



**March 1, 2022**

**Assembly Health Policy Committee**

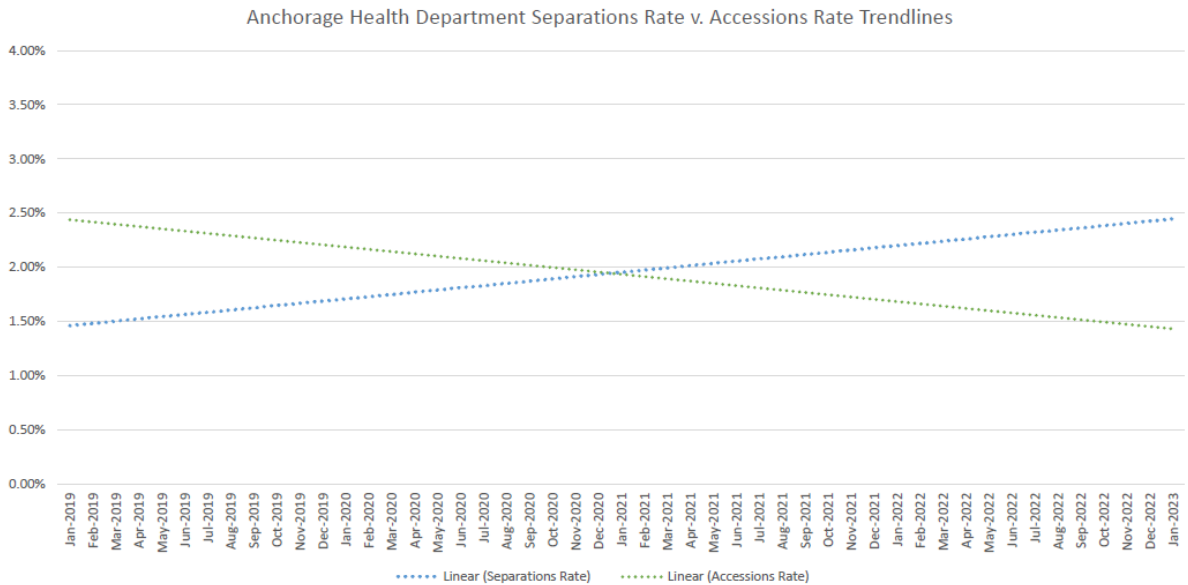
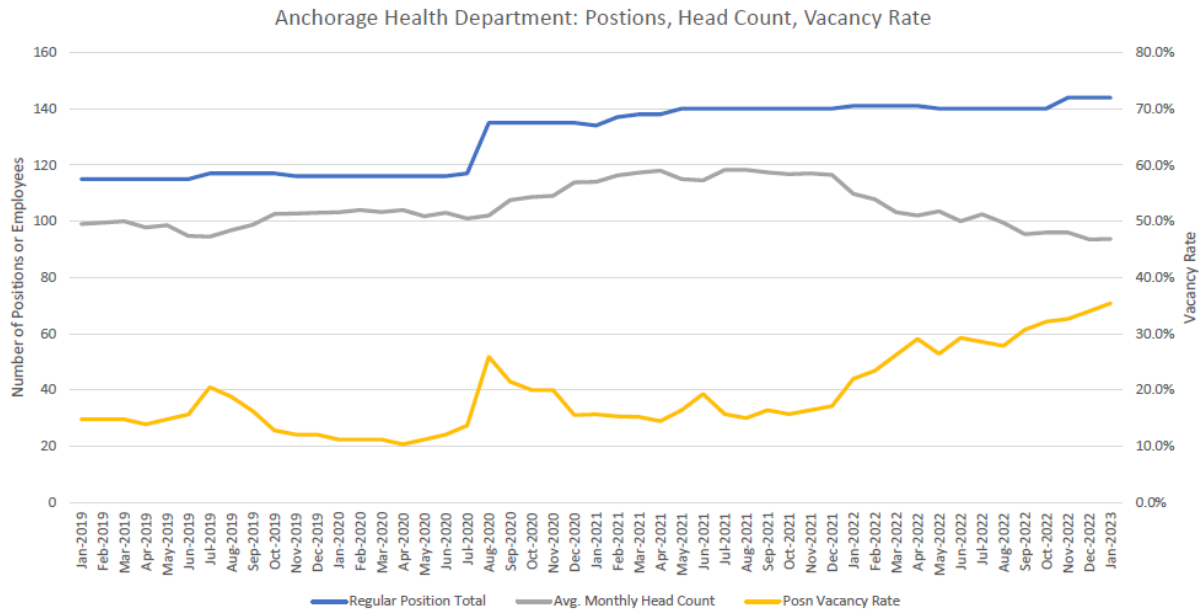
*Please note: all report outs are related to January program activities unless otherwise noted.  
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

**Director's Office**

- WIC is working with Northwest Strategies to place two radio ads; the Aging and Disability Resource Center has placed an advertisement in the upcoming Senior Living section of the Anchorage Daily News and placed a full page advertisement in the yearly publication, Older Persons Action Group Directory.
- The Get Moving Anchorage campaign continued in January with the “Penny Pincher” challenge, which challenged everyone to take one step to improve their financial well-being. January saw 18 participants. Challenges can be submitted online through our form library: <https://forms.anchoragepublichealth.com/get-moving/>. The February challenge will focus on staying relaxed and well rested - the “Yogi” challenge.
- Anchorage Opioid Taskforce project is now paused pending receipt of the opioid settlement funding needed to fund the taskforce. Working with OMB and Finance to move funds to AHD for utilization based on exhibit E of the Settling State’s Abatement Account Fund. This exhibit focuses on core strategies of upstream/primary prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery.
- Access to care for Anchorage 65 and older taskforce will convene on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at AHD to discuss those affected by the recent closure of Alaska Regional Senior Health Clinic. We have received a lot of interest in participation.

# Administration Division

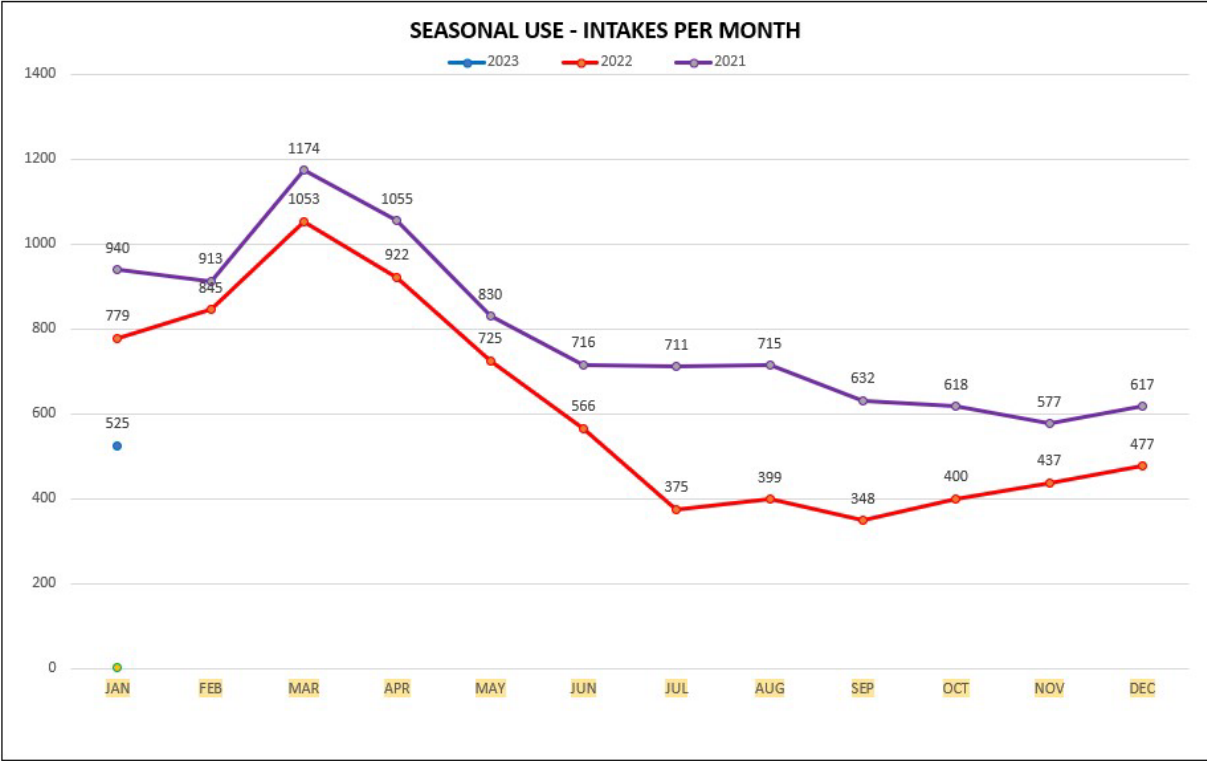
## Human Resources



**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: 525
- Responded to calls: 1,074
- Transported: 413
- Unduplicated clients: 331

Overall, 331 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 525 intakes/occurrences due to multiple visits.



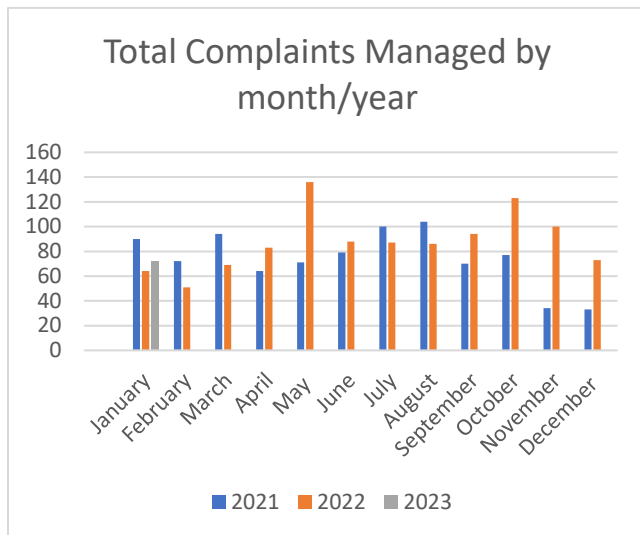
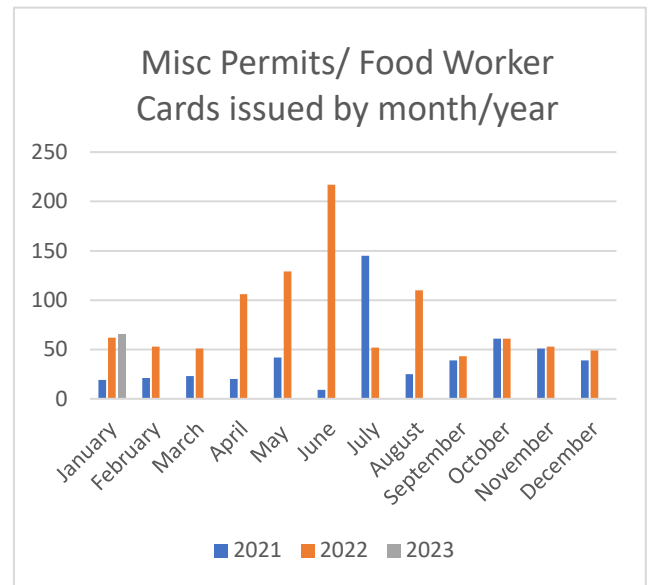
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	525											
2022	779	845	1053	922	725	566	375	399	348	400	437	477
2021	940	913	1174	1055	830	716	711	715	632	618	577	617

**Public Health Division**

**Environmental Health Services (EH):**

- The EH Program addressed 72 Complaints in January.
- Performed 107 inspections.
- Made 1,239 Customer Service contacts.
- Renewed 21 Liquor and Marijuana retail licenses.
- Responded to six food borne illness reports.
- Completed seven and worked 21 plan reviews.
- Issued 66 permits.
- Administered 14 Food Worker Cards.

The chart below is an indicator that in-person events and inspections are starting to get back to normal numbers after COVID closures in 2020 and to some extent in 2021.



### **Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):**

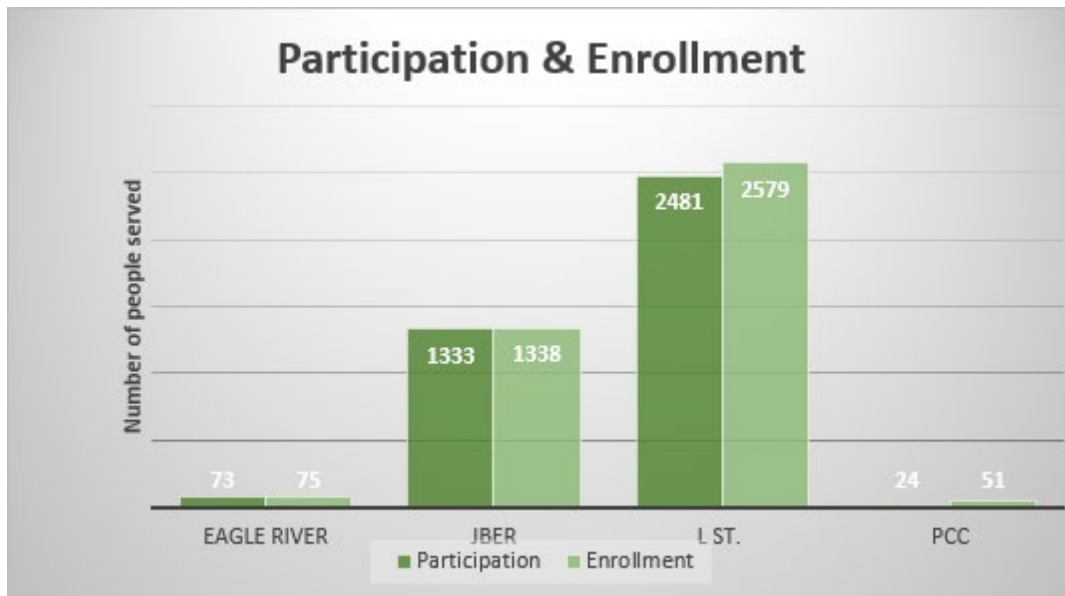
- January WIC participant total: 3,911.
- A Family Service Aide started in January; there are two open Registered Dietician positions and 1.6 open Family Service Aide positions.
- WIC is in discussion with local medical providers to establish an efficient referral system and partnership, similar to Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC). The partnership with ANHC is moving forward to track referrals being sent from them and review for decision making purposes.
- WIC attended the Polynesian Association of Alaska's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Community Health Fair, on January 21, 2023, reaching 75 contacts.
- We hope to open the Eagle River Satellite Clinic in the near future. Additionally, we are working towards establishing another office at the Muldoon Center and moving the clinic on JBER to the Elmendorf Hospital.
- The team is providing informative classes to pregnant women at JBER on a regular basis.
- The WIC clinic team completed Anthropometric and Hemoglobin training as a team.
- The Enrollment and Participation workgroup is meeting to strategize on how to improve results and staff are working on developing an efficient data report to track work and outcomes.
- The WIC program reached 1,749 people on their Facebook page with 23 posts.

### **WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BPCP)**

- Two Breastfeeding Peer Counselors (BFPC) are on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 114 women currently enrolled.
- 276 total contacts were made in January to the 114 enrollees.
- 10 Facebook posts and nine Instagram posts for the month of January.
- Facebook page reached 447 people in the month of January. Two new followers.
- Instagram reached 189 people in the month of January.
- WIC hosted the first TLC (The Lactation Club) in-person event in January where families received breastfeeding peer counseling while completing winter crafts with their children.

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

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



### SNAP-Ed Program

SNAP-Ed Mission: *SNAP-Ed teaches people how to make their SNAP dollars stretch, how to shop for and cook healthy meals, and how to stay physically active. SNAP-Ed initiatives include nutrition education classes, social marketing campaigns, and efforts to improve policies, systems, and the environment of communities.*

- SNAP-Educator is meeting with local grocery vendors to provide SNAP-Education, observe WIC product displays for data collection, strategic planning purposes and partnering with WIC to provide nutrition education in the community.
- Re-establishing relationships with Covenant House and Akeela to continue providing services; more partnerships expect to develop over the next year with community partners.
- Started conversations with the Alaska Farmers Market Association Food Access Coordinator to collaborate on springtime trainings for Farmers Market staff on accepting SNAP and nutrition at farmers' markets.
- SNAP-Ed attended the Polynesian Association of Alaska's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Community Health Fair, on January 21, 2023, reaching over 200.

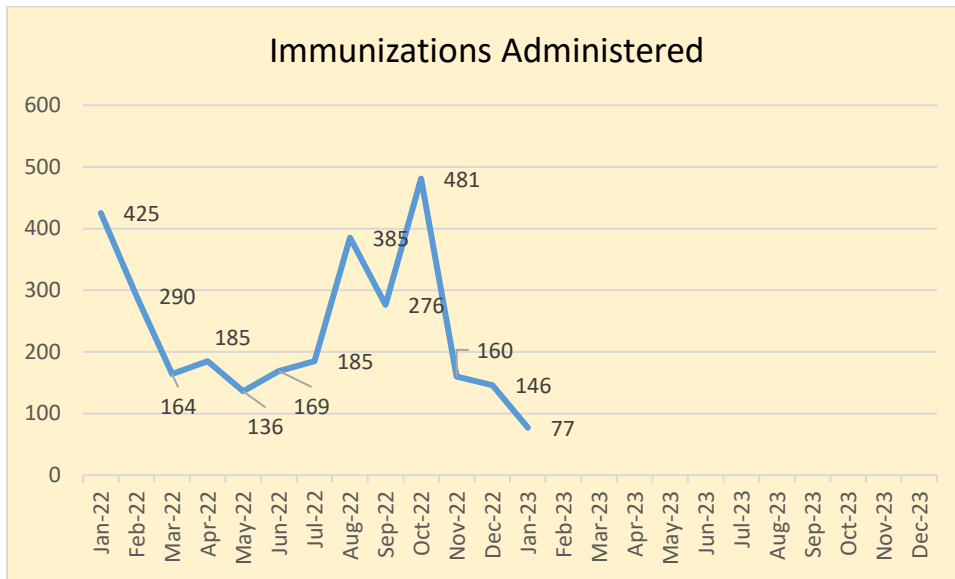
### **Community Health Nursing (CHN):**

- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- Tracked five cases of Salmonella, one case of Haemophilus invasive disease, three cases of Campylobacteriosis, one case of Giardiasis.

### **Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)**

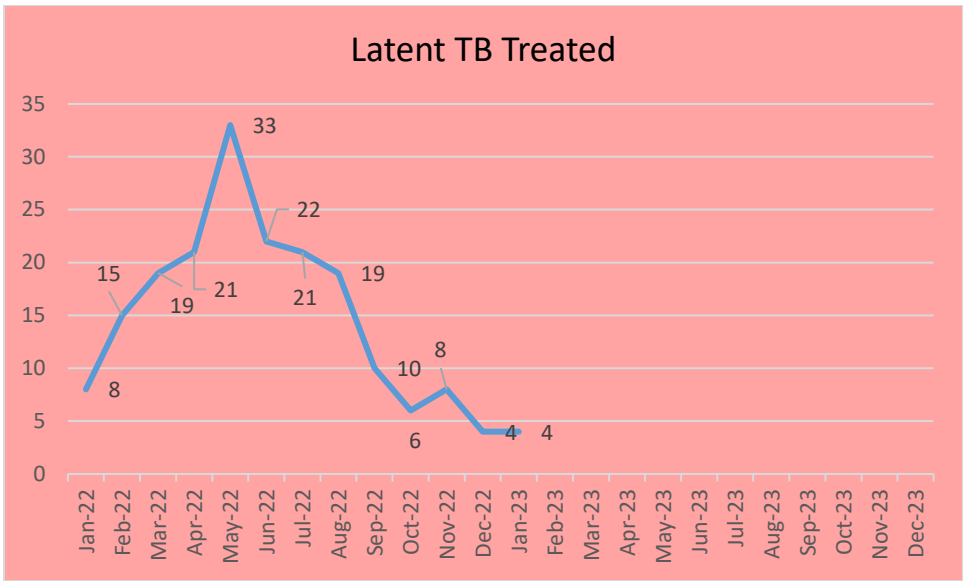
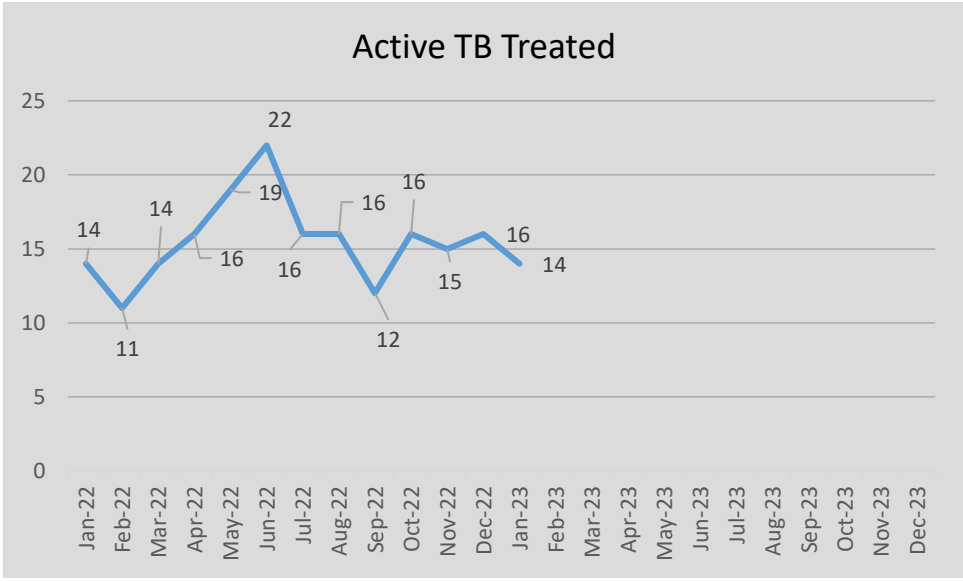
*Immunizations*

- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 77 Routine vaccines were provided:
  - 2 Pfizer bivalent
  - 8 Moderna bivalent
  - 1 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
  - 12 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
  - 3 PPD (purified protein derivative)
  - 1 Mpox (monkeypox)
  - 50 assorted other

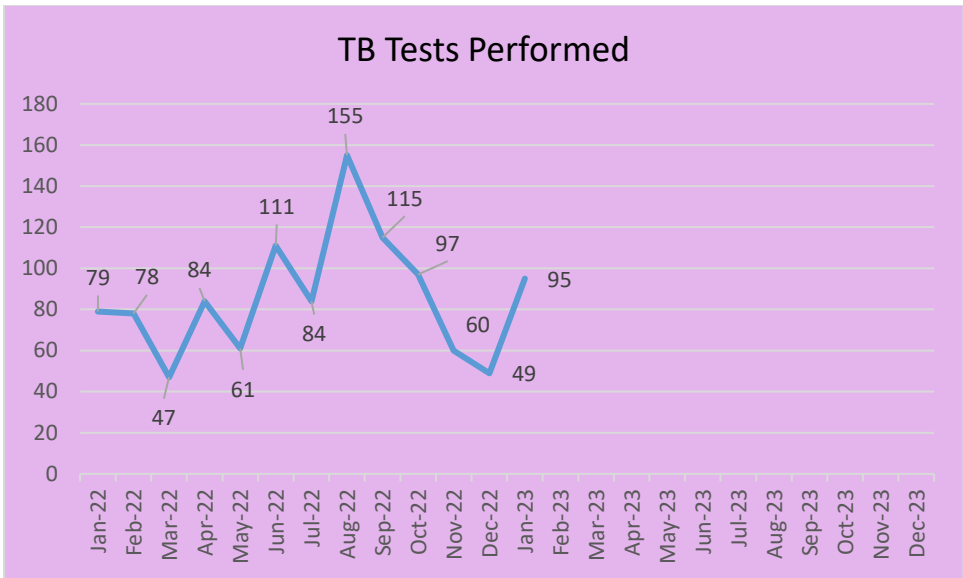


***Tuberculosis Control***

- We treated and case managed 14 clients with Active TB.
  - TB tests performed IGRA: 82
  - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 13



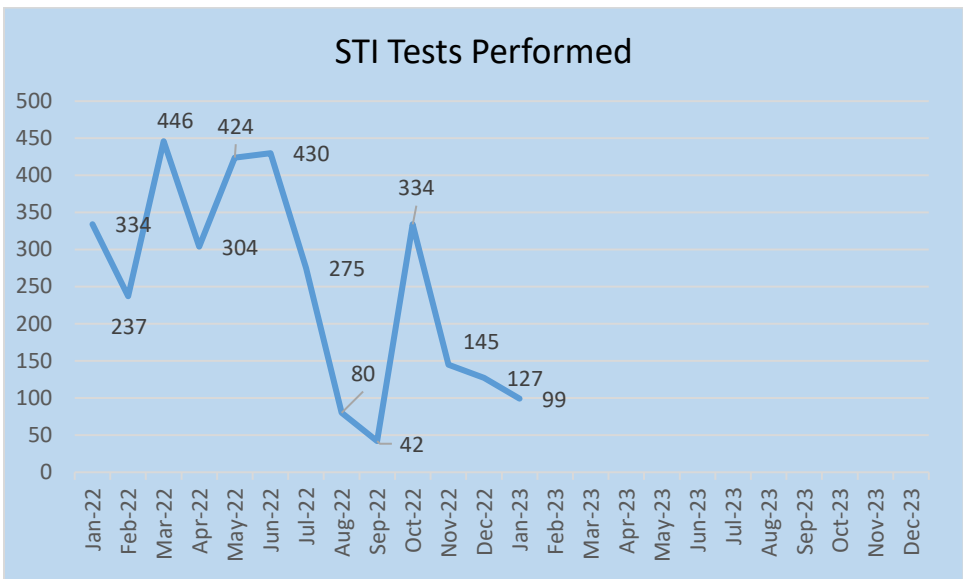


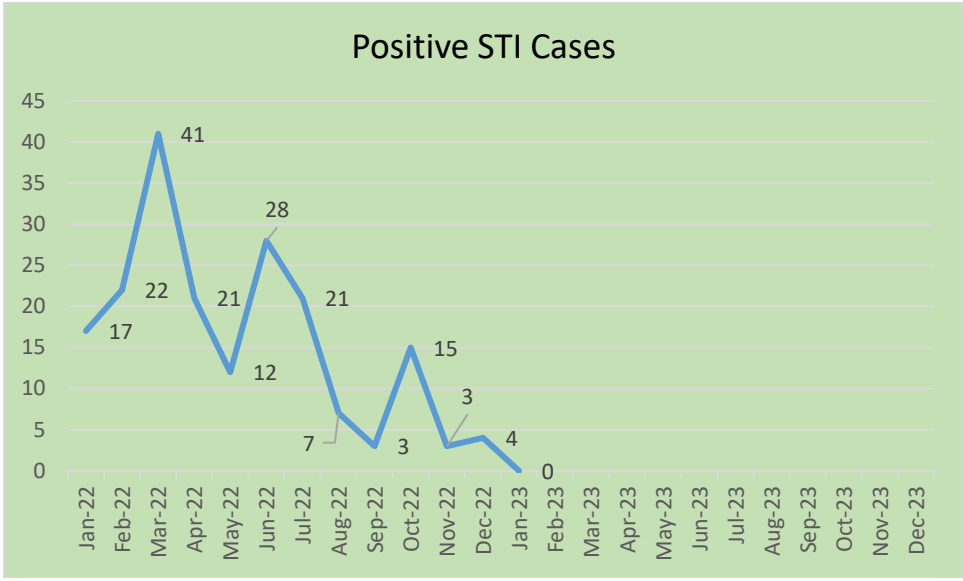


### Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- 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.
- 14 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old; 33 during outreach.

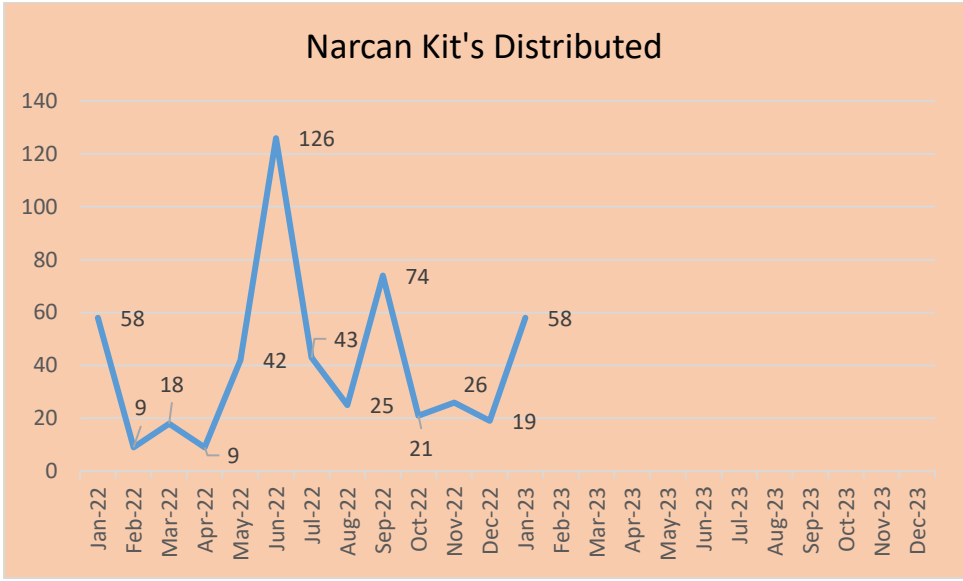
	Tested	Pos
• <b>STI</b>		
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	39	0
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhea Clamper (GC)	39	0
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	7	0
Hepatitis C (HCV)	0	
Syphilis	14	0





**Substance Initiative in PHN Grant**

- 58 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in January.
  - One by Sexual Health Clinic.
  - Three kits to HIM/clinic front desk staff.
  - 54 kits given at Loussac Library’s Polynesian Association of Alaska’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Community Health Fair, Alaska Humanities Forum employee training, and individual citizens.



**HIV Prevention**

- Seven rapid HIV tests provided.
- 2,440 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

**TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)**

- 65 youth received preventative sexual health education.

- Four presentations to four cohorts of youth, at McLaughlin Youth Center, and OCS foster youth Independent Living program; presentation on birth control.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES**

Note: ADA Commission not presently active

MARCH	1	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	2	Thursday	4:00-5:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	8	Wednesday	5:30-7:00	Health & Human Services Commission
	22	Wednesday	10:00-Noon	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	23	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board