



ANCHORAGE COALITION TO  
**END HOMELESSNESS**

Updates 9/15/21

# Anchorage Housing Surge/Shelter Stabilization Initiative

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- Focus on individuals over the age of 25 with no children in physical custody (“single adults”)
- Intent is to reduce shelter demand (mass care and Brother Francis Shelter) and to increase housing

## Governance Group

1. Quickly map existing and newly funded resources available to house and support individuals experiencing homelessness
2. Leverage Homeless Response System Tools to connect individuals in need to resources
3. Advocate for additional resources as needed: both mainstream connectivity and filling in any gaps as discovered
  - Care Coordination connection
  - Healthcare and homelessness initiative
4. Report progress and challenges to the Mayor Bronson, Assembly, Anchorage Health Department
5. Leverage successes and learning for long-term planning

## Client Services Group

- Coordinate core COVID-19 related projects:
  - Landlord Liaison Program (United Way)
  - Intensive Case Management (Catholic Social Services)
  - Emergency Housing Vouchers (ACEH, AHFC)
  - Rental Assistance and outreach (Choices, RurAL CAP)
- Utilize Anchorage's Coordinated Entry system to match clients to the services available in the community (numerous partners across the community)
- Utilize Alaska's HMIS system to collect outcome and client information
- Problem solve bottlenecks in referrals, admissions, capacity and individual client needs
- Communicate risks, issues, red flags to the governance team



# Initial Coordination

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## Initial Participants

- Infrastructure:
  - ACEH
  - Anchorage Assembly
  - Anchorage Health Department
  - Development Services
  - Homelessness Leadership Council
  - Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)
  - Alaska Mental Health Trust
  - Mass Care
- Core Services:
  - Landlord Liaison: United Way
  - Intensive Case Management: Catholic Social Services
  - Rental Assistance and Outreach: Choices and RurAL CAP
  - Sullivan: 99 Plus 1



## August 2021 Month 2

### Accomplishments:

- First housing surge participants housed!
- Release of Mass Care RFP
- Continued hiring and program design with new contracts
- Release of Information collected from all individuals at mass care and Brother Francis and shared with State partners
- Continued partnership for COVID-19 mitigation



# Projected Outflow from Mass Care and Brother Francis Shelter

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Project	# of Individuals
Intensive Case Management with Catholic Social Services	25 month (300 year)
Medical/ Care Coordination	100
Voucher & Rental Assistance able to live independently/working	225
Chronically Homeless with need for additional services	250
Youth (18-24) who can be supported by Young Adult services	90

## Considerations:

- Some of the above interventions have different time horizons. For example, movement into an Assisted Living Facility can take several months



# Monthly Reporting: August 2021\*

\*Visit <https://aceh.org/data/>

<b>Project/Subpopulation</b>	<b>August 2021</b>	<b>July 2021</b>
<b>Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Experiencing Homelessness in Need of Housing and Supports (not all of these individuals need shelter)</b>	2351	2478
<b>Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Served through Housing Surge in Previous Month</b>	172	73
<b>Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Who Secured Housing through Housing Surge and Moved in during Previous Month</b>	19	0
<b>Average Length of Time from Start of Housing Surge Services to Beginning Services</b>	23 days	N/A



# Bottlenecks/Challenges: August 2021

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Bottlenecks in the local and state systems that result in service barriers or failure to secure housing including risks and issues that will slow down or reduce housing stabilization

- Coordination/communication across needed entities at local and state level
- Resource/ capacity constraints with behavioral health, care coordination etc.
- Continued statewide “referrals” to Anchorage shelter system
- New homelessness with changes in federal benefits and protections
- Governor Veto of SNHG Funding in July 2021
- Availability and accessibility of affordable rental units, Assisted Living Home beds and Supportive Housing beds



# Outreach Update

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## August 2021

49 Unduplicated Client contacts

6 Clients New to Homelessness

37 Coordinated Entry Assessments

## Unsheltered Covid Vaccines and Testing:

5 Covid Tests in August

- 575 Covid Tests since July 2020

1 August Vaccines

- 95 Vaccines since May 1, 2021



# Estimating Anchorage Shelter Capacity without a housing surge/shelter outflow

## January 2021 (Peak Winter Demand)

- Need: **1,537 Beds**
- Current Supply:
  - Year Round, Permanent Emergency Shelter: 308 Beds (as per MOA dashboard)
  - Sullivan: 400 Beds
  - Non-Congregate (hotel beds): 364 Beds
  - **Total: 1,072**
- **Winter Gap: 465 beds needed in addition to mass care**
  - Total of 1229 beds needed to replace congregate and non-congregate mass care and meet estimated demand
  - Total of 879 beds needed if we retain 350 non-congregate “beds”

## May 2021 (Summer Demand)

- Need: **1,073 Beds**
- Current Supply:
  - Year Round, Permanent Emergency Shelter: 308 Beds (as per MOA dashboard)
  - Sullivan: 400 Beds
  - Non-Congregate (hotels): 364 Beds
  - **Total: 1,072**
- **Summer Gap: 1 bed needed in addition to mass care**
  - Total of 765 beds to replace congregate and non-congregate mass care
  - Total of 401 if we retain 350 non-congregate “beds”

