



## Legislative Update: Week 8

### Greetings, Public Health Champions!

My name is [Maija Teppola Baehr](#) and I am your 2019 Legislative Session intern. Throughout the session, I'll be writing a weekly newsletter for you through the IPHA and ICA. My goal with is to provide enough detail that you have high-level talking points for any legislative activity related to public health, while also providing appropriate links and supplemental information so you can quickly and easily access further info for those bills that you're particularly interested in.

Now, into the week 8 recap we go!

### HB 138 - "Expedited Evictions"

Jim Baugh, JD, Executive Director of DisAbility Rights Idaho wrote a very informative and helpful explanation of the unintended consequences of HB 138. In his write-up, Baugh explains,

*"An eviction is a legal dispute between two property owners, the owner of the title to the property and the owner of a leasehold. The leasehold is a valuable private property asset Whether it is a business owner's store or restaurant or a family's home, it is often the most precious asset they own. In every other legal dispute over property, the content of the pleadings and the times for response are dictated by the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and the court conducting the trial. In other property disputes, the legislature does not impose arbitrary time limits or restrict the terms of notice in the pleadings. H138 does both. The sponsors of H138 are asking the legislature to place their thumb on the scales of justice to favor the title owner over the leaseholder."*

Idaho's legislature is full of Representatives who don't believe government should be involved in regulating things like [child marriage](#), or [mandating vaccination](#) to protect vulnerable Idahoans and prevent the spread of disease across the State. To read the rest of Baugh's write-up of HB 138, [click here](#).

Communities in  
Arizona are currently



facing the unintended consequences of similar legislation - [read about their outcomes here](#).

In short, HB 138 not only erodes the rights of all tenants (both residential and commercial) across Idaho, it is a surefire way to continue to erode social equity. Remind Idaho Representatives that our policies should promote fairness, justice, and equality in *all* policies, not just policies that protect property owners.



### **JFAC Funded Medicaid!**

JFAC voted unanimously (20-0) approved the budget for the Division of Medicaid, which included fully-funding Medicaid expansion. The budget will now be carried onto the House floor. If it passes the House, it will head over to the Senate side for approval as well! And, alongside that...

### **Medicaid Expansion - Another Waiver Bill Coming Monday**

Nope, we're not out of the woods yet. This legislative session is certainly helping us in the public health & Medicaid expansion world learn how to hold our breath! Tomorrow, Rep. Vander Woude will introduce RS 27027 "Medicaid Expansion" in the House Health & Welfare Committee Meeting ([agenda here](#)).

**Attend the meeting:** We encourage you to sit in on the committee meeting or to [live stream](#) if you can.

**Where:** East Wing room 20, Garden Level, Idaho State Capitol Building

**When:** TOMORROW, Monday, March 4th, 9:00 am

**Why:** You won't be able to testify because this isn't a full hearing, just an introduction. But your presence will serve as a reminder to Rep. Vander Woude and other committee members that Idahoans are tired of being on this merry go round of Medicaid expansion waiver bills.

### **Take Action Now**

**Contact your Representatives: Tell Them No Costly Red Tape for Medicaid**

**Click above to talk to your representatives and other legislative leaders involved in this decision.**

**Stay Involved:** Close the Gap is hosting a webinar to teach you what this proposal is all about and how you can talk to your representative about it. It will be Tuesday afternoon, March 5th, from 3:00-4:00 pm. [Click here to register.](#)

For his role, Representative Vander Woude (R - Nampa) might need to be reminded that as a representative in our representative democracy where he represents the will of the people who elected him... [69.7% of voters](#) in his district approved waiver-free, fully-funded version of Medicaid expansion.

### Correction From Last Week

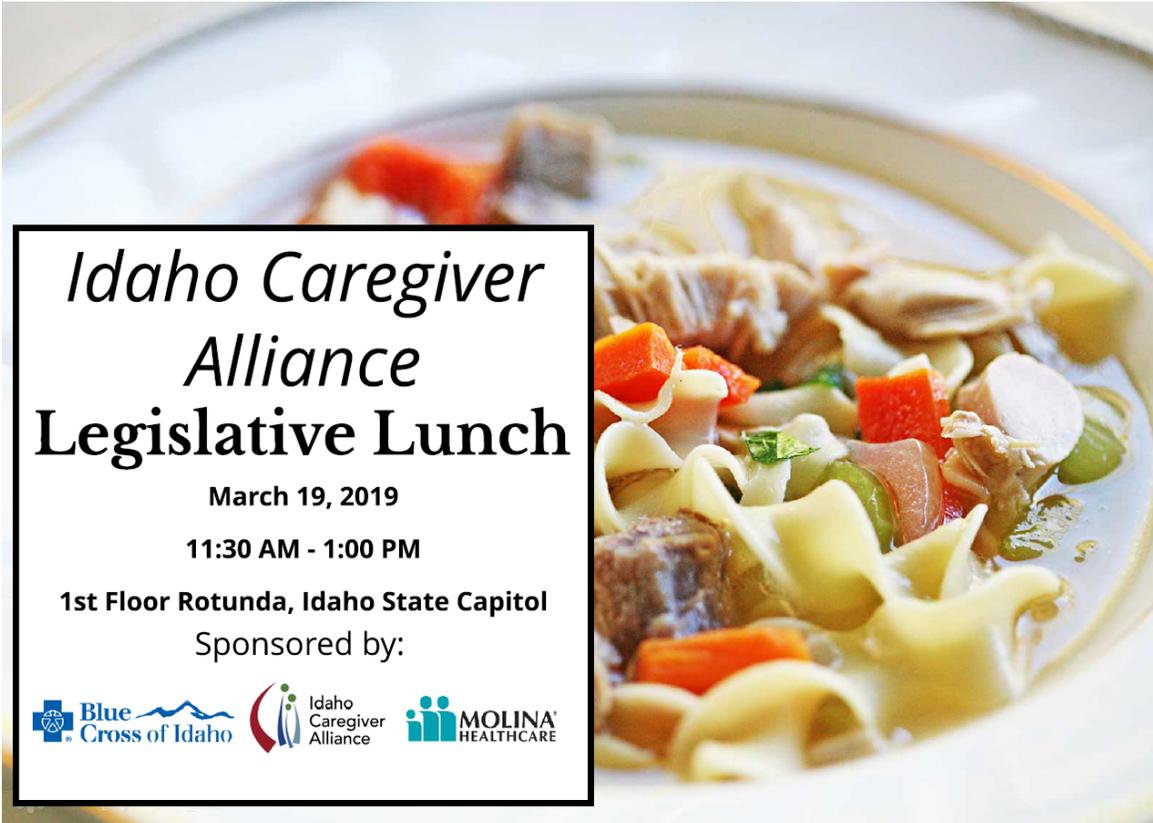
Last week, I wrote an update on [House Bill 18](#) which needs some clarification & correction. This bill will give the Area Agencies on Aging the flexibility to contract Adult Protective Services out to a qualified entity (vs. being required to employ staff themselves). Recruiting and retaining staff is currently a challenge for smaller AAAs in Idaho; the hope is that being able to contract for the delivery of these services will help address this issue.

### HB 109 - Maternal Mortality Panel

This bill has its hearing in the Senate Health & Welfare Committee tomorrow. Susie Pouliot of the Idaho Medical Association will present it. [Link to agenda.](#)

### Calling all Caregivers Across the Lifespan

The Idaho Caregivers Alliance is hosting their annual legislative luncheon on **Tuesday, March 19th.**



*Idaho Caregiver  
Alliance*  
**Legislative Lunch**

March 19, 2019  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
1st Floor Rotunda, Idaho State Capitol  
Sponsored by:





Any caregiver or stakeholder in the Caregiver's population is encouraged to attend!

**RSVP** by emailing Tiffany Robb ([tiffanyrobb@boisestate.edu](mailto:tiffanyrobb@boisestate.edu)) before COB Friday, March 15. Please circulate [this flyer](#) to other groups who may be interested!

## **Do you have a disabling condition? Do you know someone that does?**



[LINC Idaho](#) is hosting listening sessions across the state this month! Tell them what we need to prioritize in Idaho. [Flyer here](#). Spread the word!

### **Other Events Coming Up**

**March 6:** Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities March Meeting. The meeting will be at [Idaho Parents Unlimited, Inc.](#) To call in, dial: 1-877-820-7831/ Passcode: 6307208# Please send agenda items and events to Dana, by **March 1st at the latest**, [danawadacenteridaho@gmail.com](mailto:danawadacenteridaho@gmail.com).

**March 15-16:** Join the Idaho Peer Support Association and Empower Idaho for their Southeast Idaho Peer Support Connection Conference this March. CEUs will be offered for CPSS's, CFSP's, and CRC's. Click [here](#) for more information, and click [here](#) to register.

- The North Idaho Conference will occur April 5th and 6th in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- Southwest Idaho Conference will occur June 7th and 8th in Boise, Idaho.

**March 18:** [Managing Suicide Risk for Emergency Department Staff and First Responders](#) Webinar with Kent Corso, Psy.D.

**March 19, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm:** Idaho Caregiver Alliance *Lunch for Legislators*. See above for info.

**March 28, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm:** [Idaho Caregiver Alliance](#) Quarterly Meeting will be held at Idaho Parents Unlimited, 4619 Emerald St., Suite E, Boise; for more info, contact Marilyn Sword, [frontiergroupidaho@gmail.com](mailto:frontiergroupidaho@gmail.com).

**April 4:** [Intermountain Fair Housing Council](#) Fair Housing event. Be a part of a movement to continue to build affordable, accessible, discrimination-free housing in Idaho. \$25.00 to attend. [Flyer here](#).

**April 5, 8:30 am - 10:00 am:** [Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults \(JAVA\)](#) monthly meeting at St. Alphonsus RMC, Coughlin Room 1; Speaker Natalie Bodine on Emergency Preparedness; for more info, contact Mary Holden ([maryholden@boisestate.edu](mailto:maryholden@boisestate.edu)) or 208-850-4771.

**April 24, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm:** 20th Annual Treasure Valley Community Resource Fair; 8 am – 2 pm; O’Connor Field House/Caldwell Event Center, 2207 Blaine St., Caldwell; for more info, contact Jette Rogers at [info@tvrcr.net](mailto:info@tvrcr.net) or 208-459-9263 or visit the website at [www.idahoconnections.org](http://www.idahoconnections.org).

**April 25 – 27:** Idaho Integrated Behavioral Health Network 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. This conference is focused on systems transformation to increase access and improve the quality of behavioral health services in Idaho. Register before February 28<sup>th</sup> to receive 25% off. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

**April 27, 10:00 am-2:00 pm:** Navigating Longevity Open House at the [Wood River YMCA, Ketchum](#). Sponsored by Senior Connection in Hailey, Idaho; for more info, contact Teresa Beahen Lipman ([teresa@seniorconnectionidaho.org](mailto:teresa@seniorconnectionidaho.org)) or Ramona Duke ([ramona@seniorconnectionidaho.org](mailto:ramona@seniorconnectionidaho.org)) at 208-788-3468.

**May 1 & 2:** Northwest Regional Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) Conference. This year’s theme is “Setting the Stage: Creating a Shared Vision to Support Transformation.” For more information, click [here](#).

**May 3, 8:30 am - 10:00 am:** [Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults \(JAVA\)](#) monthly meeting at St. Alphonsus RMC, Coughlin Room 1; Speaker Natalie Bodine on Emergency Preparedness; for more info, contact Mary Holden ([maryholden@boisestate.edu](mailto:maryholden@boisestate.edu)) or 208-850-4771.

**May 14 – 16:** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency. *2019 scholarships for this conference are be accepted through March 3, 2019.* For more information on the conference, click [here](#). For more information regarding the scholarship, click [here](#).

**June 2019:** Join the Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) for an 8-session virtual learning collaborative focused on Motivational Interviewing Skills. The next session will be in June! To learn more about the Northwest ATTC, click [here](#).

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As always, please let me know if your organization has any important legislative action or event coming up you'd like included.

Best of Health,  
Maija

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