



Monthly Update

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Projects in Proposal Stage

Boise School District Pre-K Program Evaluation (sponsor, City of Boise or Boise School District)

BCA of Southwestern Idaho Membership Survey (sponsor, Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho)

Systems for Action (sponsor, RWJF)

Ongoing Projects

Charter School Program Evaluation (sponsor, Bluum)

SAMHSA Treatment and Transitions Evaluation (sponsor, Idaho Health and Welfare)

New Path Community Housing Evaluation (sponsor, City of Boise)

Advancing Informal STEM Learning Pre-Pilot Survey (not sponsored)

Foster Care in Idaho (not sponsored)

Downtown Mobility Collaborative (not sponsored)

US Census Complete Count Committee (not sponsored)

Treasure Valley Survey (not sponsored)

Statewide Survey (not sponsored)

New Projects

Property Tax Burden in Boise (sponsor, City of Boise)

Idaho's Transportation Infrastructure (multiple supporters)

Wisconsin Nonprofit Compensation Survey (sponsor, InterSector)

Projects Pending Contracting

College and Career Advising and Mentoring Program Evaluation (sponsor, State Board of Education)

Early Literacy Program Evaluation (sponsor, State Board of Education)

Advanced Opportunities Program Evaluation (sponsor, State Board of Education)

Oregon Nonprofit Compensation Survey (sponsor, The Nonprofit Association of Oregon)

Affordable Housing Policy Analysis (sponsor, City of Boise)

Annual City of Boise Resident Survey (sponsor, City of Boise)

Projects Completed

Mountain Home Comprehensive Plan Update (sponsor, Mountain Home)



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Ending Family Homelessness (sponsor, City of Boise)

Publications, Press Coverage and Presentations

Vanessa was published in the [Public Administration Review](#) for her [Pay for Success Financing: Diffusion Dynamics in the U.S.](#) article.

Vanessa presented at WellSky 2019 CareForum alongside Kim Keaton, [Corporation for Supportive Housing](#) Director of Data and Analysis, at the [WellSky 2019 CareForum](#). Their talk was titled, “First Comes Data: Using Homeless & Healthcare Data to Drive Housing Interventions and Reduce Public Costs”. Kim talked about national trends in homelessness data sharing, including integrating data from health care and criminal justice systems and Vanessa provided a case study of data integration using New Path Community Housing in Ada County. Using this case study, Kim and Vanessa shared improved ways of integrating homeless and housing data with health care and other systems so that they may both identify people for interventions and track outcomes for those in housing to demonstrate impact. The talk left the listeners with the value of integrating health and housing data and the impact that housing can have on the health care utilization. WellSky has requested the duo host a webinar in October to continue the discussion.

Vanessa presented at the 2019 Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers Association Institute on innovative financing for infrastructure and programs.

Vanessa was interviewed by the LA Times regarding homelessness in Ada County.

Greg Hill was quoted in an Idaho Statesman article titled, “[Here’s how much federal money Idaho could lose if you’re not counted in 2020 census.](#)”

“This is the first census where electronic data collection will be used,” Hill stated in the piece. “The U.S. Census Bureau will mail a postcard to every home with a unique web code so each household can fill the census out online this year. If a household decides not to fill it out online, they will be sent a paper version. If they don’t fill that out, a Census Bureau representative will come to the home and help the household fill it out.”

City of Boise's [New Path Community Housing hit its one-year mark](#). IPI is currently doing the six-month evaluation on the outcomes of the program.

Gabe and Vanessa did their [final presentation in front of Mountain Home’s City Council meeting](#). They presented the results of the survey, and the chapters of the comprehensive plan that IPI took the lead in writing.



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Matthew and Gabe [presented at the Idaho Association of Counties' Annual Conference](#). They presented to a breakout session of county commissioners about economic trends in Idaho.

Other Projects and Working Groups

The GAs, Emily, Tasha, Vanessa and Greg are working on an IPI Client Follow Up survey. We plan to call 26 of our past clients and receive feedback on services, communication, the product, cost, and timeframe.

The GAs are also working on an MPA Employer Needs Assessment. As part of this project, the students are reviewing 300 job descriptions from employers across Idaho and peer states and will also be interviewing potential MPA employers to determine what they are seeking in ideal job candidates.

Greg and Vanessa are working with Jeff Lyons on the Treasure Valley survey. It was fielded Sept 14-19, 2019. The completed survey counts were 1,000 Treasure Valley adults: 650 phones (325 landlines, 325 cell phone), 325 online, 25 texts. The results have been analyzed and Greg and Jeff are doing the write up now. We are starting to put together the instrument for the Statewide survey, which will be in the field Dec 2-9 and ready for presentation at the beginning of the 2020 legislative session.

At our staff meeting we identified three workshops (to share the knowledge!). One is with McAllister Hall, an IPI GA. McAllister will be showing us technique she uses to code qualitative data effectively and efficiently. Another workshop will be with Lantz McGinnis-Brown. He took a course recently about data science and has created an application that will serve as a teaching tool for IPI staff. The last workshop will be an ongoing series of writing workshops that Ben Larsen will be hosting. For the first workshop, Ben will invite an assistant professor from SPS to join him.

Lantz and Gabe are working on an additional dashboard for our website. This dashboard is going to be a map of Census tracts that are predicting a low response rate on the 2020 Census. This will inform outreach efforts to ensure a complete and representative Census count next year. The low response score takes into account minority and non-English speaking populations, poverty levels, lack of internet, and percent of renters. This map will be presented at the Governor's Census Complete Count Committee the second week of October.

This is their second dashboard for our website. The first one displays [Idaho precinct level responses to the 2018 Propositions 1 and 2](#). This was an interesting map for them to put together because the data was hard to find and they believe it is the first of its kind in Idaho.