



# Strategic Action Plan to Solve Homelessness: 2018-2021

Community Forum | Tuesday, August 27, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library



# Tonight's Agenda

Time	Activity
10 min	Welcome, Introductions + Purpose of Meeting
20 min	Anchored Home: Updates on Our Five 2019 Priorities
5 min	Community Volunteer + Involvement Opportunities
5 min	<i>Brief Transit Break: Group 2 goes upstairs to 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Commons</i>
60 min	Breakout Sessions <b>1. Housing &amp; Supports</b> (Pillar 1, 2, 4 / 5): Wilda Marston Theater, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor <b>2. Public Health &amp; Safety</b> (Pillar 3 / 5): Learning Commons, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
5 min	<i>Brief Transit Break: Group 2 returns to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Theater</i>
15 min	Wrap-Up + Next Steps

Thank You for Attending!



Name	Title + Organization
Kameron Perez-Verdia Meg Zalatel	Co-Chairs, Anchorage Assembly Committee on Homelessness
Nancy Burke	Homeless and Housing Coordinator <i>Municipality of Anchorage</i>
Jasmine Boyle	Executive Director <i>Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness</i>
Michele Brown	CEO <i>United Way of Anchorage</i>
Dr. Dick Mandsager	Senior Fellow <i>Rasmuson Foundation</i>
Thea Agnew Bemben Tanya Iden Anna Brawley	Facilitators + Meeting Support <i>Agnew::Beck Consulting</i>



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# VISION



Homelessness is rare, brief, & one-time



# KEY PILLARS





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# 2019 Implementation Priorities

**Priority 1.** Improve community health, safety and emergency systems: increase available shelter beds and decrease unauthorized camps.

**Priority 2.** Increase permanent housing and supports resources in the community.

**Priority 3.** Assess and improve local capacity to prevent and divert from homelessness.

**Priority 4.** Improve data collection and support infrastructure to inform decision-making, track progress toward our goals, and monitor performance.

**Priority 5.** Increase use of and links to existing community resources. Advocate for more resources where needed.

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# Priority I Update:

Community health, safety + emergency shelter

- Cold weather shelter capacity for adults will be increased by at least **150** adult beds (over 2019) to meet current need providing funding is available.
  - The Municipality is developing a contract for these services as quickly as possible this fall
- Church Emergency Family Cold Weather Shelter, 2019-2020:
  - **The churches and volunteers are ready to enter into the 10<sup>th</sup> year of serving families within the community**



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# Priority 2 Update:

## Permanent housing and supports

- **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP):** The first youth was housed April 9, 2019. To date, **21** youth have been placed into Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and **9** youth have been housed into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
- **Path to Independence:** **22** individuals have been housed in 2019 so far. P2I has housed **36** individuals in total.
- **Family Community Housing Project (FCHP):** **30** households were housed across the program to date in 2019.
- **Pay for Success:** Pilot was launched summer of 2019. As of today: **4** individuals have been housed.
- ACEH is partnering with Agnew::Beck to better understand the **Anchorage Housing Capacity & Supports System**

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# Priority 3 Update:

## Prevent and divert from homelessness

- **Alaska 2-1-1 usage increase**

- 230% increase in referrals for food and meal assistance compared to 2018
- Combined two-day call volume total 247 calls. Same days prior year 154 calls
- Increase in calls for General Relief – Senior Benefits
- Top 3 Unmet Services for July 2019
  - Rent Payment Assistance
  - Utility Payment Assistance
  - Rent Deposit Assistance

- **Prevention**

- Developing client tracking and monitoring system
- Enhancing existing systems and determining future housing navigation systems

- **Diversion**

- Analyzing public and private resources
- Identifying predictive data within existing services

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# Priority 4 Update:

## Data collection and infrastructure

Anchorage is participating in **Built for Zero** as of 2019!

- Change in timeline due to delays related to state budget cuts
- In April, we met 7/28 criteria for a quality by-name list. Today we have flipped **21** of the 28 questions to “yes”!

## **Data strategy assessment** completed!

- Gap analysis and data systems project underway in Anchorage
- Anchorage and statewide coalition finalized a joint HMIS Strategic Assessment and an AKHMIS Strategic Plan is underway
- **Tracking our progress:** Anchored Home Data Scorecards are in the Piloting phase

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# Priority 5 Update:

## Links to community services

- Develop and implement new communications to **broaden and deepen the public discussions about homelessness** including solutions
  - ACEH, MOA and HLC developing Communications Plan
- Advocacy measures with State Budget
  - Launched a shared advocacy platform with ACEH and Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- A **funders collaborative** in Anchorage is progress
  - Discussions with potential funders for planned investments
  - Multiple funders interested in substantial investments
  - State budget situation has delayed progress on new investments
  - Public announcement of investment coming soon!

# Ongoing Risk: FY20 State Budget

FY20 State Budget – following signing of HB 2001 & SB 2002

<i>Program</i>	FY19	FY20 (Current)
Homeless Assistance Program	\$7,900,000	\$4,550,000
Special Needs Housing Grant	\$1,900,000	\$3,700,000
Human Services Community Matching Grant	\$1,387,000	\$1,387,000
Community Initiative Matching Grant Program	\$861,700	\$861,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,048,700</b>	<b>\$10,498,700</b>

*Because of your voice and efforts, a significant amount of the funding was restored to the budget. However, there were several vetoes that will impact our vulnerable and lead to an increase in homelessness in Anchorage:*

**SB 2002 VETOES:** -\$10M in Statewide Addiction Treatment Facilities matching grant, Weatherization Program

**HB 2001 VETOES:** -\$6.1M Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants, Youth Detention and Treatment (Nome), Adult Public Assistance, Medicaid, Medicaid Dental, Village Public Safety Officer, Rural Airport Maintenance, Marine Highway System

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# Get **Involved** to Help Our Neighbors!

- **Volunteer:** Many opportunities at **Be the Change 907**
  - <http://www.bethechange907.org/need/>
- **Donate:** Financial contributions
  - August 31: Deadline to change any PFD deductions, including Pick. Click. Give!
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- **Advocate:** Contact our Federal Delegation, Governor and state Legislators to share how important it is to sustain preventative safety net services
  - Partial loss of Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)
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# Instructions for Breakout Discussions

Choose one of these two breakouts to attend:

## Breakout 1. Housing & Supports

- Location: Wilda Marston Theater, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (**here!**)

## Breakout 2. Public Health & Safety

- Location: Learning Commons, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
*Elevators + stairs located in the front desk area*

After the breakouts conclude (at about 7:15), **please return here** for a brief sharing from our discussions and wrap-up from tonight's meeting.

We will conclude the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



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# Breakout Topics

## Breakout 1. Housing & Supports

- What progress are we making to better connect people experiencing homelessness with housing and supports?
  - Data and infrastructure
  - Housing and supportive services
- How do state budget cuts affect current and future services?

## Breakout 2. Public Health & Safety

- What is the Assembly and Municipality doing to improve public health and safety for those experiencing homelessness and surrounding neighbors?
- What is the emergency declaration for, and how has it helped the Municipality respond to our current situation?
- How do state budget cuts affect current and future services?

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# Highlights from Breakouts

- Did you learn something new in your breakout?  
What surprised you?
- What did you hear tonight that you will take action on to address homelessness in Anchorage?

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# Stay **Involved** with Anchored Home!

- Join the **Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH)** and attend bi-monthly membership meetings
  - Next meeting: Friday, September 13, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
Alaska Housing Finance Corp. office, 4300 Boniface Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Attend the **Anchored Home Quarterly Community Forums**
  - The next forum is scheduled for November 20, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Attend **Assembly Committee on Homelessness Meetings**
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 632 West 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Conference Room 830
- Attend monthly **HHAND Commission Meetings**
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
Anchorage Health Department, 825 L St., Conference Room 423

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# Stay **Informed** about Anchored Home!

- Follow progress on the **ACEH coalition's website**:  
[anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home/](http://anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home/)
  - Sign up for e-mail updates on the coalition's website!
  - Follow ACEH on Facebook!
- Follow the **Muni's current activities**:
  - Updates on Public Health & Safety:  
[anchored-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com](http://anchored-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com)
  - Mayor's Corner, Housing and Homelessness:  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Pages/MayorsHousingandHomelessness.aspx>
- **Contact the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness** at  
[director@anchoragehomeless.org](mailto:director@anchoragehomeless.org)

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