

MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP

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Guest Cities

The Public Policy Center at Boise State University Data Democracy Project (working title)

The Public Policy Center is in the initial phase of scoping an indicator collection and data visualization project. Currently, we are interested in statewide and county-level indicators as we develop capacity and find funding. Idaho has a total population of just over 1.5 million in 44 counties – a very manageable number of people and some very sparsely populated (rural) areas. Our efforts at the MSA level will focus on the Boise/Nampa metro area where about 40% of the population of the state resides. No agency at the state level has the mandate, and very few counties have the capacity to aggregate data that is easy to access and easy to interpret. We are looking for the right technology platform, funding partners outside of the University, and best practices from those that have been successful to build a sustainable tool for the community and the state.

Contact: Carole Nemnich, MPA, Associate Director of the Public Policy Center

Carole Nemnich has over 20 years of experience in the private sector, served as the Executive Director for a statewide nonprofit, and has been at the Public Policy Center for seven years. Her expertise is in applied research and technical assistance for governmental agencies and nonprofits. She frequently partners with other centers and institutes on campus and with other universities in collaborative efforts to understand policy issues and advance knowledge about issues that affect Idaho citizens. She is an adjunct professor for the Department of Political Science and for the Master's in Public Administration program.

Pinellas County, Florida: Health and Human Services Coordinating Council for Pinellas County, <http://www.hhsc-pinellas.org>, <http://www.pinellasindicators.org/>

The Health and Human Services Coordinating Council for Pinellas County (HHSCC) works with funders and providers across the community to develop improved systems of care through aligning resources and providing evidence-based services. Comprised of three major components: a Policy Board, an Administrative Forum, and five Leadership Networks, its structure is designed to engage a broad array of stakeholders to achieve collective impact.

The Policy Board consists of County Commissioners, Juvenile Welfare Board members, and the County Sheriff; and, it provides guidance for the work of the HHSCC and connects the HHSCC to the major governing bodies in the County. The Administrative Forum brings together leaders from the county's major funders of health and human services to share knowledge and to develop consensus around a common agenda for Pinellas County. They have created technologies to support data-driven decision-making, such as a Community Investment Profile and a community indicators system. These systems tie our investments to desired results. This framework and level of coordination supports powerful collaborative efforts throughout the five Leadership Networks, made up of community stakeholders working together around the following focus areas: 1) Homelessness, 2) Low Income Housing, 3) Health and Behavioral Health, 4) Disaster Recovery, and 5) Learn and Succeed.

Contact: J. Joseph Baldwin (Joe) Baldwin, MA, Senior Researcher/Planner

Joe is the Senior Researcher/Planner for the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council for Pinellas County (HHSCC). He fills a leadership role in Pinellas County, working closely with elected officials, senior administrators, and other stakeholders to create a more effective and efficient health and human services system for the residents of Pinellas County.

Joe is skilled at strategic planning, community mobilization, building and maintaining community indicator systems, performance evaluation, project management, research and evaluation. He is an advanced user of many of the technologies supporting his work, such as SAS, SPSS, MapInfo, ArcGIS, InstantAtlas, Adobe Creative Suite, etc. Joe serves as Vice President of the Community Indicators Consortium (CIC), where he chairs the Technology Committee; and, he is a participant in the Sloan sponsored Community Indicators-Performance Measure Integration Project.