



ANCHORAGE COALITION TO  
**END HOMELESSNESS**

Updates 10/20/21

# 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



# Projected Outflow from Mass Care and Brother Francis Shelter

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Project	# of Individuals
<b>Intensive Case Management</b> with Catholic Social Services	25 month (300 year)
<b>Medical/ Care Coordination</b>	100
<b>Voucher &amp; Rental Assistance</b> able to live independently/working	225
<b>Chronically Homeless</b> with need for additional services	250
<b>Youth</b> (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
- Information provided by mass care in August 2021



# Weekly Coordination

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## Participants

- Infrastructure:
  - ACEH
  - Anchorage Assembly
  - Anchorage Health Department
  - 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



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## Accomplishments:

- Increase in clients being served through Housing Surge
- Housing continues steadily despite challenges
- First “PCI” Intakes scheduled in partnership with ADRC
- Completed first phase of data clean up at Sullivan via HMIS
- Emergency Housing Voucher(EHV) referral process implemented and first referrals made through Coordinated Entry
- Continued partnership for COVID-19 mitigation via vaccines, testing, healthcare etc.



# Monthly Reporting: September 2021\*

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

Project/Subpopulation	Sept 2021	August 2021	July 2021
Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Experiencing Homelessness in Need of Housing and Supports (not all of these individuals need shelter)	2224	2351	2478
Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Served through Housing Surge in Previous Month	209	172	73
Total Number of Adults over the age of 25 Who Secured Housing through Housing Surge and Moved in during Previous Month	17	19	0
Average Length of Time from Start of Housing Surge Services to Beginning Services	63 days	23 days	N/A



# Bottlenecks/Challenges: September 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

- Local partners via Mass Care and AHD are no longer available to participate in effort limiting the ability to focus efforts on a housing surge out of mass care
- Coordination/communication across needed entities at local and state level for specialized behavioral health and medical services: progress underway with AHD and SOA
  - Resource/ capacity constraints with behavioral health, care coordination etc.
  - Dissemination of tools/programs at a State and local level that will assist with housing
- Availability and accessibility of affordable rental units, Assisted Living Home beds and Supportive Housing beds
  - Vacancy rate for apartments accessible to individuals experiencing homelessness (units available in income range at limited vacancy rate)
  - Ramp up of Landlord Liaison efforts now that contracts are completed
  - Units that allow pets
  - Access to funds that permit leasing up quickly
  - Rapidly updated list of landlords who are willing to rent to those in mass care
- Continued statewide “referrals” to Anchorage shelter system
- Governor Veto of SNHG Funding in July 2021



# Outreach Update

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## September 2021

59 Unduplicated Client contacts

9 Coordinated Entry Assessments

## Unsheltered Covid Vaccines and Testing:

3 Covid Tests in September

- 578 Covid Tests since July 2020

0 September Vaccines\*

\*limited number of vaccines due to coordination challenges with Visit Healthcare. Outreach team exploring other options

- 95 Vaccines since May 1, 2021

