



April 3, 2024

Assembly Health Policy Committee

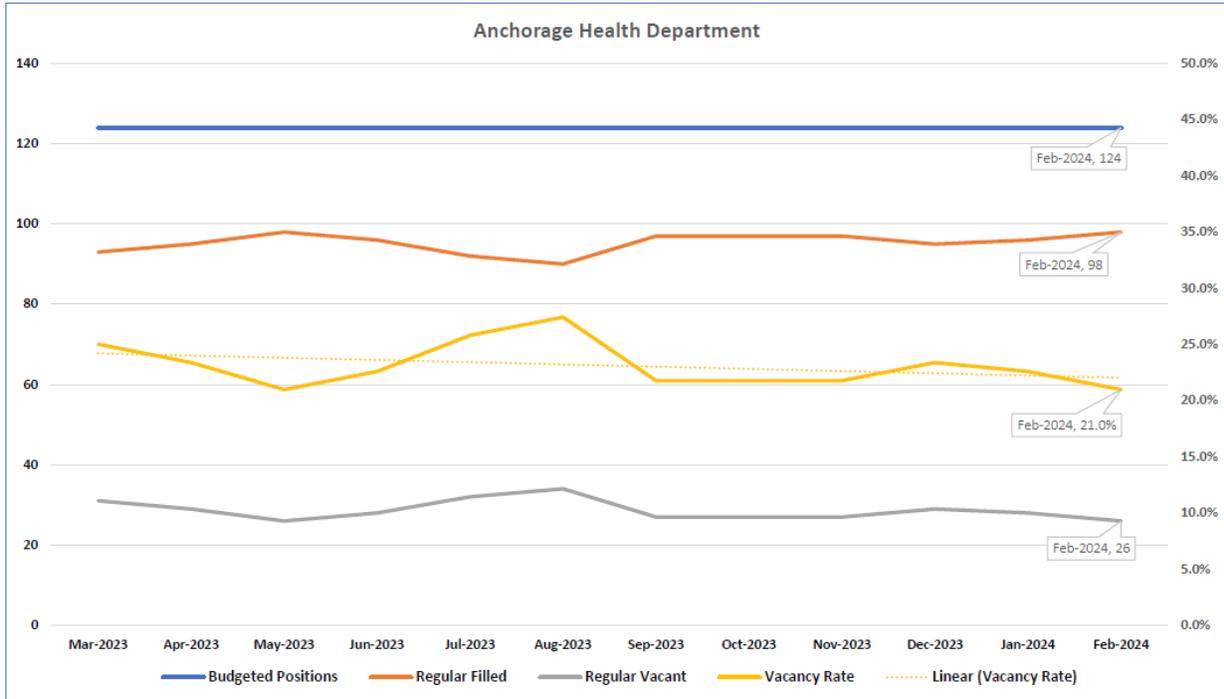
*Please note: all report outs are related to February program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- The PIO participated in the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Opioid Preparedness Sessions as a representative of AHD. These sessions focused on the response efforts if a medical provider who prescribes opioids is suddenly no longer operating/able to provide care to clients, under a variety of scenarios. While the State of Alaska would be the primary coordinating agency if this occurred in Anchorage, it was helpful to understand how the SOA responds in these scenarios and that a disruption of legal opioid prescriptions is linked to an increase in opioid overdoses.
- The PIO worked with the Child Care Licensing program to convert all the forms on its website to fillable pdfs, allowing clients to complete the forms on their computer.
- The Anchorage Opioid Task Force met on February 22, 2024, with about 25 people attending in-person and virtually. A guest presenter discussed the rise of stimulants occurring with fentanyl in urine tests and attendees did an activity focused on immediate, shorter-term, and longer-term actions that could positively impact the opioid crisis in Anchorage. We will be using the results of this activity at the next AOTF meeting.
- The PIO coordinated with news media to interview one of AHD's public health nurses about the symptoms, testing, and treatment of tuberculosis after news of an Anchorage School District community member testing positive. The interview covered the differences between a latent TB infection and active TB disease and the type of prolonged contact that is necessary to contract TB.
- AHD used its social media to advertise holiday closures, the new offering of appointments for a PrEP prescription at AHD's clinic, Winter Bike Fest events, updates regarding the warming facilities, alerts about FDA food recalls, seasonal vaccinations, the ADRC Brown Bag Education Series events, the ACCEE Fund Child Care Conversation events, syphilis testing, the Next Step Initiative, Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, commissioner vacancies, jobs, the Access Alaska Senior Resource Fair, the AOTF meeting, free walk-up HIV/STI testing at Mad Myrna's, and alerting the public to the rise in norovirus in Anchorage and how to prevent getting sick.

Administration Division

Human Resources

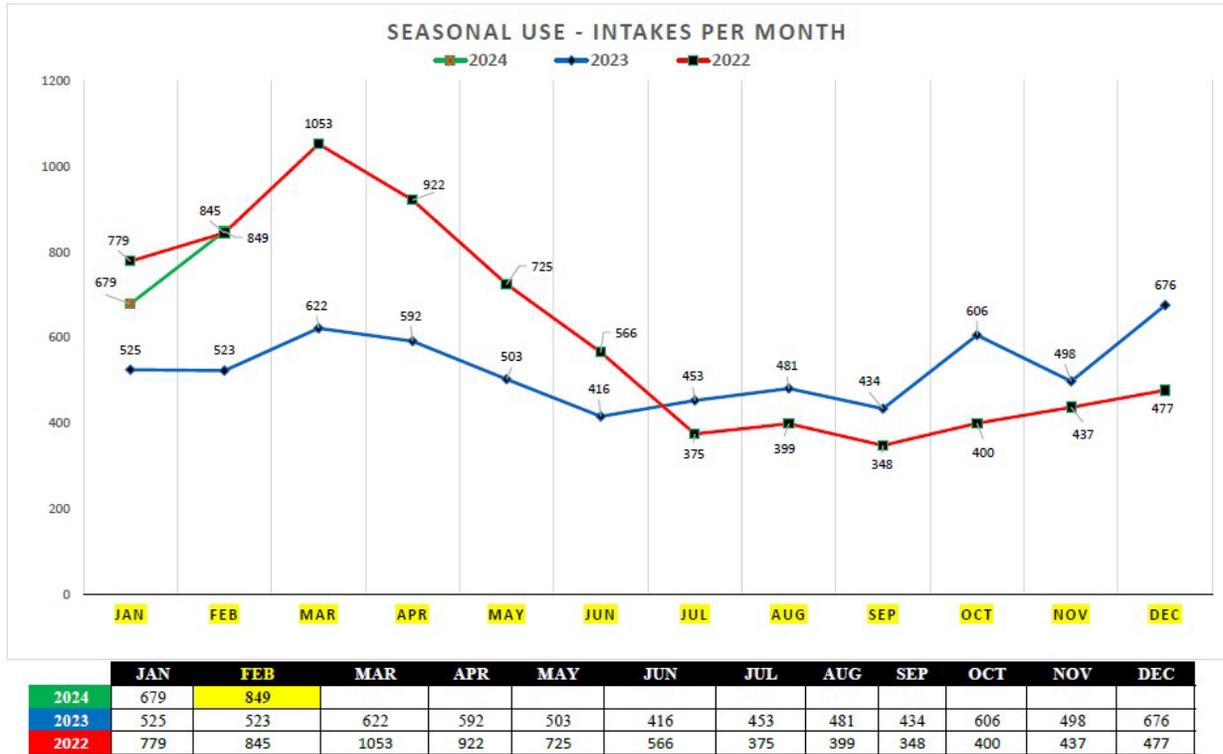


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P): *Under Title 47, respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day.*

- Intakes: 849.
- Responded to calls: 1,272.
- Transported: 665.
- Unduplicated clients: 333.

Overall, 333 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 849 intakes/ occurrences due to multiple visits.



Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

The Environmental Health (EH) section of the AHD is responsible for the enforcement of numerous sections of the Anchorage Municipal Code including Title 15 (Health), 15.30 (Clean Air Code), and 16.60 (Food Code). The EH program permits, regulates, and inspects over 2,000 public facilities in the Municipality of Anchorage. EH also conducts initial plan reviews, opening inspections, changes of ownership and remodel plan review approvals. Regulated public facilities include food/beverage establishments, school kitchens and pools, hotel kitchens and pools, childcare kitchens, public pools and spas, beauty salons, barbershops, Correctional Community Residential Centers (CCRCs), pesticide applicators, adult establishments, and marijuana retailers. The program also responds to public health complaints regarding food, restaurants, noise, outdoor air quality, pest harborage, smoking in public places, mold in hotels, healthcare transparency, nuisance trash and neighbors, domestic and non-domestic animals, and recreational pools/spas. Air Quality monitors and reports levels of air pollutants, such as fire smoke and fine dust particles, within the Municipality of Anchorage. The program responds to local air quality complaints and is responsible for various air quality projects. Additionally, EH provides noise, special land use, and conditional land use permits. Our Environmental Health Educator coordinates with community partners to participate in public events, promote activities focused on air quality and reducing use of single-occupancy vehicles, and produces food safety education materials, among various other tasks.

In February the EH Program:

- Addressed 33 complaints.
- Performed 121 inspections.
- Made 307 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 5 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 2 Plan Reviews. Worked on 12 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 18 permits.
- Issued 5 Food Worker Cards.

Air Quality Awareness Grant/ Environmental Health Educator

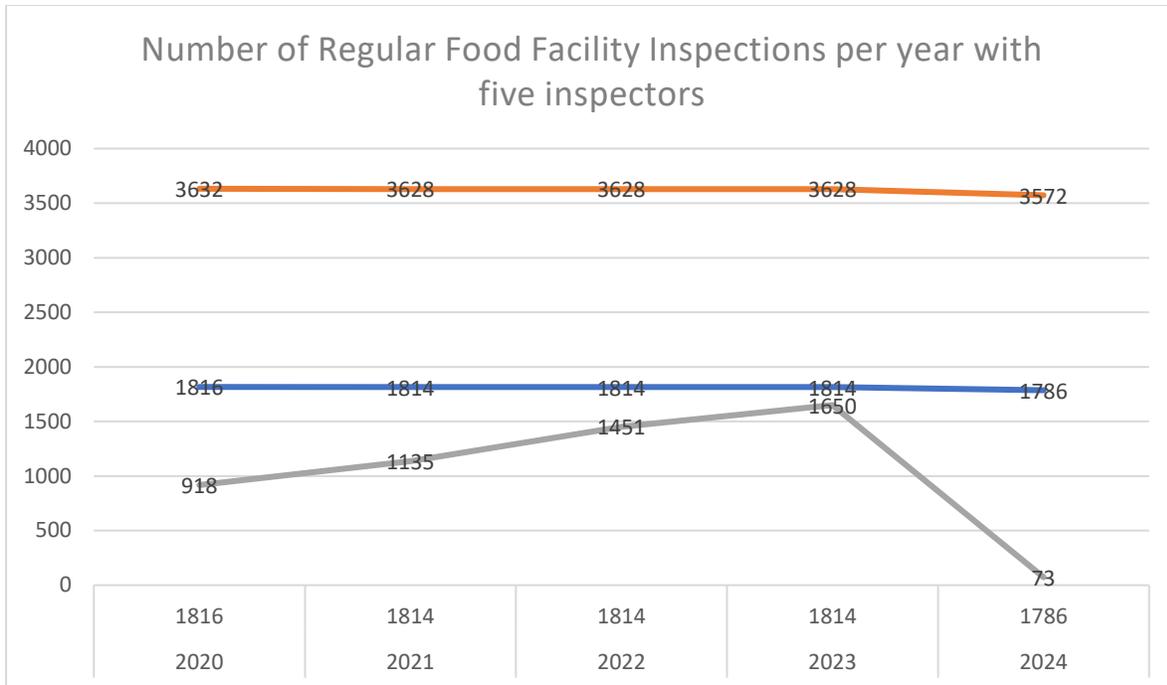
The purpose of the Air Quality and Business Awareness Education Campaign (AMATS) is to help improve air quality in the Anchorage area through advertising and education targeting a reduction in CO and other carbon emissions from high-emissions vehicles. Clean, non-motorized travel such as biking and walking are promoted.

During February our Air Quality Specialist:

- Responded to 16 citizen complaints regarding air quality, noise, mold, and pest issues.
- Posted daily air quality forecasts via web & phone message.
- Participated in AMATS-TAC meeting: reviewed a transportation-linkages (network efficiency study) and a contracted network safety study for application to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and next iteration of MOA-Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Participated in AQ Earth data review and future network / grant planning with MOA-IT & ADEC-Air Program Director
- Participated in meetings to advance the Anchorage/ Mat-Su air quality network in cooperation with DEC-Air Program.

During February the Environmental Health Educator:

- Distributed five Plug@20 kits (block-heater timer and extension cord, along with literature about reducing air emissions).
- Worked to revise/update advertising for Feb/Mar 2024 with Alaska Public Media, I Heart Radio, and the Alaska Channel.
- Completed events:
 - Winter Bike to Work Day, 2/9/2024.
 - Bike Film Fest at Bear Tooth, 2/15/2024.
 - Trail Tales at Anchorage Museum, 2/20/2024.
 - Big Fat Ride at Rondy Celebration 2/24/2024.
- Other Activities: Created/posted social media content for AQ and Food programs, bike safety, and event promotion, ordered and received supplies and incentive giveaways. Revised and posted Bike Month RFQ, and selected Bike Month artist.



Minimum Annual Inspections recommended by FDA	Minimum annual inspections required by AMC 16.60	Number of Regular Inspections Completed	Number of permitted facilities each year



Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- February WIC participant total: 3,657.
- Congress passed a bipartisan budget bill that secures full funding for WIC, including over \$1 billion in additional funding to ensure the program can serve every family that needs it. This landmark achievement is further highlighted by the extension of the

expanded fruit and vegetable benefit, also known as the cash value benefit, a vital component of WIC’s nutritional support efforts.

- Outreach events:
 - Kids Corps Inc. tabled, helping 14 families and providing information, 2/9/2024.
 - Anchorage Literacy Program for 20 Peer Leader Navigator, 2/20/2024.
 - Anchorage Early Childhood Coalition and the Swaddle Me bags program, provided information to add to the Swaddle Me bags and volunteering to create bags to give to new moms; 2/29/2024.
 - Registered Dietitian facilitated a JBER event called “Kids in the Kitchen JBER” for 8 families. They were taught basic cooking and nutrition skills by creating individual pizzas and fruit kebobs and learned the importance of healthy nutrition; 2/29/2024.
- Facebook: 34 posts: 2,576 reach.
- Instagram: 19 posts: 269 reach.

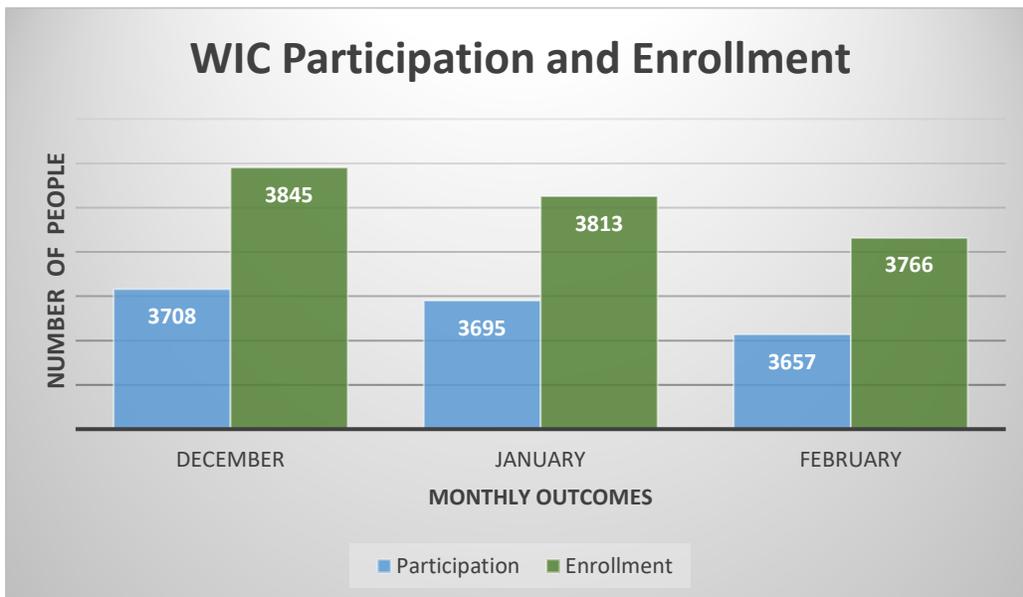
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

Provide consistent education, support, and guidance to breastfeeding participants.

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 62 women currently enrolled.
- 81 total contacts were made in February to the 62 enrollees.
- Five new BPFC in training.
- BPFC lead and WIC registered dietitian are developing an in-person breastfeeding support group for JBER parents.
- Facebook: 11 posts: 399 reach.
- Instagram: 9 posts: 121 reach.

WIC Goal: *Increase enrollment and participation to roughly 9,557 participants by 2025.*

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



Community Health Nursing (CHN):

- Tracked 8 pathogen cases in February.

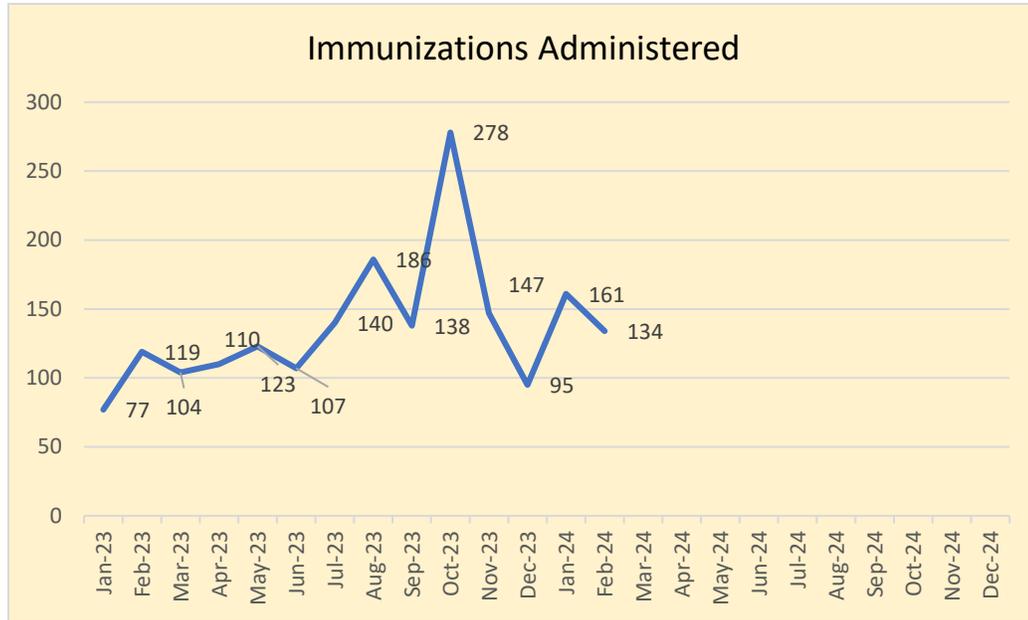
Pathogens	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
Campylobacteriosis	1	1	1
Legionella	1		1
Salmonella	4	3	
Haemophilus	1	1	
Pertussis			1
Giardiasis			1
Mumps*		5	
Hepatitis A			1
Typhoid fever			1
Vibrio infection, incl. cholera			1
Shigellosis	1	1	1

*no confirmed cases in Anchorage

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

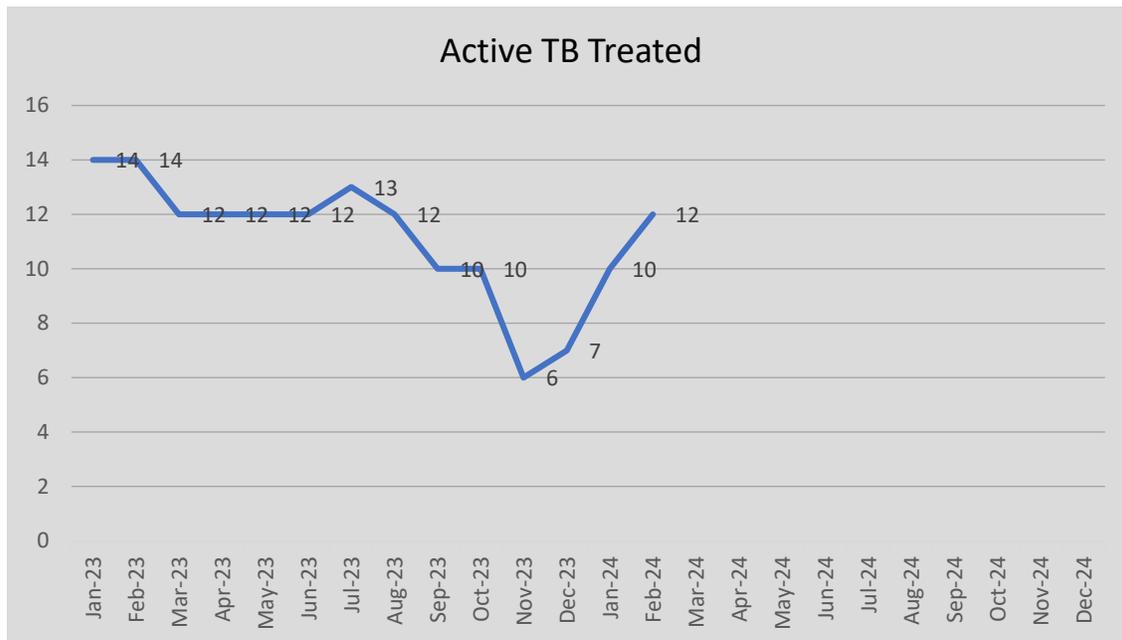
Immunizations

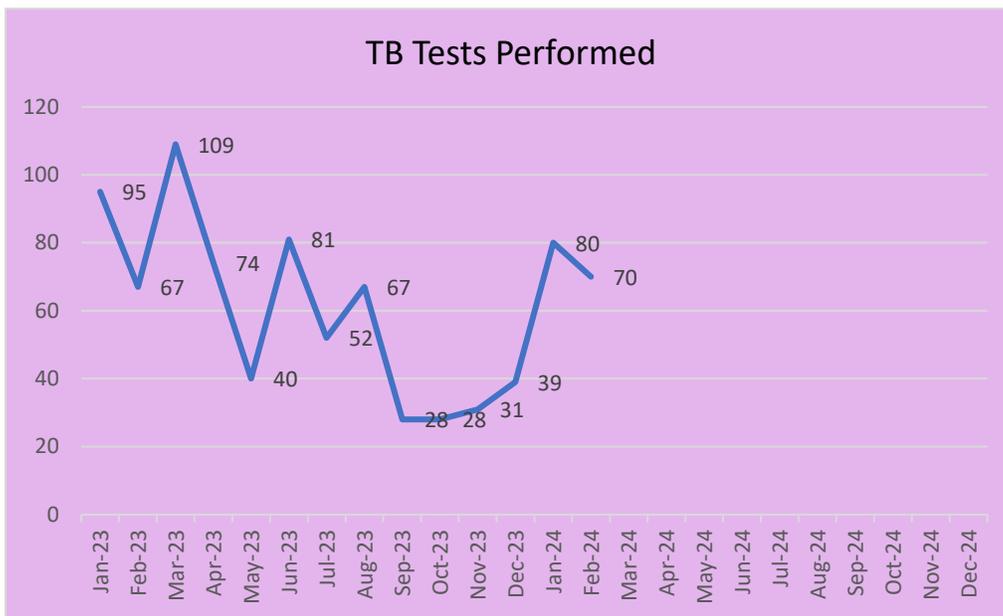
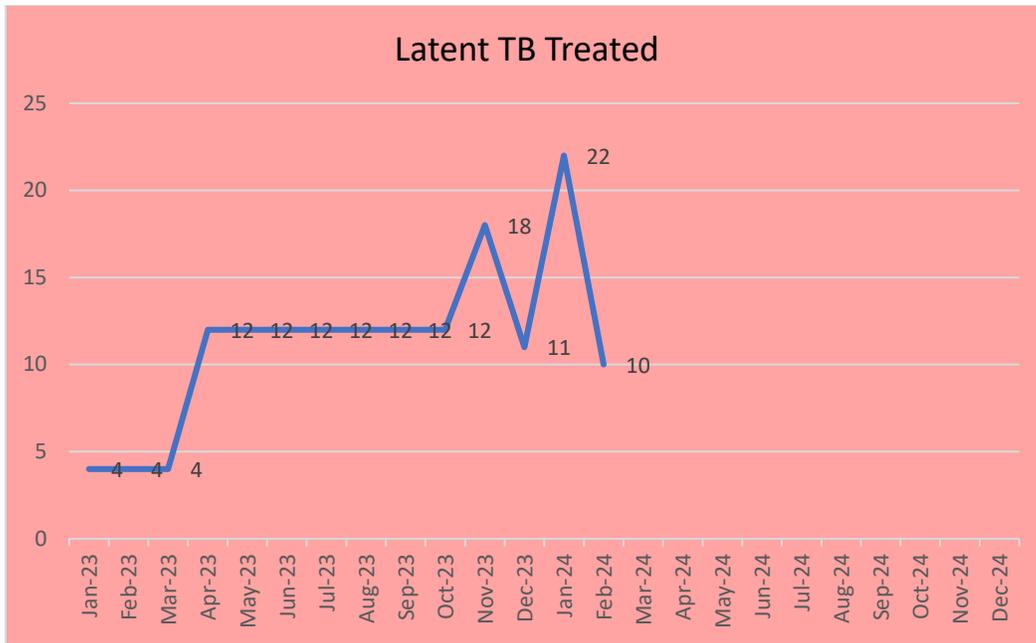
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 134 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 11 Moderna bivalent
 - 6 HPV
 - 1 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 2 RSV
 - 17 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 97 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 12 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 69
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 1



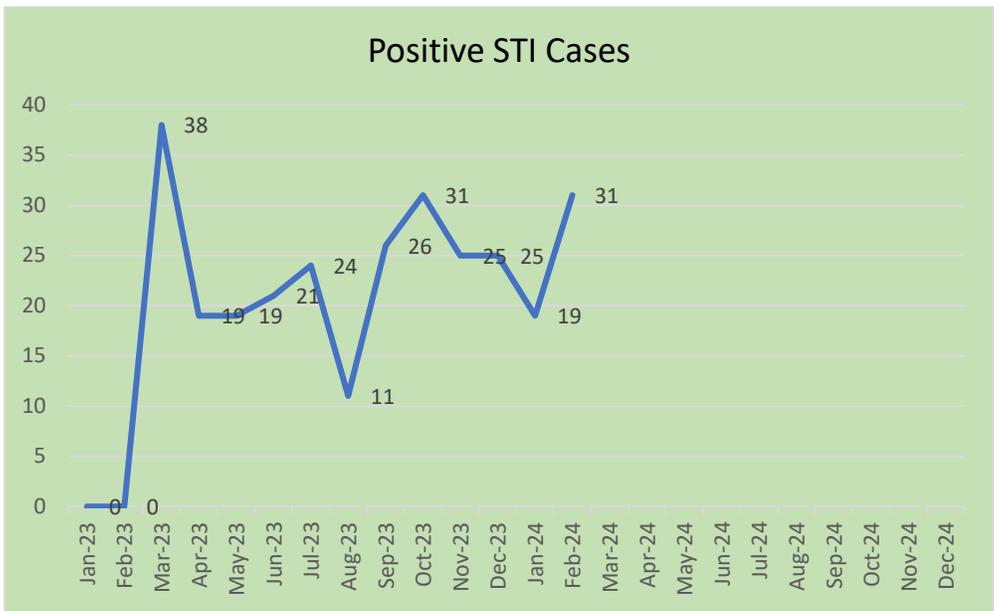
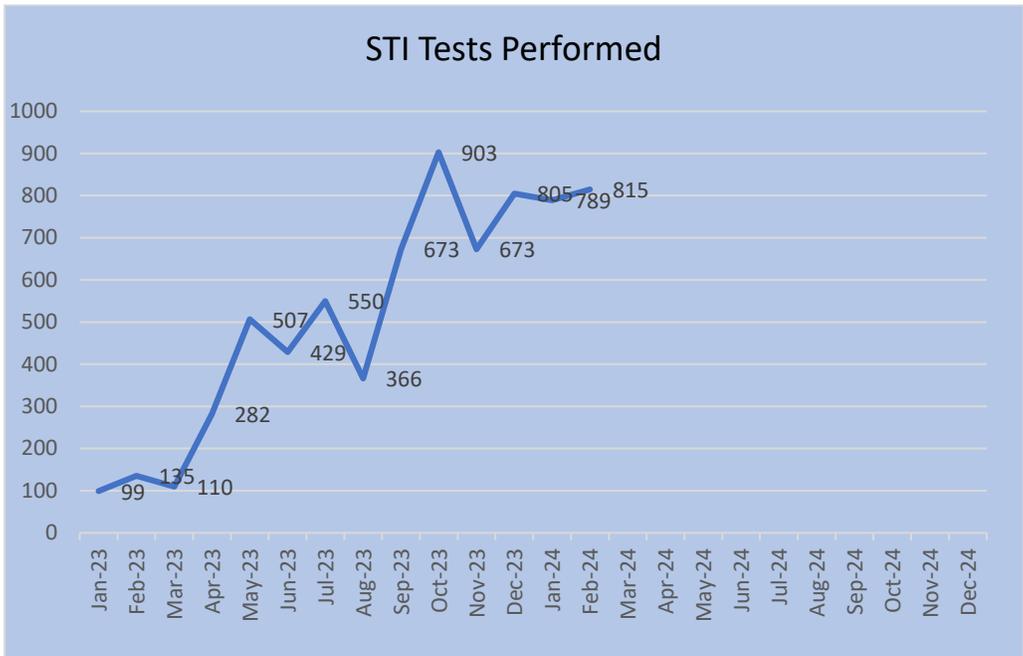


Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- 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.
- 78 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old.

• STI	Tested	Pos
Rapid HIV	126	0

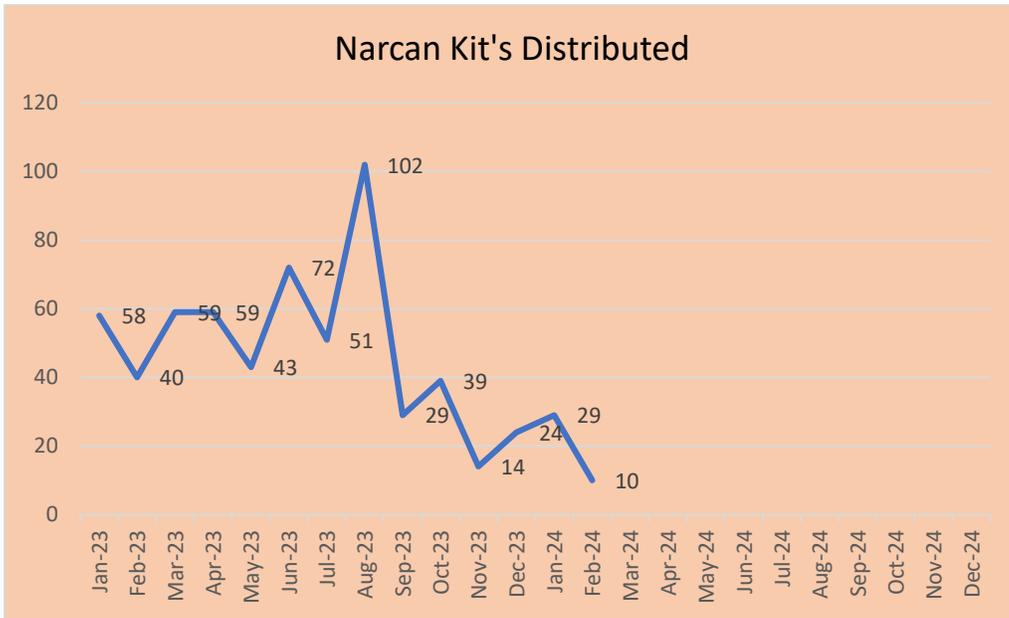
Rapid HCV	94	0
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	194	10
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clampier (GC)	195	9
Syphilis	99	9
Trichomoniasis	107	3



Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 10 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in February.

- 10 kits by Sexual Health Clinic.
- 0 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
- 0 kits on outreach.
- 0 kits for staff training.
- Reduced number provided as reduced number of events in February. Advertising of availability throughout AHD location.



HIV Prevention

- 2,194 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 2/15/2024: Outreach/tabling at UAA Healthy Sexuality and Wellness Fair.
- 2/28/2024 Outreach/tabling at UAA Little Black Dress event on consent, 150 attendees.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2024 MEETING DATES

APRIL	3	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	4	Thursday	5:00-6:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	24	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	25	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board