**Combined Behavioral Health Block Grant Idaho Goals**

**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.

**Idaho Goals:** This document focuses on the goals that Idaho established in the FY 16/17 combined block grant application. Idaho was required to established goals specific to adult and childrens’ mental health services, primary substance abuse prevention services and substance use disorders treatment services. Some goals address both mental health and substance use disorders treatment services.

**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 evaluate the implementation status of the goal. 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 achievement of the goal. 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 goals, 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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**Idaho Goals Summary**

**Table 1 Priority Areas and Annual Performance Indicators**

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

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| **Goal** | **Needed Information** | **Information on Activities in Idaho** |
| Increase the number of prevention providers employing approved evidence-based strategies | Names of programs/activities funded. (Idaho evidence-based program list located on internet at <http://prevention.odp.idaho.gov/SABG/Provider%20Info.html>) |  |
| Increase the number of Certified Prevention Specialists from 3 to 12 by June 30, 2017 | Number of number of individuals who were issues a Prevention Specialists Certification by the Idaho Board of Alcohol/Drug Counselor Certification |  |
| Strengthen data collection and evaluation capacity to accurately measure outcomes | Percentage of prevention providers trained; Percentage of prevention providers accurately reporting outcome measure in data management system |  |
| Increase the number of Behavioral Health Crisis Centers to a total of three | Activities to support the development of Crisis Centers and Crisis Response Activities |  |
| Implement the Child and Adolescent Need and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool. | Activities to implement the CANS tool in each region |  |
| Increase access to respite care services for families with children with Serious Emotional Disturbances | Activities to identify respite care providers and connect consumers with this resource; Identification of additional training needs for peer and family support specialists |  |
| Screen and refer consumers at high risk for TB to medical testing/care | Activities to identify individuals at risk for TB and refer to medical care |  |
| Regional Behavioral Health Boards (RBHB) to functional boards | Status of the RBHB in each region; technical assistance needs |  |
| Implement a state certification for Peer Specialists and increase the number of trained and certified peer support specialists in Idaho | Activities to provide potential peers with information about upcoming trainings; |  |
| Evaluate the impact of high utilization of services including inpatient and outpatient and identify system improvements | Activities to identify system improvements/ ideas to improve services to meet the needs of high utilization clients |  |
| Provide education regarding the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act(MHPAEA) in Idaho. | Activities to educate consumers/the public on MHPAEA. |  |
| Integration of behavioral health and primary care. | Activities to integrate/coordinate behavioral and primary health care |  |
| Ensure behavioral health services are implemented in accordance with Olmstead and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. | Activities to facilitate community integration for people with behavioral health disorders |  |
| Refer to services/serve pregnant women in need of substance use disorders services | Activities to refer pregnant women with with substance use disorders (SUD), or co-occurring mental health/substance use disorders to SUD services |  |
| Provide specialized SUD recovery services (PWWDC) to women and their dependent children throughout Idaho. (includes developmental and mental health needs of children) | Activities to work with specialty PWWDC providers to ensure women and children receive all services needed to support a full recovery |  |
| Refer IV drug using clients to SUD treatment | Activities to refer IV drug users, with with substance use disorders (SUD),/co-occurring mental health/substance use disorders, to SUD services |  |