

**Idaho Home Choice (IHC)
MFP Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
06/25/2012
3232 Elder St., Boise, ID 83705
Web-Ex
Time 3:00 – 4:30 PM MST**

Members Present on Web-Ex:

Natalie Peterson
Robbi Barrutia
Debbie Ransom
Jeff Weller

State Staff Present:

Tammy Ray
Sarah Spaulding
Judy Cordinez

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Natalie Peterson. Last council meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Idaho Home Choice Update:

Tammy Ray provided updates on the Progress toward Benchmarks, Stakeholder Workgroups, Budget, the Supplemental Grant received in partnership with the ICOA and the SILC, and the current collaborative effort with IHFA to write for the Sec. 811 Project Based Housing Vouchers Grant.

Housing

After the meeting Tammy Ray was notified by Erik Kingston that IHFA would not be pursuing the Sec. 811 grant due to concerns relating to staffing time to write the grant, likelihood of getting the grant, and management losses that may result from the grant. Medicaid agreed that the risk and concerns outweighed the benefits of pursuing the grant application.

Barriers

Barriers to achieving Benchmarks still exist. Outreach, communication, and education about the IHC program continue to be the biggest barrier and provide the greatest opportunity for program improvement in some areas of the state. A statewide outreach plan is being developed and the partnership between ICOA/SILC/IHC will also increase outreach, communication, and education.

Recent Legislation

Natalie Peterson spoke on recent legislation affecting Companion Care and HCBS Setting Requirements. A summary and links to the legislation are attached.

Other Business

Sarah Spaulding was introduced as the new Project Coordinator for Idaho Home Choice.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chairman Natalie Peterson.

Action Items

No action items noted.

Next Meeting

Council has agreed to meet every other month. Next meeting will be **September 27, 2012, 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM MST**. The meeting will be held through a Web-Ex webinar.