



Our Path Home

MEETING PACKET 2025

Together, making homelessness rare,
brief, and a singular experience in
Ada County.



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Our Path Home 2025 Meeting Packet!

Inside, you'll find the detailed schedule for our upcoming meetings, essential for navigating our collective journey over the coming year. 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!

Thank you,
Our Path Home Staff

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For questions regarding Our Path Home meetings, trainings and any general inquiries, please contact info@ourpathhome.org.

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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 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 homelessness response system. 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 13
- Monday, March 10
- Monday, May 12
- Monday, July 14
- Monday, September 8
- Monday, November 17

Registration is required to join. To register, visit: tiny.cc/29i4001.

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP REATREAT

The Executive Committee will convene on Monday, June 9, to conduct the Annual Strategic Retreat planning session. This all day 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.

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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, lead agency staff and HMIS lead agency staff representatives, although it is open to any member of the Executive Committee and Chairs of any standing committee. Additionally, this group focuses on system data & performance. 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.

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.

BIANNUAL 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 16
- Wednesday, September 17

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EQUITY COHORT

The Equity Cohort meets monthly to advance the work of the Executive Committee and the partnership at large. It is attended by a diverse group of participants who are committed to fostering racial equity and inclusion within the Our Path Home Continuum of Care (CoC). The cohort is open to any committee member who is dedicated to this work. The cohort is led and supported by Housing & Urban Development (HUD) technical assistance teams to ensure best practices and effective strategies for racial equity.

The focus of the Equity Cohort includes:

- **Conduct Baseline Data Analysis:** Engage in analyzing baseline data to assess the current state of equity in our CoC, helping identify areas for growth and track progress over time.
- **Engage in Ongoing Learning and Discussion:** Monthly meetings will feature training sessions on racial equity, equipping members with the tools and knowledge to foster inclusive practices and support the cohort's work.
- **Frame Equity in Quarterly CoC-Wide Training:** Collaborate with other cohort members to design and structure quarterly training sessions focused on racial equity, ensuring that content is impactful, relevant, and aligned with the racial equity goals outlined in the Our Path Home System Equity Plan.

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm, beginning in February 2025.

To join the Equity Cohort, please email info@ourpathhome.org.

ENGAGE COMMITTEE

The ENGAGE Committee is dedicated to the meaningful inclusion of individuals with lived experience in addressing homelessness. This committee is comprised of a diverse group of people with lived experience, focusing on those who have encountered homelessness in the past seven years. Each committee member is paid for their participation in shaping our homelessness response system. The Committee mission is to empower those most affected by homelessness and ensuring they have a say in system decision-making processes. The committee collaborates to develop and enhance system-wide partnerships with people with lived experience at all levels to ensure that Our Path Home prioritizes the voices of those with lived experience.

Meetings for the ENGAGE Committee are held monthly on the fourth Thursday, lasting 90 minutes, starting at 1 pm.

- Thursday, February 27
- Thursday, March 27
- Thursday, April 24
- Thursday, May 22
- Thursday, June 26
- Thursday, July 24
- Thursday, August 28
- Thursday, September 25
- Thursday, October 23
- Thursday, November 27
- Thursday, December 18

To become a member of the ENGAGE Committee, please email 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 bimonthly as a 90-minute business meeting, starting at 10 am.

- Tuesday, February 18
- Tuesday, April 15
- Tuesday, June 17
- Tuesday, August 19
- Tuesday, October 21
- Tuesday, December 16

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

CASE CONFERENCING

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.

OUTREACH PARTNERS SUB-COMMITTEE

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.

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.

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 bimonthly on the first Wednesday as a 90-minute business meeting, starting at 1:30 pm.

- Wednesday, April 2
- Wednesday, June 4
- Wednesday, August 6
- Wednesday, October 1
- Wednesday, December 3

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.

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. It supports fundraising leaders from our partner organizations through information sharing to increase alignment within OPH priorities and identify/support new funding opportunities for system initiatives, strategies, and programs.

FUND Committee meetings are scheduled quarterly as a 60-minute business meeting. The meetings are aligned with those of the Supportive Housing Investment Fund (SHIF) Advisory Committee.

To join the FUND Committee, email info@ourpathhome.org.

QUARTERLY TRAININGS

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Our Path Home offers quarterly partner trainings during the last month of each quarter, providing valuable insights into best practices for supporting our community. These sessions are designed for Our Path Home staff and partners, community service providers, and anyone interested in learning more about fostering a stronger, more inclusive community.

Led by experts in their respective fields, these trainings focus on critical topics that empower participants to address community challenges effectively.

The 2025 Quarterly Trainings include:

- Accessing Mainstream Resources Training
- Fair Housing, Anti-Discrimination & Equal Access Training
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Training
- Best Practices for Serving Survivors Training

Detailed information about each session can be found on the following pages.

To request information and additional training/support, email 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.

Who Should Attend

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

Wednesday, March 19

This training session will be either two-hours or four-hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, visit: forms.office.com/g/Kua1qPjhfm

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, June 18

This training session will be either two-hours or four-hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, visit: forms.office.com/g/Kua1qPjhfm

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 17

This training session will be either two-hours or four-hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, visit: forms.office.com/g/Kua1qPjhfm

BEST PRACTICES (FOR SERVING SURVIVORS) QUARTERLY TRAINING

About

This quarterly training is designed to promote continuous learning in person-centered care while aligning with industry best practices. It focuses on key topics outlined in the CoC NOFO to enhance services for survivors, including trauma-informed and survivor-centered best practices that ensure housing and services meet survivors' unique needs. Participants will also explore safety planning and confidentiality protocols, learning strategies to identify and assess individual safety needs while safeguarding privacy. Additionally, the training emphasizes incorporating survivors' voices, rights, and perspectives into program delivery, empowering participants to create supportive, ethical, and effective care environments.

Who Should Attend

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

Wednesday, December 17

This training session will be either two-hours or four-hours, incorporating a break, lunch, and refreshments.

To pre-register for this training, visit: forms.office.com/g/Kua1qPjhfm