

**Idaho Criminal Justice Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
March 25, 2022

**Location: In Person - [Zoom](#)**

**Time: 9 a.m.–11 p.m.**

**Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Present:**

Eric Fredericksen, Chair, SAPD  
Kieran Donahue, Idaho Sheriffs Association  
Rep. Mathias, House of Representatives  
Dave Jeppesen, Health & Welfare  
Ashley Dowell, Comm of Pardons & Parole  
Daniel Chadwick, Public Member

Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court  
Rafael Gonzalez, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho  
Mark Kubinski, Idaho Attorney General's Office  
Denton Darrington, Public Member  
Marianne King, Office of Drug Policy  
Monty Prow, IDJC

Kathleen Elliott, Public Defense Commission  
Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member  
Grant Loeb, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.  
Eric Studebaker, Department of Education

Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (Commission)

**Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent:**

Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association  
Grant Burgoyne, Senate Judiciary & Rules  
James Cawthon, Judge, District Court  
Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman  
Bruce Skaug, House of Representatives

Jared Larsen, Office of the Governor  
Josh Tewalt, Department of Correction  
Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court  
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties  
Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court

Kedrick Wills, Idaho State Police

**Others Present:**

Sheldon Kelley, ISP for Kedrick Wills  
Heather Cunningham, ICDV  
Jessica Marshall, ICDV  
Felicia Forbus, Pardons and Parole  
Lauren Bailey, OPE  
Mackenzie Moss, OPE

<b>Agenda</b> <i>Who's Responsible</i>		<b>Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
9:00 am (5 min)	Call to Order– <i>Chair Eric Fredericksen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and Roll Call— <i>Chair Eric Fredericksen</i></li> <li>Review Commission's Vision and Mission Statement and Values—<i>Commission Members</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Commission Management</b>			
9:05 am (10 min)	<b>Action Item</b> – Approve January 2022 Minutes  <u>Subcommittee Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Trafficking</li> <li>Mental Health</li> <li>Research Alliance - Monty Prow</li> <li>Sex Offense</li> <li>MMIP</li> </ul>	<p>There was a motion to approve the minutes from January 2022 by Ashley Dowell and was seconded by Eric Studebaker. Motion carried.</p> <p>Human trafficking will meet after the session has ended.</p> <p>The research alliance meeting was scheduled but canceled because of a legislative committee interference. This subcommittee will meet soon.</p> <p>Sex offense passed 4 bills SB1322, SB1323, SB1324, and SB1325. There was a trailer bill SB1414 sent to the amending order. It was brought by the Attorney General's office. There was confusion about that there was a possibly of one conflicting with another bill but after review that isn't the case.</p> <p>MMIP is going to have an in-person meeting in May. The subcommittee worked on a case study last month. SB1370 which will fund the EMBER alert is headed to the Governors desk. Working on relationships and processes.</p>	
<b>Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions</b>			
9:15 am (30 min)	Idaho Behavioral Health Council Update – <i>Dave Jeppesen, IDHW; Sara Omundson, AOC</i>	<p>IBHC has made a lot of progress.</p> <p>Established through executive order in 2020. Work groups started late in 2020 and 2021 and are in the implementation phase now. The main objects are to look at the full view of behavioral health. The full view looks at promotion, prevention, engagement, treatment, and recovery.</p> <p>The governor recommended \$66M to be invested in behavioral health over 3 fiscal years.</p> <p><u>Implementation team timelines:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infrastructure 8: certified behavioral health clinics to be completed by 06/30/23 with a cost of \$12M</li> <li>- Treatment 7: crisis response system for youth and adults including 988 (goes live on July 1) to be completed by 12/31/22 with a cost of \$4.4M</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recovery 3: services for long term recovery to be completed by 06/30/23 with a cost of \$1.8M (received more funding from the legislature this year from millennium funds)</li> <li>- Treatment 1: youth residential co-sponsored with IDJC to be completed by 06/30/24 with a cost of \$15M. There is only one youth residential center in the state of Idaho.</li> </ul> <p>IDJC received \$6.5M for safe teen reception centers and \$4.42M for youth crisis centers.</p> <p><u>Major accomplishments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workforce development plan: Work will focus on action and implementation of plan and will focus on increasing the number of behavioral health providers in Idaho from Peer and Recovery Coaches, to licenses professionals.</li> <li>- SIM workshops in 3 counties: Held in Canyon, Bannock, and Nez Perce counties. Looking at how individuals interact with our system and how we could have intercepted them earlier.</li> <li>- Civil commitments improvements: SB1327 addressed funding gaps, improved definitions to gravely disabled and mentally ill, reduced ambiguity for law enforcement and hospitals during mental holds and commitments. It also expanded the type of providers who are able to complete the designated examinations.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://behavioralhealthcouncil.idaho.gov/">https://behavioralhealthcouncil.idaho.gov/</a> That page has links to both the IBHC Strategic Action Plan as well as the Behavioral Health Workforce Development plan</p>	
<p>9:45 am (30 min)</p>	<p>Agency Update – <i>Heather Cunningham, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance</i></p>	<p>Purpose: State advisory body for programs and services affecting victims of domestic violence and other crimes in Idaho.</p> <p>Mission: To ensure that all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and other violent crimes in Idaho have access to quality trauma-informed and victim-centered services.</p> <p>Vision: Victim services should be accessible and sustainable throughout the state while promoting, advocating for and encouraging resiliency and empowerment of victims.</p>	

Fund 47 programs across the state in FY22.

Most funding is federal. ICDVVA does not receive taxpayer funding. The funding consists of fines through cases such as marriage licenses, divorces, and violation of protection orders. Some of the funding comes from a grant.

VOCA funding has dropped over the years. ICDVVA had to cut \$3M for FY22 and will cut even more for FY23. We are down to about half of the funding needed. The council has worked hard to receive other funding to keep everything moving. We have more need for services. There is an increase in these areas: child abuse, sexual assaults, intimate partner violence, severity of injuries, and longer wait times.

DV has been increasing about 25-30% over the nation. Calls are up 85%.

Housing/shelter data: Need to collect more data for housing. We have asked providers how much they have provided as well as the amount of housing they weren't able to provide. Transitional housing stays are extremely high with over 200 days. The Clarke decision has had a big impact, leaving victims in a bad situation.

Counseling data: There are consistently long waitlists. It is about 48 days for adults and 52 days for children.

Sexual Assault:

There is a 9% increase in reported sexual assaults and an increase of 36% in victims seeking sexual assault services.

Top 5 victimizations:

We are seeing the same 5 crime types are always at the top: Domestic and/or family violence, child physical abuse/neglect, child sexual abuse/assault, stalking/harassment, and adult sexual assault.

We constantly have more requests for funding than we actually have. That means services and providers are cut.

Plan to maintain Idaho victim services:  
Education to providers to limit growth to accommodate reduced funding.  
Need to revise IDAPA rules on funding. They don't account for need and don't allow for discretion. Need to have a better way to distribute funds. Another rule change will allow for targeted projects. There is a lot of buy in and collaboration. We have also helped providers on fundraising skills.

Data collection:  
There are quarterly data collaboration meetings. There is a statewide data dashboard being developed in the hopes that it will launch in June 2022. ICDVVA is also working to collect data on housing and counseling demands as well as from offender intervention programs.

While the number of victims known to LE has been decreasing, the number of victims seeking services from grant funded programs has been increasing. Number of reported crimes decreased 16% from 2016 to 2020; however, the number of victims served increase by 36% from 2016 to 2020.

Questions to be answered:  
What is contributing to the polar opposite nature of the trends in the two data sets? What even is the true crime rate (reported + unreported = true rate)? Who are we missing? Why aren't they coming into contact with any part of the justice system at all?

Should we consider a shared statewide needs assessment? Several federal grants require needs assessments, several state agencies do their own needs assessments, and one statewide assessment would offer many benefits. It would be more cost effective and efficient. Funds could be pooled for a needs assessment contract. The RFP could address the requirements of each agency. It would lead to more cohesive state policy.

Federal grants related to victim services:  
Funds come into Idaho but goes to two different places. There are efficiencies that have been made to include single audits instead of dual audits for both and one agency to administer.

		<p>Example of working together:  Council received supplemental grant for sexual assault. Worked with ISP to fill some gaps in the state. Used funding for cortexflo devices. This will be statewide in June. Will also be launching statewide trauma informed training specific to sexual assault. This work happened very quickly.</p> <p>Regional round tables:  Dates and regions – see slides</p> <p>The current ISP reports are reporting what they are seeing. Our data is on victims’ services, those that are actually seeking services. What we don’t know is those that are not seeking services.</p>	
10:30 am <i>(25 min)</i>	Agency Legislative Updates	ICDV – passed a bill that victims will be connected to services on the scene.	
10:55 am <i>(5 min)</i>	Other ICJC Business –	Next month will be in person.	
11:00 am	Adjournment		

Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in Boise, Friday, April 29, 2022

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