge. The coalition completed its goal of holding health fairs in the major Boise County hubs and expects to resume planning in early spring.

Review BCHC Action plan, discuss future initiatives, needs, etc.

Mindy explained that the action plan has two overarching goals through 2027: improve access to medical and mental-health services for Boise County residents and improve affordable-housing solutions. The goals were developed from prior conversations with residents and groups in the county's hub communities.

- **Medical Access, Mobile Services and Transportation:**
    - **School-Aged Services:** The action plan includes developing medical and mental-health provider relationships for school-aged children, integrating those relationships into Community Schools programming, and identifying funding or partnerships for a social worker in each school district. Mindy marked provider partnerships as completed or substantially completed and said the social-worker work required an update because of county-level transitions and changes in grant funding.
    - **Chronic Care Patients:** Mindy reviewed the coalition's 2026–2027 objective to improve access to medical and mental-health services for chronic-care patients. They marked transportation and mobile-service strategies as completed or substantially addressed because MTM has presented to the coalition and health fairs, other transportation options may exist, and Idaho Outreach Medicine provides mobile services.

      Ignite Idaho Services: Laura reported that Ignite Idaho is developing services in Horseshoe Bend, including space at the school and the renovated clinic, case management, and possible support related to veteran services, mental health, and daycare subsidies. Stephany added that Ignite is already active in Garden Valley one to two days per week serving students, with potential for additional Garden Valley services.

      Garden Valley Van: Deb reported that the Elderly Opportunity Agency received a $104,000 grant for an approximately 12-person, wheelchair-accessible transportation van serving older residents and people with disabilities. The Garden Valley Senior and Social Center has raised $20,800 toward the required match; after the match is provided, the van will be ordered, with manufacturing and delivery expected to take about six months. Deb said the service is expected to begin around summer of 2027, initially transporting homebound Garden Valley and Crouch residents to local necessities such as groceries, the post office, bank, medical appointments, and senior-center lunches. It may later expand to specialty care in the Valley and airport transportation.
- **Affordable Housing Strategy:**
    - **Safe Livable Housing:**

      Healthy Housing Funding: Mindy said a prior federal healthy-housing grant was not pursued because it required a substantial match—approximately 10 percent—and the application timeline was too short to organize partners and funding. They plan to learn when the opportunity reopens and explore earlier coalition preparation, contractor involvement, and improvements such as weatherization and accessibility.
    - **Affordable Housing:**

      LEAP Housing: The coalition previously worked with LEAP Housing on affordable-housing options in Idaho City, where utility limitations had affected development. Mindy said they would reconnect with LEAP to explore opportunities in Garden Valley and Horseshoe Bend and apply lessons from Idaho City's infrastructure improvements.

      Idaho City Infrastructure: Tonya reported that Idaho City's water situation has improved because the community repaired long-standing infrastructure and added water-storage capacity. Tonya also identified a local donor who has funded major community projects and may be a potential contact for property or housing support; Mindy agreed to reengage LEAP and consider this opportunity.

      Workforce Housing: Mindy reviewed the action-plan strategy to develop affordable housing for professionals serving Boise County, including a previously suggested partnership with a high-school

construction program to build tiny homes. Alison had also identified Idaho Power's free home-energy-audit program as a possible homeowner education resource.

- **Member Input:** Mindy asked coalition members to suggest additional strategies, needs, or projects that fit the action plan. They invited members to send updates for inclusion in the meeting notes and said the Google Drive folder containing coalition planning documents could be shared with members who request access.

**Old Business**

- None

**Roundtable Announcements/ Discussion:**

**Substance Use Prevention Grant: Brad explained that Health Equity Solutions and Ignite Idaho received RHTP funding for preventive substance-use-disorder programming in Boise County.**

- Grant Scope: Brad said the grant will bring two targeted roles into Boise County: a peer-support person with lived experience and a counselor or social-work intern. The work will focus on substance-use-disorder prevention, parent education, awareness, connections, and support rather than standard individual services billed through Medicaid.
- Preventive Education: In response to Stephany's question, Brad confirmed that the grant supports preventive services for parents and students. Planned activities include raising awareness, helping parents understand how addiction affects families and children, connecting residents to resources, and offering the Guiding Good Choices curriculum approximately four times during the next year.
- Local Substance Concerns: Stephany asked whether the grant was limited to specific substances, including nicotine pouches. Brad said it was not written narrowly around particular substances and can be adapted to local issues, including nicotine and other addiction-related concerns. The peer-support role is intended to provide an additional connection through lived experience.
- Contract And Follow-Up: Brad said Health Equity Solutions had received a notice of award but was still awaiting the final contract with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare before rolling out the program and communications. Mindy identified Brad as the planned presenter for the next coalition meeting, where more details will be provided.

**Community Clothing and Resource Coordination:**

- Existing Clothing Resources: Laura described the reduced Horseshoe Bend community closet, Wee Ones clothing for young children, Chevron's coat exchange, and planned Ignite Idaho clothing bins. Tonya described Idaho City's smaller school-based closets and the Idaho City Little Ones storage effort after the larger community closet became difficult to sort and maintain.
- Resource Directory: Laura proposed a brochure or flyer listing available clothing and material resources by age group, location, contact person, phone number, or email. Tonya agreed that a directory would help providers refer families to the correct source instead of simply directing them to a school. Mindy said Jennifer offered to create the flyer, and Laura would provide the information.
- Cross-Community Access: The group discussed creating separate directories for Idaho City, Garden Valley, and Horseshoe Bend, plus a broader directory that shares resources across communities. Laura noted that families may be homeschooled, attend other schools, or otherwise be missed by school-based communication, so outreach should also use Facebook, schools, libraries, Wee Ones, and Ignite Idaho.
- Donation Management: Participants noted that previous thrift and community-closet efforts became difficult because donations continued arriving while volunteer capacity for sorting and operating the

stores was limited. The proposed coordination is intended to make resources more visible and efficient while preventing excess inventory and duplicated efforts.

- Stephany explained how Garden Valley's volunteer-run Payette Forward organization redistributes proceeds and donated goods to community programs, and Mindy proposed learning from its operating model for the clothing resource coordination. Mindy will reach out to Payette Forward to invite them to a future coalition meeting.

**Assessing and Treating Suicide Risk Training (In-Person)**

- Dec 7th 8am-4pm AND Dec 8th 8:30am-12:30pm
- This training is open to anyone wanting in-depth knowledge; however, this is not a basic suicide prevention training. The content is designed for advanced comprehension of the suicidal mode for suicide prevention professionals and skill building for licensed practitioners and clinicians who currently provide treatment as well as students in this field. Free CEs provided.
- Full, essential suicide risk treatment training for every mental health professional. Don't miss this rare opportunity!
- See more details and register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/assessing-and-treating-suicide-risk-in-person-tickets-2002100013034

**Prevention and Support Conference Scholarships**

- Central District Health is offering scholarships to professionals in Ada, Boise, Elmore or Valley Counties interested in attending the 2027 Idaho Prevention and Support Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, April 14–16, 2027. Priority will be given to partners involved in tobacco and vaping prevention and cessation efforts who have an active agreement and/or subgrant with Central District Health (CDH). Upon approval, CDH will pay for conference registration and a two-night hotel stay at the discounted conference rate. Scholarship recipients are responsible for travel and meals. Applications are due by Friday, November 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Applicants will be notified by Friday, December 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
- Apply here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m5kaNZtfNkOd3j4Km_3v_UB_GSsJjLBHqsisJ5UofqZUQlNHVzQ5MjhaVEVONExSREhUME5WVjQ1NC4u

**Your Health Idaho / Anthony Insurance will be in HSB TOMORROW helping people navigate affordable health insurance options. Send families to the ladies club TOMORROW Oct. 24th!**




**Action Items:**

☐ Everyone: **EVERYONE:** Review and make comments with any ideas or thoughts about strategies here.
☐ Mindy: Work with Natalie to plan boothing opportunities at Senior Centers in HSB and Idaho City
☐ Mindy: Look into getting SWIAA (Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging) ads into newspapers
☐ Mindy: Investigate child daycare solutions
☐ Mindy: Schedule follow up meeting for LEAP/ Idaho City Affordable Housing taskforce
☐ Mindy: Talk with Bart about LEAP presentation in HSB
☐ Laura: Provide Shannon with the current diaper-bank coordinator's contact information so future donations can be routed appropriately.
☐ Laura & Tonya: Send the locations, age ranges, and contact information for local clothing and community-closet resources to Jennifer so she can create a directory flyer for the hub communities.
☐ Mindy: Connect with Payette Forward for future coalition meeting presentation.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 16th @ 12pm**

**(In-Person Meeting Location: Horseshoe Bend). Exact location TBD.**