

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview:

The purpose of the Office is to coordinate policy and programs related to the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders, to provide overall guidance to state agencies for the purpose of developing a more coordinated and comprehensive substance abuse service delivery system in Idaho. In addition to the role of encouraging greater communication and cooperation across state agencies, ODP is committed to involving local communities and private substance abuse service providers in the ongoing process of improving the effectiveness and availability of both treatment and prevention services across all 44 Idaho counties.

Core Functions/Idaho Code:

The Office of Drug Policy (ODP) was established by HB 106 ([Idaho Code 67-821](#)). TITLE 67

STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS
CHAPTER 8
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
-- GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

67-821. COORDINATION OF POLICY AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. (1) There is hereby established in the office of the governor the "Office of Drug Policy." The administrator of the office of drug policy shall be the official in the state designated to oversee and execute the coordination of all drug and substance abuse programs within the state of Idaho. The administrator shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, and shall be subject to confirmation by the state senate.

(2) The office of drug policy shall:

(a) Cooperate and consult with counties, cities and local law enforcement on programs, policies and issues in combating Idaho's illegal drug and substance abuse problem;

(b) Serve as a repository of agreements, contracts and plans concerning programs for combating illegal drug and substance abuse from community organizations and other relevant local, state and federal agencies and shall facilitate the exchange of this information and data with relevant interstate and intrastate entities;

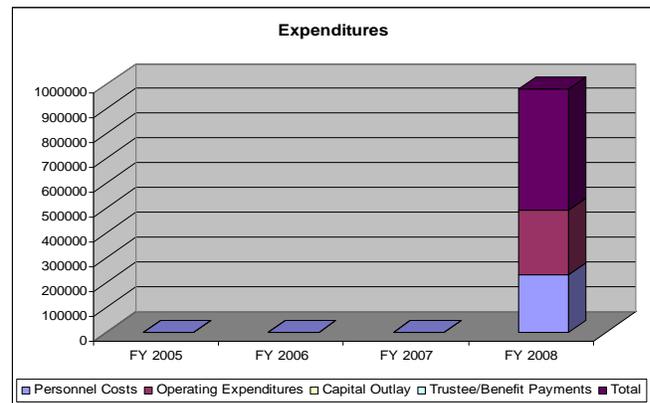
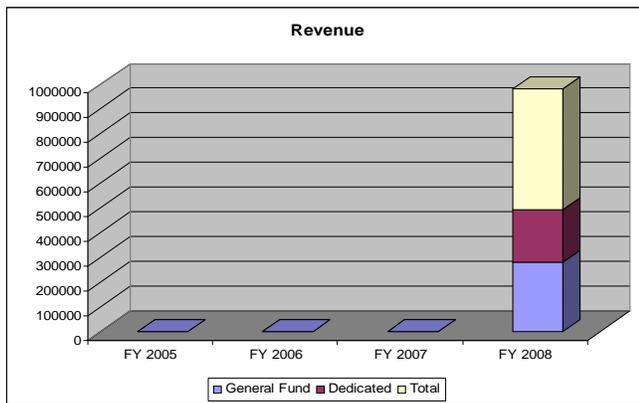
(c) Provide input and comment on community, tribal and federal plans, agreements and policies relating to illegal drug and substance abuse; and

(d) Coordinate public and private entities to develop, create and promote statewide campaigns to reduce or eliminate substance abuse.

(3) The administrator shall act as chairperson of the interagency committee on substance abuse prevention and treatment, as created in section 39-303, Idaho Code, to ensure that the interagency committee coordinates and directs all state entities regarding substance abuse prevention and treatment delivery services statewide.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	279,100
Dedicated	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>212,500</u>
Total				\$491,600
Expenditure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personnel Costs	N/A	N/A	N/A	230,000
Operating Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	261,600
Capital Outlay	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>0</u>
Total				\$491,600



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services/Performance Highlights:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Began the office with prevention as a priority by launching Idaho Meth Project,
- "GAIN" chosen as the common assessment for substance abuse
- Established committees for the coordination, training and implementation of GAIN
- Initiated the coordination of a strategic budget with Directors and members of the Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment (ICSA)
- Coordinated the development of a Strategic Plan for ICSA
- Coordinated through ICSA the changes necessary to cover substance use disorder (SUD) treatment under Medicaid. This included directing DHW to submit revisions to the feds of our State Medicaid Plan. The outcome of this will be accessing a 70-30 federal match for substance abuse treatment. This revision mirrors approved submissions for surrounding states.
- Built a relationship between all seven Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) and ODP
- Initiated better communication among multiple agencies including but not limited to: Department of Health and Welfare, Department of Correction, Department of Juvenile Corrections, Idaho State Police, Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Idaho Supreme Court, Magistrate and District Courts, the Idaho Legislature, County Juvenile Probation and Private Providers
- Reordered a treatment priority list for those qualifying to receive state assistance for substance abuse treatment. (176% poverty: Pregnant and Parenting Women, Adolescents, and IV drug users)
- Cancelled the then-existing RFP for the Management Services Contractor for SUD treatment and developed a new RFP utilizing a sub-committee of ICSA to insure that all aspects of SUD treatment services were covered in the RFP. This new RFP will insure that all areas of treatment are covered while eliminating duplication in the treatment system.
- Directed a collaborative process to eliminate duplicative services or payment for services
- Researching options for transition homes for adolescents and adults
- Hired 2 staff members at the beginning of the FY08 to assist in the workload according to the skills needed: Knowledge of Substance Abuse Treatment (I have that in my background, but am not currently a qualified SUD counselor...that is a status that would have to have been maintained and was not) and Budget Analyst/Accountant.
- Initiating the development of common definitions among agencies on intervention, recidivism, relapse, and prevention
- Strategized with partners to reduce the treatment waiting list. One strategy utilized is getting clients into an alternative level of care while they wait for a slot to open up in the level of care needed. This generally would mean getting a client into out-patient treatment while waiting for a residential treatment slot to become available.
- Overseeing that comprehensive budget requests for services are coupled with outcome data
- Understanding and communicating the client pathways to treatment in each department

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing relationships with counties and cities to collaborate across jurisdictions in implementing data collection on misdemeanor arrests for substance abuse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed a contract with FEI for a web-based client management system to capture data, "WITS"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiating a more collaborative process for SUD treatment services, assuring providers are using best practice treatment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research need for training to improve quality system wide. For instance, St. Alphonsus Hospital presented a telemedicine model to help reach rural communities, allowing access to intensive outpatient services.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effort to coordinate services statewide has brought national attention to Idaho and the Governor for initiating innovation and cooperation among state agencies, local governments, private business, and our federal partners.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established a Data Sharing Sub-Committee of ICSA to create framework for data collection.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a memorandum of understanding between agencies on sharing data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Data sharing group to develop data elements to track results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a "Best Practice" Sub Committee of ICSA to evaluate current practice in Idaho on prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. The membership of the committee consists of leading experts in the field who specialize in addiction medicine, and their participation in the development of a best practice medical model for treatment will move Idaho to an improved system of care.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing with ICSA a tool box for treatment options, methadone clinic, pharmacological therapy, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiating protocols to track success between agencies using a de-identification process to assure client privacy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities are holding awareness forums on issues surrounding enforcement, meth, gangs, internet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoken at three drug court graduations, two mental health court graduations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 967 office appointments in the ODP office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 116 combined visits to Region 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 200 community presentations on the "Idaho Meth Project"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 427 individuals dropped by the Office of Drug Policy to leave their business card to see how they could help

2008-2009 OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY GOALS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define Governor's expectations and direction for the Office of Drug Policy. Make course correction if recommended.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with agency directors and/or their designees to layout expected results from available data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold Executive Branch information forums to build better understanding about the Idaho Office of Drug Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor and implement the goals and outcomes from the Interagency Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Colonel Russell to fulfill the gubernatorial campaign promise of holding a Law Enforcement Summit to better coordinate a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement communication effort on illegal drug enforcement.

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