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## Caucus Helps Form Idaho Behavioral Health Council

**BOISE, Idaho** – Caucus members gathered today with Governor Brad Little and Idaho Supreme Court Justices to sign documents establishing and supporting the Idaho Behavioral Health Council. The Council is a new three-branch approach to helping Idahoans with mental health and substance use disorders.

"Behavioral health issues for individuals affect entire communities by endangering their lives, the lives of people around them, and creating a drain on the corrections system," said Majority Caucus Chair Representative Megan Blanksma. "This new Council will help various stakeholders better coordinate to save time and money while also helping more Idahoans get the help they need sooner, before tragedy strikes."

The 13-member Council will develop a statewide plan alongside local government, educators, and community partners that will improve access to care.

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