



Our Path Home

# MEETING PACKET 2024

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Our Path Home 2024 Meeting Schedule Packet!

Inside, you'll find the detailed schedule for our upcoming meetings, essential for navigating our collective journey. Please be aware that the schedule is subject to change. We're excited about the discussions and collaborations ahead.

Please take a second to review the packet to flag where your organization should be involved and represented in difference spaces. It is important to register, or connect with people who are overseeing each thing for updates. We appreciate your commitment to Our Path Home, and here's to a year of productive and inspiring meetings!

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# OUR PATH HOME



## Our Path Home

ENGAGE CONNECT HOUSE FUND

### About

Our Path Home (OPH) envisions a system wherein every person experiencing homelessness finds home. For households experiencing homelessness, the crisis is critical and immediate. The speed with which we respond to a housing crisis matters.

As such, the nearly 50 partner agencies of OPH work together to provide homelessness prevention services, a rapid response for those households that do fall into homelessness, and supportive housing to exit households quickly, safely and permanently. The partnership meets through a structure supported by an Executive Committee and various Standing Committees - ENGAGE, CONNECT, HOUSE, FUND.

### General Information

Continuum of Care (CoC) meetings and training opportunities are only intended for official OPH Partners of and their staff. Please note the information provided in this document is subject to change.

### Accommodation Requests

OPH is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. Please contact [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org) or 208-608-7098 to request any accommodations for meetings and trainings. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Our Path Home is governed by the Executive Committee, a pivotal strategic planning body tasked with upholding federal standards and addressing local needs to ensure the effective functioning of Our Path Home. Supporting the Executive Committee's endeavors, various committees and working groups collaborate to contribute to the overall success of our initiatives. Functioning as the decision making authority within Our Path Home, the Executive Committee plays a central role in guaranteeing compliance with the standards outlined in 24 CFR Part 578. In fulfilling this crucial duty, the Executive Committee exercises oversight over the standing committees of Our Path Home.

All regular Executive Committee meetings are scheduled bi-monthly on the second Monday, as a 120-minute business meeting starting at 9:30 am.

- Monday, January 8
- Monday, March 11
- Monday, May 13
- Monday, July 8
- Monday, September 9
- Monday, November 18

Registration is required to join. To register visit: [rb.gy/vwt2ha](https://rb.gy/vwt2ha)



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee meets monthly to move forward work of the Executive Committee and partnership at large. It is attended at minimum by the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and OPH staff although it is open to any member of the Executive Committee and Chairs of any standing committee.

Steering Committee meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Tuesday, as a 60-minute business meeting starting at 2:00 pm.

To be sent calendar invites to the Steering Committee, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## Strategic Retreat

The Executive Committee will convene on Monday, June 10 to conduct the Annual Strategic Retreat planning session. This retreat is open to all Executive Committee members, including advisors. Please note that this is an in-person event spanning a full day, with designated times for breaks, lunch, and refreshments to ensure a productive and engaging atmosphere.

## BI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Twice a year meetings with general membership and public are an opportunity to provide updates on homeless initiatives within Ada County, offer a venue for collaboration, and for interested parties to become a member of Our Path Home. They are generally half day events in the afternoon.

- Wednesday, April 17
- Wednesday, October 16



## ENGAGE Committee

The ENGAGE Committee operates with the primary role of engaging individuals and partners in solutions to homelessness. The Standing Committee comprises three distinct workgroups:

- Partners, which focuses on recruitment, engagement, and membership;
- Communication, responsible for facilitating effective communication; and
- Lived Experience & Advocacy, which centers individuals with lived experience, ensuring their meaningful participation and decision-making power in addressing homelessness.

ENGAGE Committee meetings are scheduled monthly on the fourth Thursday, a 90-minute business meeting starting at 3 pm.

- Thursday, January 25
- Thursday, February 22
- Thursday, March 28
- Thursday, April 25
- Thursday, May 23
- Thursday, June 27
- Thursday, July 25
- Thursday, August 22
- Thursday, September 26
- Thursday, October 24
- Thursday, November 28
- Thursday, December 26

To join the ENGAGE Committee, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## Lived Experience & Advocacy

The Lived Experience & Advocacy Sub-Committee supports Our Path Home to empower those most impacted into positions leadership and active in decision making. The sub-committee helps to develop and refine communication materials, participate in decision making processes, and drive necessary strategies to ensure Our Path Home can center voices of those with lived experience. The sub-committee is a cross-section of individuals with lived experience, prioritizing those with an experience of homelessness within the last 7 years, that are interested in systems-level discussion and engagement. Meetings are generally held every other month.

## Data & Performance

The Data and Performance Sub-Committee increases the quality, utility and understanding of HMIS within the CoC and community at large. The sub-committee is chaired by a staff person from the HMIS Lead Agency and made up of a cross-section of users that use hands-on experience to speak to and influence how HMIS can be improved to assist the community, agencies, and clients served in making data-informed decisions. Any licensed HMIS user may join this sub-committee. Meetings are generally held quarterly.

## Quarterly Trainings

ENGAGE hosts quarterly partner trainings in the last month of each quarter, offering valuable insights into best practices. Detailed information about the 2024 Quarterly Training sessions can be found on the following pages.

To join any of the ENGAGE meetings or request information and additional training/support, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

# FAIR HOUSING, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL ACCESS QUARTERLY TRAINING

## About

This quarterly training session focuses on Fair Housing, Anti-Discrimination, and Equal Access. Participants will refresh their knowledge on practices aimed at ensuring services provide equal access, regardless of familial status, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation. The primary outcomes include the implementation of Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs to prevent the separation of families. Additionally, participants will learn to implement the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule in HUD Programs, ensuring equal access regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The training will also cover strategies for reasonable accommodation.

## Who Should Attend

This training is required for CoC staff, CoC Funded Service Providers and CES Staff (required).

## Wednesday, March 27

This training session will be either half or full day, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).



# ACCESSING MAINSTREAM RESOURCES QUARTERLY TRAINING

## About

This quarterly training session is designed to deliver current and pertinent information regarding available resources and points of contact for facilitating client access to various social support programs. The primary focus of the training is to equip participants with the knowledge necessary to guide clients in accessing essential mainstream resources.

The training will cover a range of programs, including Food Stamps, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Substance Use Disorder Programs, Employment Assistance Programs, and Health Insurance options such as Medicaid and Medicare.

## Who Should Attend

This training is only intended for Case Managers/Case Support staff from all programs and Lived Experts.

## Wednesday, June 19

This training session will span two hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING QUARTERLY TRAINING

## About

This quarterly training focuses on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, specifically addressing equity within the context of homelessness. The objective is to enhance participants' understanding of equity within homelessness and to elevate their cultural competency in service provision. The training will cover topics such as Equity within Housing & Homelessness, OPH Equity Analysis, and Cultural Competency (Learning). The desired outcome is to establish a stronger foundation for comprehending equity issues related to homelessness and to enhance cultural competence in service delivery.

## Who Should Attend

This training is intended for all partners.

## Wednesday, September 18

This training session will span two hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

# BEST PRACTICES (FOR SERVING SURVIVORS) QUARTERLY TRAINING

## About

This quarterly training is designed to facilitate continuous learning in person-centered care, emphasizing alignment with industry best practices. The training covers essential topics such as Trauma-Informed Care & Healing Modalities, Housing Focused Services, Crisis Response (including First Aid, NARCAN administration, and Suicide Prevention), De-escalation techniques, Survivor Track, Victim-Centered Care, Safety Planning Protocols, Emergency Transfer Plans, and Confidentiality Protocols. This training aims to provide a solid foundation for promoting continuous improvement in their ability to offer effective and compassionate services aligned with the best practices in serving survivors.

## Who Should Attend

This training is only intended for CoC, CoC Funded Service Providers and CES Staff (required).

## Wednesday, December 18

This training session will span two hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## CONNECT Committee

The CONNECT Committee is dedicated to resolving housing crises by connecting individuals to resources that resolve it. It ensures the Coordinated Entry System (CES) prioritizes the most vulnerable and implements best practices in homelessness response.

CONNECT Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, scheduled bi-monthly as a 90-minute business meeting, starting at 10 am.

- Tuesday, February 20
- Tuesday, March 16
- Tuesday, June 18
- Tuesday, August 15
- Tuesday, October 15
- Tuesday, December 17

CONNECT also has a Steering Committee that meets monthly on the third Monday, for 90 minute business meeting starting at 12:30 pm.

## Quarterly Workshops

CONNECT hosts quarterly workgroup meetings by homelessness response function - PREVENT, SHELTER, and OUTREACH. The purpose of these meetings is to deepen understanding between functional response partners on what they are seeing in homelessness services and increase collaboration on responsive solutions.

To join any of these CONNECT Committee meetings, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## Case Conferencing Meeting

Case Conferencing is a collaborative of representatives from our Homeless Services Continuum of Care to monitor and advance the progress of households toward permanent housing. Work sessions are dedicated to providing coordinated support to individuals experiencing homelessness and to foster collaboration between relevant agencies. The primary objective of Case Conferencing is to collaborate, address barriers, engage in problem solving, and implement solutions to rapidly connect high-priority households to permanent housing solutions.

Case Conferencing Workgroup meetings are scheduled as a bi-weekly on Tuesdays, for 90-minute business meeting, starting at 3 pm.

To join the Case Conferencing Workgroup, email Rosie at [rlopez@catchprogram.org](mailto:rlopez@catchprogram.org).

## OUTREACH Partners Meeting

The Street OUTREACH Sub-Committee primarily works to coordinate efforts among a cross-sector group of agency partners working to connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to the supports they need to access emergency shelter, services, and housing.

OUTREACH meetings are scheduled as a bi-weekly on Thursdays, for 60-minute in-person business meeting starting at 11 am.

To join the OUTREACH Sub-Committee, email Jordan at [jesperilla@cityofboise.org](mailto:jesperilla@cityofboise.org).

## Public Health Workgroup

The Public Health Workgroup (PHW) sustains a vital partnership between the health system and homelessness response systems, fostering collaboration to address public health challenges for those experiencing homelessness.

Public Health Workgroup meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday, for 30-minute virtual business meeting starting at 8 am.

To join the Public Health Workgroup, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## HOUSE Committee

The HOUSE Committee's primary goal is quickly, safely, and permanently housing individuals. Its focus lies in enhancing housing stability outcomes and expanding access to permanent housing units.

HOUSE Committee meetings are scheduled bi-monthly on the first Wednesday as a 90-minute business meeting, starting at 1:30 pm.

- Wednesday, February 7
- Wednesday, April 3
- Wednesday, June 6
- Wednesday, August 2
- Wednesday, October 10
- Wednesday, December 4

## Permanent Supportive Housing Workgroup

The Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Workgroup's primary goal is to provide support individuals in single-site PSH developments with stable housing and voluntary, flexible, and individualized supportive services. Meetings are limited to PSH single-site partners.

## PREVENT Housing Loss Workgroup

Partners that work on housing long collaborate to ensure residents facing housing loss, specifically those at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness, are provided the support they need to not experience literal homelessness. Meetings are limited to OPH prevention partners.

To join any of the HOUSE teams, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## FUND Committee

The FUND Committee support the allocation of resources to impactful programs aligned with OPH's strategic goals. FUND seeks to increase funding to match the scale of local need and align grant-making processes with priorities.

FUND Committee meetings are scheduled quarterly on the second Wednesday of the second month of the quarter, as a 60-minute business meeting.

- Wednesday, February 14
- Wednesday, May 8
- Wednesday, August 14
- Wednesday, November 13

To join the FUND Committee, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).

## FUND Development Partner Workgroup

The purpose of the FUND Development Partner workgroup is for fundraising leaders from our partner organization. The workgroups meets to share information, increase alignment on OPH messaging, and identify/support new funding opportunities for system priorities and programs.

Development Partner meetings are scheduled quarterly on the second Wednesday of the third month of the quarter, as a 60-minute business meeting.

- Wednesday, March 13
- Wednesday, June 12
- Wednesday, September 11
- Wednesday, December 11

To join the Development Partner Committee, email [info@ourpathhome.org](mailto:info@ourpathhome.org).