Behavioral Health Care

Status of the Current System

- Increase in Mental Health Holds
- Workforce Shortages, Particularly Medical Staff (Psychiatrists, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants)
- Access in Rural/Frontier Counties
- Limited Service Array
- Services to Support Recovery
- Non-Acute, Non-Inpatient Options for Seriously Mentally Ill Patients/Consumers
History: Over a Decade of Efforts to Transform Idaho’s Behavioral Health System

Most Recently:
• 2006: The Legislative Council Interim Committee and the Governor’s Transformation Work Group created.
• 2007: SCR 108 to review Idaho’s Behavioral Health system.
• 2008: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) completed study.
• 2010: Behavioral Health Transformation Work Group
• 2011: Behavioral Health Interagency Cooperative was formed.

Hallmarks of a Transformed System

1. Local input/Local influence.
2. Integrated treatment.
3. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
4. Eliminating gaps in services.
5. Maximum efficiency with maximum effectiveness.
WAVES OF TRANSFORMATION

1. Medicaid’s implementation of managed care.

2. Potential Medicaid expansion with the Affordable Care Act.

3. Idaho’s plan for transformation.