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Regional Behavioral Health Boards

Attn: Regional Behavioral Health Board members and Public Health Districts

I am writing to provide formal notice of the dissolution of the seven Regional Behavioral Health Boards (RBHB) established under Idaho Code § 39-3132-39. The dissolution of the Boards is in response to the 2026 Senate Bill 1314. This bill amended and repealed existing law to revise provisions regarding the Board of Health and Welfare, substate administrative regions, and regional behavioral health boards. This change is effective immediately.

Immediate Operational Guidelines:

- **Statutory Functions:** Boards are officially relieved of all statutory advisory functions, including the development of any regional plans and formal advocacy roles supported by the board. Previously approved activities may proceed informally at the discretion of the community volunteers involved.
- **Meeting Activities:** Meetings scheduled prior to April 30, 2026 may be used for close-out activities and the finalization of meeting minutes. No new business will be introduced as a Regional Behavioral Health Board.
- **Financial Commitments:** All DBH spending for Regional Behavioral Health Boards is terminated as of April 30, 2026 and no new projects will be supported as of the date on this letter.

As many of you know, I wrote the legislation that created the boards. The boards have been incredibly helpful in setting direction for our system. I am so grateful to all board members, current and past, for your dedication to behavioral health in Idaho.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Sincerely,

Ross Edmunds, Administrator

Division of Behavioral Health