



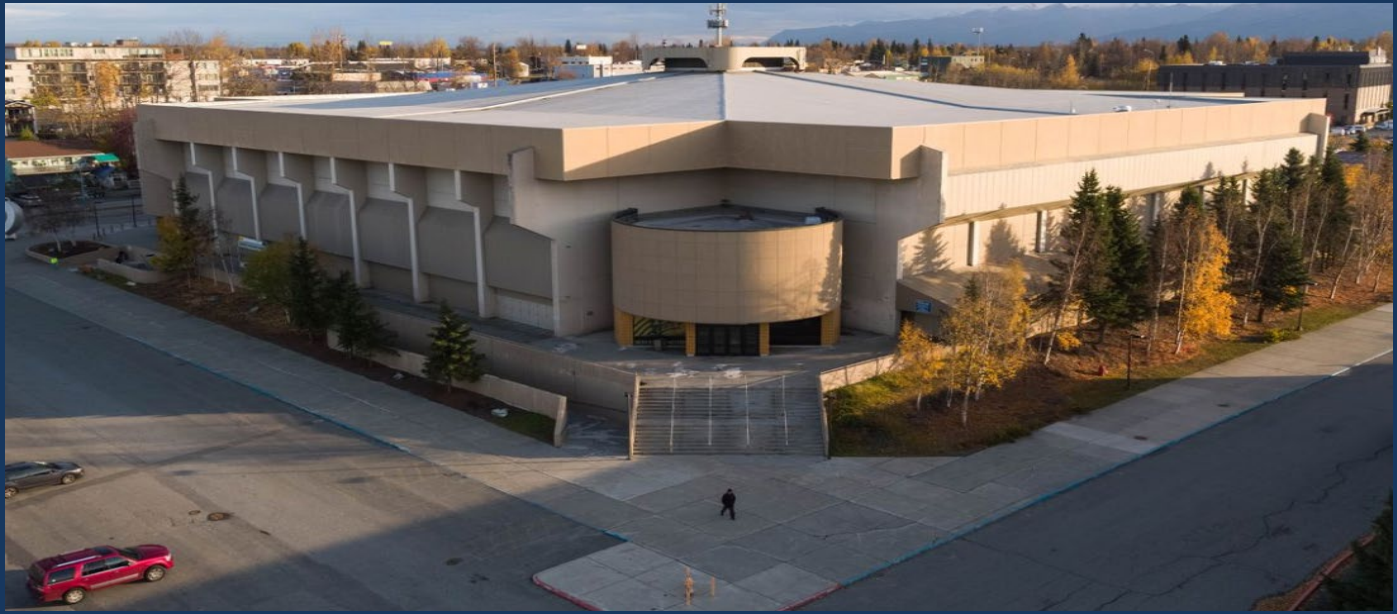
August 19, 2020

Assembly committee on Homelessness

Timeline of actions

- March 21, 2020– Decompression of shelter at Brother Francis Shelter and Bean's Café (overflow) congregate shelter sites
 - 306 people were sheltered across 2 adjacent buildings
 - Sleeping space was compact – not meeting CDC public health criteria for COVID-19 spacing
 - Crowded meals: required people to eat in shifts due to lack of space for everyone in the cafeteria
- = Social distancing was not achievable in buildings or site





Congregate Shelter Capacity for Adults				COVID-19 capacity at 6 feet spacing	COVID-19 with Emergency Operations Mass Shelter
Adult Shelter Capacity	Winter 2018-19	Summer 2019	Winter 2019-20	COVID-19 - March	Summer 2020-COVID-19 with mass shelter
Brother Francis Shelter	240	240	240	114	114
Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission	100	100	100	41	41
Covenant House AK	60	60	60	60	60
AWAIC	52	52	52	35	35
Downtown Hope Center	50	50	70	40	40
MOA Emergency contract- held at Bean's Café on 3rd avenue through 3/22/20	100	0	166	Not available due to space limitation	Not available due to space limitation
Mass shelter at Boeke and Sullivan starting 3/22/20*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	350
TOTAL	652	502	688	290	640
*Note - capacity at mass shelter has changed as buildings have been de-mobilized:					
Boeke arena + Sullivan = 480 total					
Sullivan arena (current building used) = 350					



Adult mass shelter resources

Challenge: predicting shelter usage for summer 2020

- First year with expanded shelter space.
 - Previous shelter funding was not available to maintain Municipal contract through summer
- Some perceptions that homeless persons indicated fear of being in a larger setting
- Prior years of summer fire hazard and impacts of camping made adequate space a priority

Mass shelter data indicates people will use shelter and spaces are filling up – particularly when it rains



Shelter capacity and averages June-August 2020

		Total average occupancy June	Average percent occupancy June	Total average occupancy July	Average percent occupancy July	Total average occupancy August 1-15	Average percent occupancy August 1-15
Weekly average Adult Shelter Capacity as of June 1 2020	COVID total capacity						
Brother Francis Shelter: adults with mobility limitations and limited general open beds	114	79	69%	91	80%	97	85%
Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission: sober; (Jun/Jul no new referrals)	41	25	61%	21	51%	19	46%
Covenant House AK - youth under 21	60	45	76%	41	68%	32	53%
AWAIC - domestic violence shelter	35	31	89%	32	93%	26	73%
Downtown Hope Center - women only, limited new referrals	40	33	82%	38	95%	39	96%
Muni Emergency contract COVID = Sullivan arena - open adult admission (limited accessibility)	350	242	69%	282	80%	339	97%



EOC Operations Section

- Mass Care Branch
 - Congregate Shelters: MOA homeless population
 - Non-Congregate Shelters (quarantine & isolation): MOA homeless, increased risk and first responder populations
 - Non-Critical Transportation: transportation service to move homeless & increased risk individuals between congregate sheltering, testing, medical appointments and quarantine & isolation locations
- Public Health Branch
 - Priority Population C-19 Sample Collections
 - MOA-Operated Shelters (2 locations/213 samples)
 - All Other Shelters (7 locations/336 samples)



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Additional services to assist with safety and health of the people staying at shelter:

- Security – a contract was implemented to provide 24-hour security on the site
- Additional monitoring resources:
 - Anchorage Downtown Partnership provides trash clean-up and foot patrols of the neighborhood
 - Securitas provides driving patrols of the area surrounding the Chester Creek Sports Complex
- Additional handwashing and portable bathrooms to handle volume of persons



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Additional services to assist with limiting disease spread and identification of lower level medical needs:

- Medical screening contract with OPA during Hunker Down (March – June)
 - Onsite medical personnel monitoring the population for signs of illness
- EMT presence – a contract to assist the shelter provider to identify and screen lower level medical needs with the high volume of shelter guests.
- Shower attendants – a contract to provide monitoring and personal care assistance to persons using showers
- Meals on site – 3 meals per day



Timeline of actions

March 30, 2020: Community Resource Hub

Goals:

- Create a safe space for community non-profits to come to where the people are staying
- Increase outflow to rapid re-housing or referral to other programs to reduce the number of people at mass congregate shelter
- Utilize new Navigation program developed by Bean's Café to assist in making connections for shelter stayers



Timeline of actions

March 30, 2020: Community Resource Hub

Summary of April 15-July 15 referrals

Exits to housing	Exits to other shelter or care setting (Assisted Living or program)	Returns to Shelter (all)	% Returned	Persons previously returned to shelter but not present in July
169	27	44	22%	16
Top housing providers:		# housed		
CITC		92		
Catholic Social Services		47		





Health Clinics in Shelter

COLLABORATING FOR ACCESS TO
WHOLE PERSON CARE



Timeline of actions

June through August 2020

Development of MOU agreements with medical partners to provide on-site care at mass shelter

Goals:

- Develop trusting relationships using a low-barrier, harm reduction, trauma-informed approach, to engage participants in holistic health homes.
- Increase exits to housing and retention of housing through building relationships and meeting healthcare and behavioral health needs.
- Facilitate access and navigation to appropriate services to meet healthcare needs and improve long-term health and wellbeing.



EOC: Monthly Mass Shelter Costs (75% FEMA Reimbursable)

- Bean's Café Contract: \$673,709 (NTE)
Shelter Mgt for up to 350 clients. includes client services, feeding, inside security & shower guards, shower attendants, client laundry, resource assistance & health monitors.
- Team One Medical: \$79,360
- Snow White Linen (towels): ~\$3,000
- Rent-a-Cans: ~\$30,000
- ACME Fencing: ~\$3,000
- Pipe & Drape: TBD (invoiced once the pipe & drapes are returned)
- Securitas area security: ~\$24,000
- Dumpster Service: \$4,332
- Utilities and Building Maintenance: \$67,000
- GCI internet, TV, and phones: \$3,400



Timeline of actions

Planning for the winter and the remaining time under COVID-19 began immediately

- COVID-19 will require additional shelter and/or housing space
- Returning to prior configurations will not be healthy or sustainable – even after COVID-19 ends
- Without a new building for congregate shelter, adult shelter space gap is 398 beds
- Rapid rehousing and new facilities authorized will bring us closer to closing this gap



Capacity limits post September 2020		
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Alaska Club		
America's Best Value Inn		
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**Short:
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