

DBH Central Office Monthly Update for BHBs

November 2019

Youth Empowerment Services

- The YES website is getting an overhaul! The YES communications team is working with the Information Technology (IT) webmasters to enhance the site based on user feedback. The goal is to have the new site available in early October.
- An updated English version of the [YES Practice Manual](#) is now available, and includes a new Getting Started with YES infographic, additional services and support and other changes made to YES since the manual was published in February 2019. The YES Practice Manual is available online as an e-book, and as a PDF that can be downloaded. An updated Spanish version will be available soon.
- The [YES 101 Overview](#) eLearning course is now available on the YES website.

Medicaid Expansion

- Online application for Medicaid expansion is now open and can be accessed at www.idalink.idaho.gov as of November 1, 2019. Coverage starts January 1, 2020. You can also apply in person at a Department of Health and Welfare office, over the phone by calling 1-877-456-1233, or by mail. Visit www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov for more information.
- Starting the week of October 28th, DBH distributed provider level reports to each provider agency in our network so providers can identify clients they are serving that should be screened for Medicaid eligibility. We hope these efforts will ensure the clients that are being served with DBH funds today, have Medicaid benefits live on January 1, 2020 under the new, expanded Medicaid eligibility.

Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC)

- On July 22, 2019, the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) announced a funding opportunity for Idaho's five federally recognized tribes. Applications for funding were accepted from August 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Each tribe had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 to address the opioid epidemic in their communities. The Shoshone-Bannock, Shoshone Paiute, and Coeur d'Alene Tribes have applied for and been awarded this funding. DBH will be working with each of these Tribes over the next few weeks to develop and finalize subgrants. This funding opportunity is possible through the second budget year of the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant which was officially awarded to Idaho by SAMHSA in September 2019.
- On August 6, 2019, DBH announced a funding opportunity for Idaho's two (2) certified Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP), Raise the Bottom and Center for Behavior Health. This funding will provide the opportunity for each of the OTPs to hire a Certified Recovery Coach for each of their locations. The Recovery Coaches hired through this funding opportunity will be able to provide recovery support services to OTP clients regardless of their insurance coverage or financial capacity to pay for services. This funding will enable the OTP to employ a Certified Recovery

Coach for up to one year at no cost allow the program to determine and demonstrate the benefits of a recover coach program within an OTP. This is an invaluable opportunity as recovery coach services currently are not a Medicaid reimbursable service resulting in many substance use disorder programs no offering this recover support service. DBH is currently in the process of awarding subgrants to both of Idaho's OTPs with the projection of OTP clients receiving Recovery Coach services by January 1, 2020.

- Within the coming month, DBH will be announcing a funding opportunity for Emergency Departments (ED) within Idaho's medical facilities. This funding opportunity will provide the opportunity for EDs to hire Certified Recovery Coaches to be utilized in implementing warm handoff programs. These programs will provide the opportunity for individuals who have survived an opioid overdose to access immediately support, community resources, and treatment including Medication-Assisted Treatment. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting funding opportunity.

Treatment and Transitions (TnT) Grant

- The TnT program is specifically targeted to support the development and/or expansion of an infrastructure that integrates behavioral health treatment and recovery support services for individuals with a serious mental illness (SMI), serious emotional disturbance (SED), or co-occurring disorder who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. This service is predominately modeled after the Enhanced Safe and Sober home currently operated by Clover House in Boise. The total amount awarded is \$1 million annually for five years.
- BPA Health handles the referral process for clients seeking Enhanced Safe and Sober House services, and is available to answer questions that may arise. Please contact Jenny Brown (jenny.brown@bpahealth.com) for inquiries.
- A third enhanced safe and sober home will be opening in Caldwell, Idaho by January, 2020. This third location will serve a male population and have a ten-bed capacity.
- If you have questions, please contact Mindy Oldenkamp (mindy.oldenkamp@dhw.idaho.gov)

