**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Health Administration Initiatives**

**Background:** The Idaho Behavior Health Planning Council is responsible for reviewing Idaho’s combined Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. Block grant applications and reports requirements change over time, so states must wait for current instructions to be issued before they can begin development of the documents. Due to the timing of the issue of instructions and the due date of the applications and reports, in most years, the Planning Council has a very short period of time to review the documents. In an effort to improve this process, the Division of Behavioral Health has created summary sheets that provide an overview of block grant goals and the current federal initiatives. The goal is to provide more time for the Planning Council and the Division to have an ongoing dialog about the applications and reports. This will enable the Division to more accurately report all the activities that are being undertaken in Idaho. To support this effort, two documents have been created. One covers the Idaho goals for the FY 16/17 Combined CMHS and SAPT block grant application. The other document covers the current federal initiatives which states are required to address as part of the application.

**Federal Initiatives:** This document focuses on the federal initiatives that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration included in the FY 16/17 combined block grant application. Idaho was required to provide information on activities in Idaho which would support each of the initiatives. Because the Behavioral Health Planning Council members come from throughout the state and represent different groups/ organizations/regions, your input is essential to submitting information that accurately reflects what is happening in Idaho.

**This Document:** This document includes information on all the initiatives and is intended to provide Planning Council Members with a tool to report activities/resources that your group/organization/region has undertaken. The first column summarizes the intent of the initiative. The second column describes the type of information needed to describe Idaho’s efforts related to the initiative. The third column can be expanded as needed to enable Planning Council members to provide information on what the group/organization that they represent, as well as the Planning Council, is doing that supports the initiative. All block grant applications and reports are posted on the Planning Councils webpage under the “Reports” heading. If you select “Block Grant Reports and Applications” a drop-down menu will appear listing block grant documents dating back to 2010.

**Contact Information:** If you have information to share, questions or concerns about the block grant initiates, applications or reports, you can contact the Division of Behavioral Health Block Grant leads. While each focuses on a specific grant, both are available to provide information or take input on either grant. Their contact information is provided below.

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**Federal Initiatives Summary**

The “Information on Activities in Idaho” section can be expanded as needed to report activities related to each initiative.

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| **Initiative** | **Needed Information** | **Information on Activities in Idaho** |
| The Health Care System and Integration | Activities to foster integration of physical and behavioral health; Agencies who have established comprehensive health care systems |  |
| Health Disparities | Activities to to support equity in access, services provided, and behavioral health outcomes among individuals of all cultures and ethnicities |  |
| Use of Evidence in Purchasing Decisions | Evidence-based programs funded and implemented, outcome data on new service initiatives (SAMHSA list located at [www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/](http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/)) |  |
| Prevention of Serious Mental Illness | Activities to educate the public about mental illness and activities to identify early symptoms of mental illness and foster skills to support mental health |  |
| Evidence-Based Practices in Early Intervention | Activities to deliver interventions to individuals experiencing first episodes of mental illness |  |
| Participant Directed Care | Activities to engage consumers in treatment planning, selection of providers and services |  |
| Program Integrity | Activities for monitoring the appropriate use of mental health/SUD funds including: Claims/payment adjudication; Compliance reviews; and Client level encounter/use/ performance data. |  |
| Tribes | Meetings/Activities with tribal leadership to implement services/provide technical assistance. |  |
| Primary Prevention for Substance Abuse | Programs, practices and strategies directed at individuals at no risk of substance abuse/addiction provided in a variety of settings to target both the general population and sub-groups that are at high risk for substance abuse. Strategies include: information dissemination; education; alternatives; problem identification/referral; community-based process; and environmental strategies |  |
| Quality Improvement Plan | Activities to evaluate effectiveness of services and consumer satisfaction. Also includes processes for responding to emergencies, complaints and grievances |  |
| Trauma | Activities to increase staff awareness of trauma-related issues; services to clients addressing trauma |  |
| Adult Criminal Justice | Activities to coordinate care with the adult criminal justice population; deliver pre/post incarceration services |  |
| Juvenile Justice | Activities to coordinate care with the juvenile criminal justice population; deliver pre/post incarceration services. |  |
| Medication Assisted Treatment | Activities to implement the use of SUD medication-assisted treatment. |  |
| Crisis Services | Activities/Services designed to respond to individuals in crisis; Coordination with other crisis-response agencies/resources |  |
| Recovery | Activities to implement/support recover support services including peer-delivered services |  |
| Community Living and the Implementation of Olmstead | Activities to facilitate consumer integration into the community/reduce institutionalization and segregation in working, living, etc. |  |
| Children and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services | Activities to ensure services for children and adolescents receive equal support and resources as do adult services. |  |
| Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children (PWWDC) | Activities to work with specialty PWWDC providers to ensure women and children receive all services needed to recover (includes developmental and mental health needs of children) |  |
| Suicide | Activities/Plans to intervene into suicidal attempts; activities to educate the public about suicidal ideation and steps to prevention suicide. |  |

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