



October 5, 2022

Assembly Health Policy Committee

*Please note: all report outs are related to August program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- AHD continued to work closely with DOH on monkeypox messaging. The web hub is available at www.muni.org/monkeypox.
- Digital marketing was completed for WIC's "Fresh Bucks" farmers market program and the Back to School Health & Safety Fair. This advertising garnered 525,452 and 41,780 impressions respectively. Back to School Health & Safety Fair advertising was targeted to the Fairview area.
- The Back to School Health & Safety Fair took place on August 12. Attendance was approximately 80% of the 2019 event despite moderate rain and the day being cold.
 - The event resulted in 1,300 school supply bags and backpacks being given out, 129 vaccinations, featured about 30 booths, and generated significant positive press.
- AHD continued to make inroads with stakeholders involved in addressing opioid misuse and met with many of these individuals to discuss the future of the planned opioid taskforce. The application period for this taskforce closed on August 26. It is anticipated that we will have more to announce shortly because of these meetings.
- The Get Moving Anchorage campaign continued with the "Outdoorsman" challenge for August. Participation remained at 20 individuals (same as July, but significantly lower than June). The September challenge will involve reading.

Administration Division

Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P): *Respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day*

- Intakes: 399
- Responded to calls: 1,328
- Transported: 306
- Unduplicated clients: 271

Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

- The Program addressed over 98 complaints in August.
- Performed more than 128 inspections.
- Made over 1,243 Customer Service contacts.
- Renewed 16 Liquor and Marijuana retail licenses.

- Responded to eight food borne illness report.
- Completed 13 Plan Reviews.
- Worked on 36 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 10 permits.
- Administered 10 Food Worker Cards.

Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- WIC continues to provide services remotely. The waivers for remote services are linked to the national public health emergency declaration and continue for 90 days after the end of the declaration.
 - Waivers allow for remote services through December 2022.
 - Anchorage WIC program plans to continue remote services for as long as waivers allow because it improves program efficiency and capacity, and clients prefer the flexibility of receiving services remotely.
- March 2022 – September 2022 WIC participants will again receive an increase to their fruit and vegetable benefit due to funding approved through Congress.
- Formula shortages continued during August; MOA WIC staff worked to make sure participants have access to formula.
- MOA WIC is exceeding state set performance standard. Standard is set at 4,570 participants. With 4,628 people participating, Anchorage WIC is at 101% of the establish performance standard.
 - 480 participants were certified for the program in August. *This number includes people that renewed their enrollment or were enrolled for the first time.*
 - 1,055 individuals received nutrition education from MOA WIC program during the month of August.

WIC Breastfeed Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

- 2 BFPC's are on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 201 women currently enrolled
 - Overall, our Facebook page reached 1,772 people in the month of August.
 - Instagram reached 240.
- 8/26/22 BFPC's hosted our Live Event on Facebook, "Cooking, With the SNAP-ed Nutrition Educator" that reached 46 people.

Community Health Nursing (CHN):

Overview

- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- We provided 50 immunizations records August.
- One PHN continues to participate in yearlong PHN Residency program through University of Wisconsin and DHSS section of Public Health Nursing.
- 1,500 Narcan kits received and assembled in August.

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

Immunizations

- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or reproductive health services): 385 routine vaccines were provided

- AHD continues to assess homebound COVID-19 vaccine requests and vaccinate those still in need until a partner agency is identified to provide this service.

Tuberculosis Control

- We are currently treating and case managing 16 clients with Active TB.
- We are currently treating 19 clients with latent TB infection.
- TB tests performed
 - IGRA: 146
 - TST: 9
- Of the 150 Ukrainian refugees who have been seen in the AHD, PHC to screen for TB we have found the following positive results:
 - June – 8
 - July – 3
 - August - 7

Sexual Health Clinic (SHC) (Reproductive Health Clinic)

- STI express service is a walk-in screening focused specifically on STI screenings with low barriers and no cost to client that can reduce visit times, decrease time to treatment, and use provider time more efficiently.
- Continue to average 80 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old with a 10% positive rate for STI.
- 300 calls to the SHC Triage Line.

Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 25 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in August.
 - 17 by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - 2 kits to public.
 - 6 kits by clinic front desk staff.

HIV Prevention

- 39 rapid HIV tests provided.
- 2,975 condoms distributed.

Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention (TUPP)

- 8/11: Attended open house for POWER Center, upgraded youth drop-in center by Alaska Behavioral Health.
- 8/12: Fairview Back to School Health & Safety Fair
 - Community Health Nursing assisted with two backpack-filling sessions prior to the big event.
 - Huge success, six AHD departments participated (Community Health Nursing, ADRC, AACC, EP, EH, WIC), at least 20+ community organizations offered resources to attendees, at least 900 kids attended with their families, news crews documented, 1,100 backpacks given out with school supplies to kids.
 - Photos [08.12.2022 Back to School Fair | Flickr](#)
 - <https://www.alaskasnewsource.com/2022/08/13/fairview-back-to-school-event-helps-kids-get-ready/>
- 8/18: TUPP curriculums were thoroughly updated for health accuracy, educational guidelines, ASD guidelines, and submitted lessons with resumes (three topics, six

PowerPoints) to Anchorage School District’s Health Coordinator, for anticipated approval in late September.

- Attended meetings for Anchorage Youth Development Coalition, TUPP Grantee meetings, Anchorage Alliance Against Violence Prevention, Communications Advisory Board for STIs/HIV/Monkeypox.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2022 MEETING DATES

Note: ADA Commission not presently active

OCTOBER	5	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	6	Thursday	4:00-5:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	26	Wednesday	10:00-Noon	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	27	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board