



**MEETINGS SUMMARY:**  
 Week of September 12, 2022

**Emergency Cold Weather Shelter  
 Task Force**

Draft recommendations available here: <https://aceh.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Emergency-Shelter-Task-Force-Preliminary-Recommendations-Final.pdf>

**September 12, 2022**

**Meeting Recording:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_-AZDca6w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_-AZDca6w)

**Meeting Objective:** Coordinate progress for development of emergency shelter plan

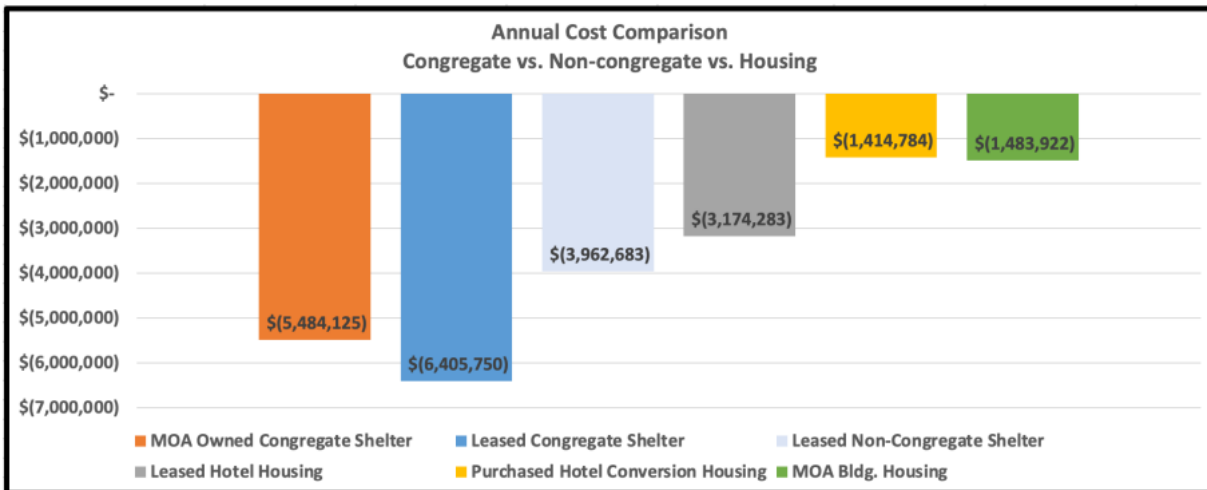
**Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Status of Immediate Unsheltered Response
- Engagement with Persons with Lived Experience
- Communications with Public
- Administration Proposed Plan Updates
- Facilities and Site Evaluations
- Data
- Operations Issues/Plans
- Menu of Potential Options
- Wrap Up & Next Steps
- Adjourn

Key Decisions/Updates
Review of current list, with distinction between “yes,” “maybe,” and “no” properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes: Arctic Recreation; Benson DMV</li> <li>- Maybe: 5150 Fairbanks St (vacant building, old GCI center); 1330 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>- No: Alex Hotel; Aptel (will continue as a hotel)</li> <li>- New additions to the list: Red Cross Gym (235 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave), Former Alaska Native Charter School (Meg to follow up to learn more)</li> <li>- Note: Rasmuson shifting its attention back to Barratt Inn on Spenard Rd.</li> </ul>
Discussion of undeveloped vacant land that could be used to place portable showers, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Denali/E 40<sup>th</sup>; 30 acres at Arctic Recreation Center; Tudor/Elmore evidence lot; Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority land</li> </ul>
Review of Operations Subcommittee’s work to develop operations plans + budgets for congregate and non-congregate facilities (chart below)

Update from Communications Subcommittee on community engagement:

- Lived experience survey findings will be shared at Wednesday meeting.
- Meetings have been held with Downtown, Spenard, and Fairview Community Councils.
- Upcoming meetings with Midtown, Mountain View, Taku-Campbell, and Turnagain Community Council, as well as HPRS Advisory Council



**September 14, 2022**

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Revised 9/16/22

Key Decisions/Updates
Recreation Centers are no longer being considered the administration.
Review of planning assumptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 24/7 access, meals, showers available, limitation of 150 in Title 16 (could be changed by Assembly approval)</li> <li>- PFDs depositing 9/20, with paper checks available the first week of October. Expect shelter occupancy will be at 75% or lower during that initial period.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Expect approx. 263 of 350.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Review and prioritization of list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tier 1: Physically appropriate and can be turned on by 9/29               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o MOA sites:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dempsey Ice Arena</li> <li>▪ Ben Boeke Ice Arena</li> <li>▪ Golden Lion</li> <li>▪ Egan Center</li> <li>▪ Dena'ina Center</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Non-MOA sites:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Covenant House for 18-24 yo (25 beds)</li> <li>▪ Beans Café for 40 people (non-MOA)</li> <li>▪ MAC hockey rink in Eagle River (non-MOA)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Tier 2: Physically appropriate with owner interest               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Salvation Army Gym</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Review of other options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Navigation Center (Assembly action delayed consideration to 10/11)</li> <li>- Mini grants (scattered site model via funding to providers)</li> <li>- 20 portables at 1-2 locations (safe heating system and separate sanitation system required; pallet shelters likely challenging to acquire with supply chain issues)</li> </ul>
Discussion about prioritizing geographic spread and dispersed impact, as well as the importance of a demobilization plan if a congregate shelter is stood up.
Request from the Communications Subcommittee to identify a spokesperson for the Task Force, given media requests.

#### CURRENT TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS

List of Action Items / Next Steps	Status
<i>Week of September 12, 2022</i>	
- Meg at ACEH to follow up about the viability of the Alaska Native Charter School.	
- Facilities Subcommittee to revise the site list to categorize locations with and without locker rooms.	

- ACEH to research information on mini grants and report back to task force.	
- ACEH to email Cathleen McLaughlin to learn more about pallet shelters project and feasibility.	
- Task Force to identify spokesperson to respond to media requests.	
- ACEH to capture availability of landlord housing project.	
- Meg to develop draft of recommendations by end of this week. Now <a href="#">published here</a> .	
- Task Force subcommittees to draft a summary of work done to date by 9/19 meeting.	

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 19, 2022

**PAST TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS**

List of Action Items / Next Steps	Status
<i>Week of August 22, 2022</i>	
- ACEH to inquire with the administration on the status of their plan.	Complete. Plan is forthcoming.
- Rental assistance end dates to be compiled for consideration as part of the plan.	
- ACEH + Task Force members to follow up on models from other states that might inform the process.	Complete.
- Assemblymember Rivera to determine if there should be a work session for the plan.	Complete. Meeting to be held 9/21/22.
- Task Force charter to be updated and recirculated.	Complete.
- Inventory/site evaluation subgroup to compile list of potential sites and bring it back to the group.	Complete.
- ACEH to bring back a proposed list of sub-groups.	Complete. Sub-groups have been formed.
- ACEH to bring back a draft of the survey for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.	Complete. Survey is ready to go live.
- ACEH to share AHD documents outlining policies & procedures for emergency shelter.	Complete.
- ACEH to run utilization analysis on Aviator Hotel data.	Complete. Shared at 8/29 meeting.
<i>Week of August 29, 2022</i>	

- ACEH to get an update from the Healthy Spaces team on camp abatement.	Outreach has occurred; no response yet.
- ACEH to send out the facilities matrix with information on triggers.	Complete.
- ACEH to provide an update on HMIS population data adjustments for assumptions on sub-populations.	In progress.
- ACEH to initiate emails between sub-groups.	Complete. Sub-groups to meet this coming week.
- ACEH to follow up with Andy Nester at AHD.	Complete.
- Facilities matrix to be refined with screening criteria; ranked list to be brought to next meeting.	Complete. Matrix presented at 8/31/22 meeting.
- AHD to determine and share the plan for stepdown at the Aviator.	Complete. Update shared at 8/31/22 meeting.
- Deeper dive into three non-congregate options: America's Best Value Inn, Alex Hotel, Barratt Inn.	Complete.
- Deeper dive into the Benson DMV as a potential daytime and/or overnight congregate shelter site.	Ongoing.
- Task Force will continue to pursue Arctic Recreation Center as a potential congregate shelter site.	Ongoing.
- Operations sub-group will develop budget plans/estimates for: 1) 150-bed congregate site and 2) 150 non-congregate beds to use as reference points.	Complete.
- Assemblymember Rivera will continue outreach on sprung structure option.	Ongoing.
- Service providers can contact Owen Hutchinson at ACEH if they would like to host a cookie & coffee meet and greet with people experiencing homelessness to discuss winter shelter.	Complete. Series of four meetings held.
- Communications sub-group will share a one-pager at the next Task Force meeting.	Complete. One pager has been shared as part of outreach.