



ANCHORAGE COALITION TO **END HOMELESSNESS**

JUNE 15, 2022 UPDATE*

*USUALLY PROVIDED TO THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS BUT PROVIDED VIA PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE CANCELLATION OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

KEY HOMELESS PREVENTION RESPONSE SYSTEM (HPRS) INDICATORS

- 219 current Sullivan Arena census (MOA dashboard)
- 191 occupants at non-congregate mass care (MOA dashboard)
- 58 non-congregate units open (MOA dashboard) identified Sullivan individuals (~55) to fill vacancies – staffing constraints limit full capacity – approximately 44 accepted to move once transportation is available
 - Brother Francis shelter is reopened and already at capacity
- Complex Care open and expected at capacity with identified/existing people in mass care by end of June
 - Some high barrier shelter/program capacity available (30 beds for men)
 - Most housing programs are full with waitlists
 - Additional housing capacity delayed because of delays in MOA based rental assistance
 - Notice of 42 camps posted for abatement received 6/14/22

RESPONSE TO MOA DEMOBILIZATION PLAN

- Not developed or coordinated with the HPRS
- Reopening of BFS has occurred and it is at capacity – no additional capacity to decompress from current Sullivan census
- Case management is a process and not a solution – case management capacity continues to be a community challenge and there have been no additional resources offered to expand capacity
- Choosing to camp and case management are not mutually exclusive. Case management is available for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Resource guide provided lists resources that are at capacity or have capacity but high barriers and resources provided are not necessarily targeted at immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- Coordinated entry services were available at the Sullivan event and access points remain available on demand.
- Aviator "C" wing are private units for lease and clients have already been identified for all units available.
- No alternative shelter identified for clients after Sullivan closes on 6/30.
- MOA is directing all homelessness related service needs requests to the Assembly, but has yet offered no plans for meeting food, hygiene and transportation needs.

Report Date: 06/10/22
Next Report Anticipated: 06/17/22



COVID 19 Demobilization SITREP

Sullivan Closure: June 30
Days Remaining: 20

Situation Background

- Pandemic congregate sheltering at the Sullivan Arena was stood up by a previous administration based on their belief that such expenses were FEMA reimbursable.
- FEMA reimbursement eligibility for pandemic related sheltering ends on June 30, 2022.
- Current operations at the Sullivan are estimated at \$1 million per month.
- Due to the termination of FEMA eligibility, the Sullivan must close by June 30.
- Efforts are now underway to transition clients to alternative housing ahead of the FEMA closure date.

Important Clarification: There has been some discussion this week about new services and funding streams for unhoused individuals. AHD is demobilizing a FEMA COVID 19 response. Requests for new municipal services to address the long standing homelessness endemic should be directed to the Assembly.

This Week

- Community engagement events at the Sullivan brought together a number of service providers this week. The event's impact was, however, limited by the unexpected absence of coordinated entry services.
- Resource guides were provided to all remaining clients at the Sullivan as we continue to encourage them to seek case management services. The guide can be viewed [here](#). If service providers have additions or corrections, please respond to this email as we intend to print a new version next week.
- Reductions in operational space are ongoing as additional beds are vacated.

Next Week

- Transfers to the 80 transitional units at the Aviator's "C" wing are expected to continue.
- Reopening of Brother Francis Shelter will provide space for 76 clients.
- AHD staff will work with our contractor and ACEH to gather data on every remaining client at the Sullivan and determine who has not sought case management.
- A second notice will be given to clients urging them to seek case management.

Outlook

As client numbers decline, remaining guests tend to be the most challenging in terms of housing readiness. Efforts are focused on encouraging remaining guests to seek case management instead of choosing to camp. Dependent on the procurement of data from our partners, AHD will be seeking to individually contact all those refusing case management at the Sullivan in the coming weeks to ensure each client has an opportunity to access case management and make informed decisions.

COVID 19 Mass Care As of 06/10/2022			
Sites	Current Clients	Shelter Capacity	Weekly Change in Clients*
Sullivan Arena	242	420 Clients	23
Non Congregate Shelter	202	215 Rooms	5
All Shelters	444	N/A	28

*From previous Friday to today.

Finance Status Report (as of 06/10/2022)

EOC Dollars Spent to Date	\$115,739,190
EOC Average Monthly Dollars Spent	\$4,247,310

FEMA Public Assistance Cost Recovery As of 05/12/2022 (update expected 6/17)

Project Amount Submitted for Reimbursement	\$60,487,731
Pending Reimbursements	\$9,608,125
FEMA Obligated Funds	\$51,115,403
Total Paid to MOA	\$41,161,803

Monthly Data: May 2022*

Project/Subpopulation	May 2022	April 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	Jan 2022	Dec 2021
Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Experiencing Homelessness in Need of Housing and Supports (not all of these individuals need shelter)	2263	2187	2175	2125	2221	2031
Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Served through Housing Surge in Previous Month	405	333	286	330	177	140
Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Who Secured Housing through Housing Surge and Moved in during Previous Month	60	52	47	36	28	25

FROM
JULY 1, 2021
TO
MAY 31, 2022

327+
SINGLE ADULTS
HOUSED

Inflow continues at approximately 300-335 new to the system each month

Access to funding for housing individuals without a program attachment/case management

Experiencing unsheltered families for the first time in many years

Transportation for individuals to obtain units from viewing to the move in process

Locating individuals initially and/or following up with individuals within a timely fashion for housing opportunity or housing program including gathering identification documents – harder to do with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Availability and accessibility of affordable rental units, assisted living home beds and supportive housing beds

- Vacancy rate for apartments accessible to individuals experiencing homelessness (vacancy rate for units available in fair market rents range is significantly constrained/almost nonexistent)
- Units that allow pets
- Access to funds that permit leasing up quickly – security deposits and application fees
- ALH that will accept clients without an approved Medicaid waiver

Inaccurate, incomplete and untimely communication on MOA plans regarding closure of facilities, camp abatement policies, etc.

Unresolved MOA policy decisions that affect HPRS and homelessness response activities

Bottlenecks & Challenges: May 2022