



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Information Memorandum

No. AIM 115-2023

Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Municipal Clerk's Office

Accepted

Date: **June 6, 2023**

From: ASSEMBLY MEMBER RIVERA

**Subject: RECORD OF MINUTES FOR SANCTIONED CAMP COMMUNITY
TASK FORCE AND COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS
COMMUNITY TASK FORCE.**

For the Assembly's consideration; please see the attached meeting summaries from the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force on May 5th and May 11th and meeting summaries from the Complex Behavioral Health Needs Community Task Force on May 4th and May 11th.

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office

Respectfully submitted: Felix Rivera, Assembly Member
District 4, Midtown Anchorage



MEETING SUMMARY

Project: MOA Sanctioned Camp Task Force

Project No: 235049

Meeting Date: May 5, 2023

Location: Assembly Meeting Room

Attendees: Tony J Andrew, Community Member
Anna Brawley, Assembly Member
Andy Bartel, St. John and First United Methodist Church
Felix Rivera, Assembly Member
Zac Johnson, Assembly Member
Michael Hughes, Anchorage Health Department
Randy Sulte, Assembly Member
Karen Bronga, Assembly Member
Allen Kemplen, Fairview Community Council
Delmonica (Shene) Williams, Shiloh Community Housing, Inc.
Ron Alleva, Community Member
Bob Doehl, Anchorage Affordable Housing Land Trust
Sharon Chamard, Fairview Community Council, UAA Justice Center
Silvia Villamides, Alaska Hospitality Retailers, Downtown CC
Susan Soule, Community Member
Kris Stoechner, Midtown Community Council
David Rittenberg, Catholic Social Services
Caroline Storm, Great Alaska Schools, Community Member
Cathleen McLaughlin, Restorative and Recovery Services
Dylan Faber, Matson Logistics
Lechaun Baker, Legacy Painters
Alexis Johnson, Municipal Homeless Coordinator
Mike Braniff, MOA Parks and Recreation
Monica Gross, Restorative Reentry Services
Shawn Florig, Community Member
Betsy Baker, Community Member
Roger Branson, Mental Health Advocate, Community Member
Michael Fredericks, SALT
Allie Hartman, Legislative Services

LaQuita Chimelowski, DOWL
Scott Myers, Assembly Member

- Attachments:
- A Meeting Agenda
 - B Meeting Presentation
 - C Resolutions 2023-146 & 2018-167
 - D Sanctioned Camp Critical Success Factor Exercise Detail
 - E Sanctioned Camp Model and Component Information

The purpose of the meeting is to begin the process of evaluating different sanctioned camp models and provide recommendations for the Municipality of Anchorage. The following items were discussed:

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Assembly Member Felix Rivera asked each of the participants in the room and online to introduce themselves.

2. OVERVIEW OF EFFORTS

Assembly Member Felix Rivera provided an overview of the Taskforce work currently underway.

- a. Behavioral Health Taskforce – to provide a report to the Assembly and administration.
- b. Sanctioned Camps Taskforce – to provide a report to the Assembly and administration.
- c. Homelessness Committee – dealing with an issue at Forest Park Trailer Park.
- d. Clean Slate Strategy – effort to stand up a new, low barrier shelter
- e. Housing efforts

3. RESOLUTION OVERVIEW

Assembly Member Felix Rivera provided an overview of the resolutions that guide this Taskforce. The following resolutions are provided in Attachment C.

- a. AR 2023-146, as amended
 - i. Resolution that formed this Taskforce
 - ii. Part of the demobilization plan the Assembly approved in April
 - iii. Taskforce report due July 6, 2023 to the Assembly agenda, where the Assembly will make the policy and decisions
 - iv. Variety of models of Sanctioned Camps that the Assembly would like recommendations from this Taskforce.
- b. AR 2018-167, as amended:
 - i. Taskforce must comply with this resolution
 - ii. Says that there will be dispersed placement of services and locations
 - iii. That we'll look outside of East Downtown and North Fairview before putting any other services in these locations.

4. SANCTIONED CAMP VISIONING EXERCISE

Michael Fredericks led the group through a visioning exercise to create Critical Success Factors (CSF). The CSF will help in the development of criteria to evaluate different models of Sanctioned Camps. Participants worked individually and in small groups to answer the question: The most successful sanctioned camps.....

The following Criteria were developed:

The most successful sanctioned camps.....

- are diverse in geographical location,
- are limited in size,
- provide enough sites to meet the needs of the community,
- are a pathway to permanent housing,
- are safe and secure both for the campers and community,
- provide access to support services, and
- are designed intentionally and are welcoming.

More detail on the development of the Critical Success Factor criteria can be found in Attachment D.

5. SANCTION CAMP MODELS AND COMPONENTS

Michael Fredericks introduced various camp models and components that the Taskforce would evaluate. She asked participants for more best practices or case study examples. The following is a list models and components, along with website information, to be evaluated:

- a. Pallet Shelters ([Pallet Shelter](#))
- b. ASD Relocatable Buildings – 40 donated to the Municipality of Anchorage
- c. Dignity Village, Portland, Oregon ([Dignity Village – Since 2000](#))
- d. Dignity Moves, Santa Barbara, California ([Santa Barbara Homeless | Communities | DignityMoves](#))
- e. Tiny homes on private property in Seattle, Washington [Seattle project lets homeowners use backyards to house homeless neighb \(fastcompany.com\)](#)
- f. Urban Alchemy [Urban Alchemy \(urban-alchemy.us\)](#)
- g. Temporary camps in Seattle, Washington ([CAMP UNITED WE STAND - TENT CITY](#))
- h. Camp Here, Valley of the Moon in Anchorage [File:Camp Here - Occupy to Overcome protest in support of homeless individuals. July 2019 \(organizers talk with Anchorage Police\).jpg - Wikimedia Commons](#)
 - i. Learns: sober-ready versus not, causing a chasm between campers
 - ii. Consider men separate from women, sober/ready to be sober versus not, maybe multiple kinds of separation
- i. Ukrainian Swallow's Nest Shelters ([239\) Ukraine "Swallow's Nest" community-built, open-source tiny home shelter Makariv, Ukraine. - YouTube](#)

Information gathered about models and components is provided in Attachment E.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Participants engaged in discussion regarding Sanctioned Camps and the following items were recorded:

- a. Add a level of crisis/urgency to this solving; this is a NOW issue
 - i. Community buy-in is important
 - ii. Possibility to have a shorter timeline if there is a model to move forward with before the July 9th deadline.
 - iii. “Plan, do, study, act”
 - iv. There was a fire on 5/1 in a camp
- b. Work camp? Sanctioned way to work, have plumbing for personal hygiene.

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- c. Overcome inertia – settling in one spot, and not wanting to move again.
 - d. Is there an option now to move forward ahead of the July 9 deadline? Momentum to move forward (Pilot Shelters is supported by many Assembly members).
 - i. Pallet Shelters are willing to speak to this group at the next meeting
 - e. Don't politicize
 - f. Lessons learned: this programming needs more structure, such as plumbing, law enforcement, care providers, secure place to store belongings
 - i. Having a dignity to have a private, secure place to sleep
 - g. No tents – off of the list. Not feasible in Alaska
 - h. Pallet shelters are sturdy, insulated, and can carry electricity and water
 - i. Separate inebriates from each other
 - j. Be purposeful; navigate through homeowners/neighborhoods as well as solutions for those experiencing homelessness

7. NEXT STEPS

Michael Fredericks and Assembly Member Felix Rivera shared the next steps for the group:

- a. Selecting a convener: someone who is shepherding the group through the agenda, creating welcome environment, and being the face of the program.
 - i. Silvia Villamides and Caroline Storm agreed to be co-conveners.
- b. Who are we missing that should invite to our next meeting?
 - i. Someone experiencing homelessness
 - ii. A neighbor who has experienced living near homelessness
 - iii. A clergy or someone from the church (additional)
 - iv. Behavioral health specialists
 - v. State representative(s) DOC, but could have more
 - 1. Public Health
 - vi. Someone who has run a successful sanctioned camp, get in touch with those who could present their experience/learns
 - vii. Salvation Army
 - viii. Someone from each community council
 - ix. CITC
 - x. Mental Health Trust
 - 1. Land Office
 - xi. Alaska Housing Financing Corporation
 - xii. An attorney
 - xiii. Rasmuson Foundation
 - xiv. Weidner
 - xv. Providence
 - xvi. Eklutna Tribe
 - xvii. RuralCAP
 - xviii. AWAIC
 - xix. Girdwood
 - xx. Eagle River
 - xxi. South Central Foundation
 - xxii. ANTHC
 - xxiii. Native Corporations
- c. Next meeting: weekly, moving from Friday to Thursdays

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- i. Thursday afternoon to be decided
 - ii. Location is TBD
 - d. Next Meeting Agenda: break into small groups to start creating a recommendation list.

The information contained herein represents our understanding of items discussed and decisions made at this meeting. We will assume this summary is correct unless notice to the contrary is brought to our attention within seven (7) days of the date of this summary.

SALT

Prepared by: Michael Fredericks and Hannah Toomey

cc: all attendees



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Complex Behavioral Health Needs
Community Taskforce
Meeting Notes
May 4, 2023

Assembly Member Volland
Chair, Health Policy Committee

Assembly Member Rivera
Chair, Committee on Housing & Homelessness

Communications, Resources, State Support

- Connect with ____ (ask AMHTS) at State to align homelessness plans
- Follow up on Muni legislative priorities at state legislature
- Look into opioid remediation funding (Anch.)
- Crosswalk of existing services to coordinate/avoid duplication
- Behavioral health dialogues in various community forums (Councils, Rotary, etc.)
 - Town halls
 - Educate on stigma
- Address SNAP backlog/Medicaid
- Mobile crisis team 24/7 to fully utilize (need to be @AFD? Other org?) reimbursement \$
- ensure all shareholders are here at these conversations next slide municipal lead volunteer opportunities and communication
- Consider standing up crisis communication center
- Investigate new/additional state/federal grants funds
- communication to providers to explain what's reimbursable
- Ensure maximize potential of HMIS
- Pop up outreach for care coordination
- Coordinate on funding a request/grants to maximize money in AK instead of competing
- State/government integration & leadership of plan
 - Is there an allocation from state? Advocate for one.

Housing

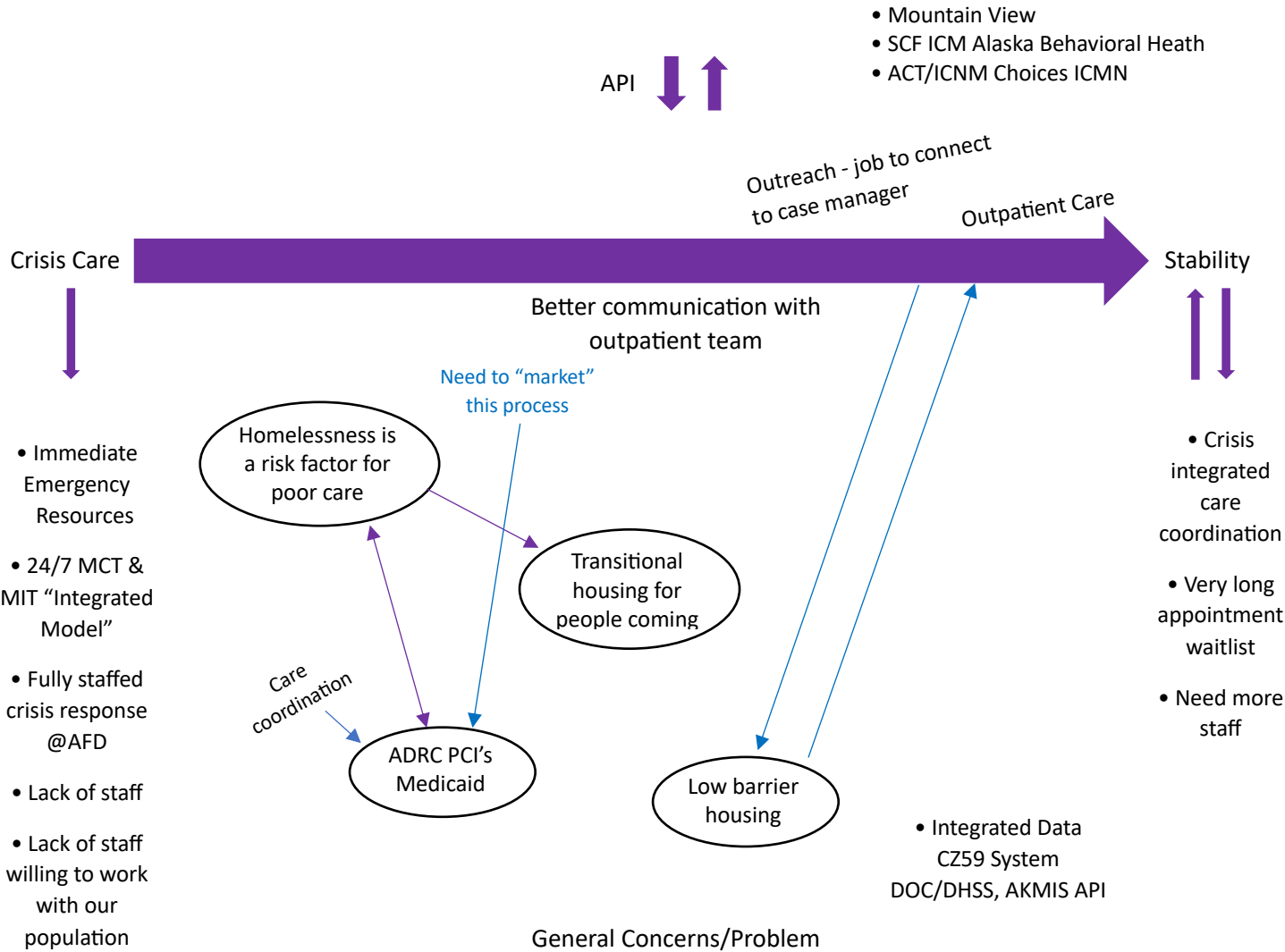
- Units & beds of all types assess for housing
 - Apartments
 - Tents
 - Shelter
 - Group
 - ALF
 - Hotel conv.
 - Transitional
 - Youth
 - Durable units
 - Legal involvement
 - Low barrier services
- ID # of need in critical housing
- Stabilize support systems & individuals
- Assessment/Dr. prior to housing in screening (LOCUS) client choice
 - Tools, Data driven
 - Ongoing supports in “Housing and”
- Identify client resources
- Meet basic needs - food, shelter, safety, warmth
- Trust, cultural competence, community
- Ongoing education - providers, community, landlords, and support/training
- Funding from “mixed-use” housing with billable services on site
- What are critical needs?
 - Next slide mobility
 - ADL
 - Chronic med
 - Severe mental health
 - Closed mass shelter
 - Strike while iron is hot yes

Health Care

- Coordination with outreach staff
 - Enough providers for health/mental health care
 - Psychiatric screening process prior to having placement next slide psychiatric care/evaluation as part of housing placement
- Need database of available services
 - Care line “beef up” ETA 1-2 years
 - Care traffic
 - “Hub & Spoke” model
- Homeless Prevention Repose System
 - HPRS system stability
 - Waiting for resources
 - Food stamps
 - SSI
- Transportation to mental health appointments
- Poor continuity of care
- Provider - Provider connect
- Lack of beds at API
- Greater treatment capacity at API
- Arc 14 beds
- Step down/ transitional care
- AKBEH (?) Beds
- Crisis now team relays need for more providers to rx same day Psychotropic meds
- Walk in behavioral health/ crisis center
- Medication management
- Medication maintenance for homeless people
- PROV-Urgent walk in
- Goal 2024: 23 hours crisis stabilization
- Same day medication assisted treatment next slide
- Transitional care for people exiting API already set up meds and appointments
- Residential treatment beds
- Lack of TX beds
- Specialized treatment
- Not enough detox beds
- Detox

Care Coordination

Need HR Mgr. to walk with patient down this





MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Complex Behavioral Health Needs
Community Taskforce
MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2023

Assembly Member Volland
Chair, Health Policy Committee

Assembly Member Rivera
Chair, Committee on Housing & Homelessness

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting start at 4:10

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. TASKFORCE ROLES

Taskforce roles reviewed – John Gregoire

- Assembly Lead: Assembly Member Felix Rivera
 - Task Force Member Communications
- Co-Conveners: Thea Agnew Bemben
 - Meeting Host
 - Agenda Development
- Facilitator: John Gregoire
 - Meeting Facilitation
 - Post Meeting Summary/Report Production
 - Recommendation Report Development
- Assembly Legislative Staff: Clare Ross or Allie Hartman
 - Assist with staffing

4. CONTEXT SETTING – Thea Agnew Bemben

See attached presentation “Complex Behavioral Health Taskforce Context Setting”

5. URGENT NEEDS

Small group work completed. The larger group broke into four smaller groups. See Attached for small group work completed. See Photos below

6. NEXT STEPS/ACTION ITEMS

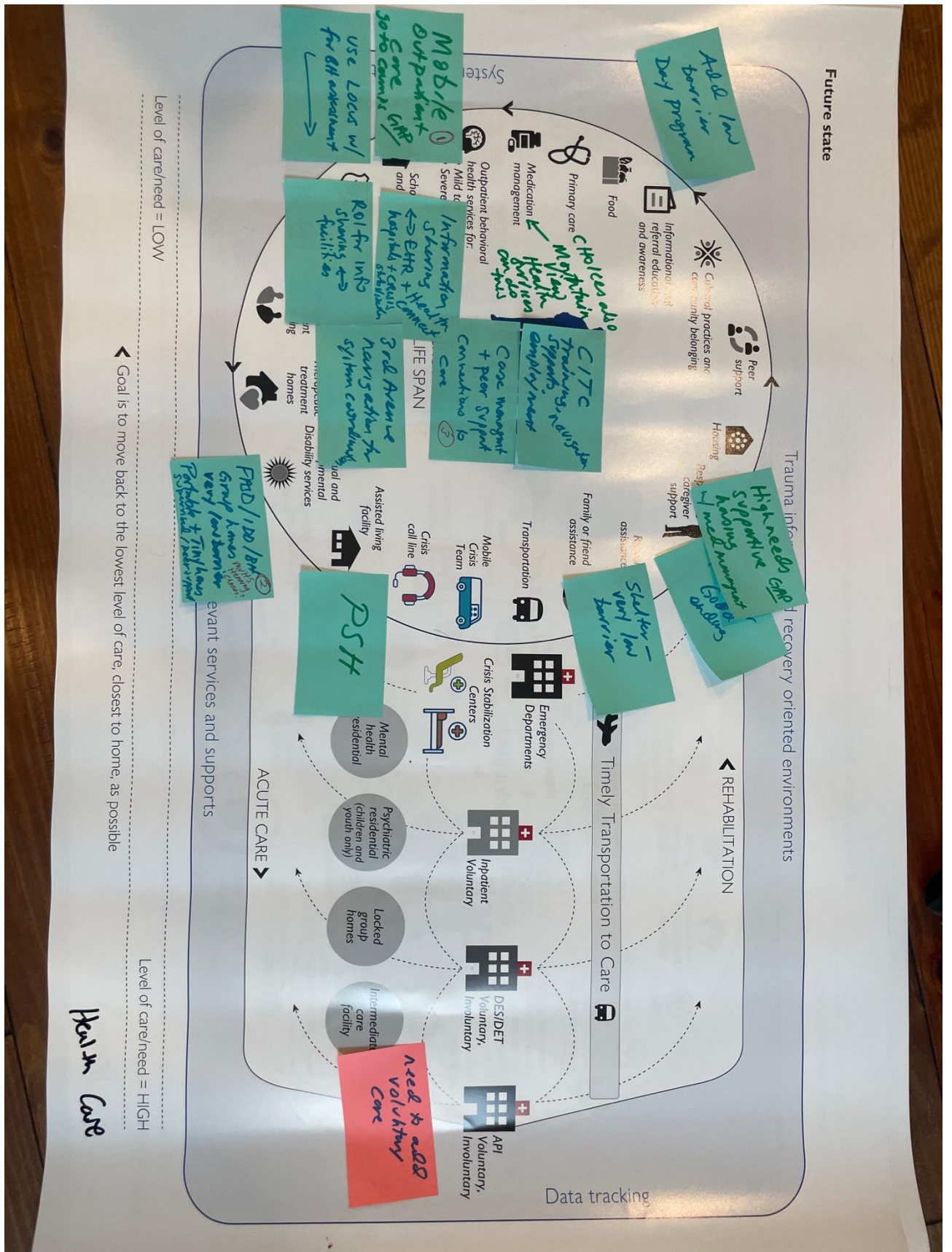
Next meeting will focus on finalizing recommendations and preparing a draft report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

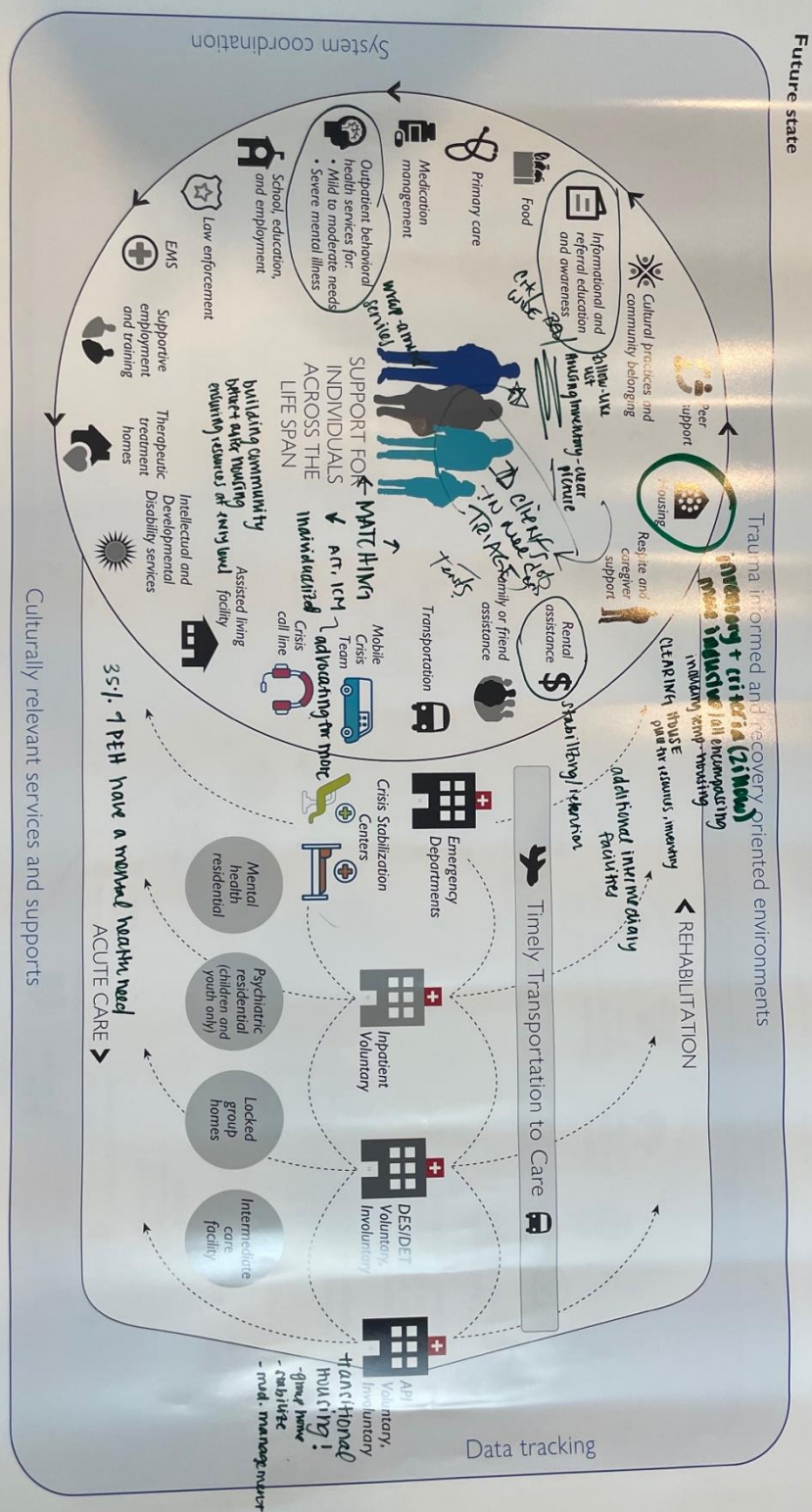
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Health Care

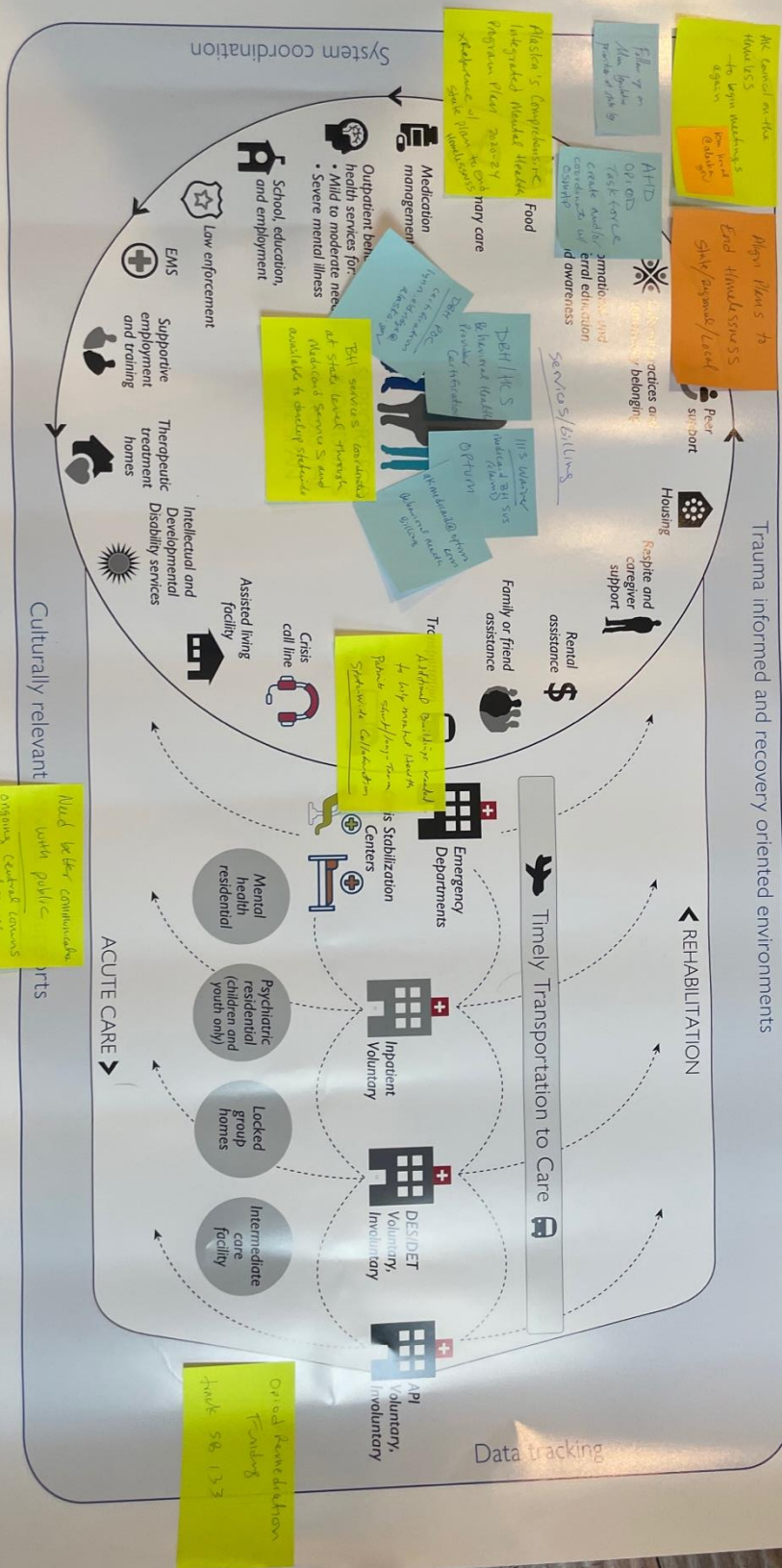


Housing



Communication / Resources / State Support

Future state Planning



Level of care/need = LOW

Goal is to move back to the lowest level of care, closest to home, as possible

Community Resources, State Support

Level of care/need = HIGH



MEETING SUMMARY

Project: MOA Sanctioned Camp Task Force

Project No: 235049

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023 *revised*

Location: Loussac Library

Attendees: Tony J Andrew, Community Member
Andy Bartel, St. John and First United Methodist Church
Felix Rivera, Assembly Member
Michael Hughes, Anchorage Health Department
Allen Kemplen, Fairview Community Council
Delmonica (Sheneé) Williams, Shiloh Community Housing, Inc.
Jonath Rendon, ARBRA
Ron Alleva, Community Member
Silvia Villamides, Alaska Hospitality Retailers, Downtown CC
Susan Soule, Community Member
David Rittenberg, Catholic Social Services
Caroline Storm, Great Alaska Schools, Community Member
Cathleen McLaughlin, Restorative and Recovery Services
Alexis Johnson, Municipal Homeless Coordinator
Mike Braniff, MOA Parks and Recreation
Monica Gross, Restorative Reentry Services
Betsy Baker, Community Member
Michael Fredericks, SALT
Allie Hartman, Legislative Services
Bree Witzke, Community Member
Rev. Dave Kuiper, Christian Health Associates
Eric Glatt, Community Member
Betty Hertz, Community Member
Duke Russell, Community Member
Michele Brown, Rasmuson Foundation
Jeremy Hsieh, Alaska Public Media
Trish Franco, Community Member
Nora Ortiz Fredrick, Community Member
Kent Kohlase, MOA
David Song, Community Member
Izzy Gingell, Community Member

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- Attachments:
- A Meeting Agenda
 - B Meeting Presentation
 - C Small Group Summaries
 - D Sign-In Sheet

The purpose of the meeting is to review the critical success factors in six small work groups for different sanctioned camp models and provide recommendations for the Municipality of Anchorage. The following items were discussed:

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Participants in the room and online to introduce themselves.

2. CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS REVIEW

What would the most successful sanction camps look like?

- a. Answered individual thinking & worked in small groups.
- b. Themes for the most successful sanctioned camps.
 - Are diverse in geographical location
 - Are limited in size - they have a size limit to how many campers
 - Provide enough sites to meet the needs of the community
 - A pathway to permanent housing
 - Are safe and secure both for the campers and the community
 - Provide access to support services and
 - Are designed intentionally and are welcomed
- c. Comments to the Critical Success Factors
 - Suggest another success factor, that there is a way to afford them their cost of operation and maintenance per the type of clientele from those least needy to those who are most needy
 - That the most successful sanction camps provide basic needs
 - Running water
 - Ability to either provide meal or have the ability to cook food
 - Bathrooms
 - Basic necessities that people will need
- d. Existing communities of “unsanctioned camping” not be displaced and remove all personal belongings
- e. Immediacy of the situation
- f. Come up with a formal action for all of us to read, organize positive habits into a normal living
- g. Sanctioned campgrounds to be open to third party charity people who have supplies they want to donate without pushback from security, etc.
- h. Immediate actions with locations and ways to serve that - pilot sanctioned camp e.g., Old Seward, Diamond Blvd.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS TEMPLATE REVIEW

- a. Needed minimum chartered recommendations
 - Investigate and provide recommendations for possible locations

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- Proposals for neighborhood mitigation
 - Cost estimates
 - Necessary code changes
 - A template operating plan
- b. Deadline to submit by July 6
- c. Answering questions in your group and in your thinking about
- Size
 - Location
 - Immediacy
 - Where, when, how

4. SMALL GROUP WORK SESSIONS

Michael Fredericks shared the small group worksheet to participants in person and online are provided

- a. Location & Zoning
- b. Safety & Security
- c. Operations & Maintenance
- d. Immediate Action
- e. Planning & Design
- f. Support Services

5. SMALL GROUP REPORT OUTS

Each group reporter provided a report on the work they accomplished in their small group sessions. Attached are the notes and records from each group.

6. NEXT STEPS

- a. Meeting summaries and agendas for the next week will come out on Monday afternoon. Michael asked that the group review the work done in small groups and be ready to come back to refine and add more information.
- b. The MOA and SALT will work to get information needed together between meetings for the small group work.
- c. A sign in sheet was also put out for those who are not on the email list serve. The next meeting will be at the same time and location.



Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Agenda

May 11, 2023

2:00pm – 3:30 pm

Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street

Library Learning Commons

TASKFORCE ROLES

Assembly Lead: Assembly Member Felix Rivera

- Taskforce Member Communications

Co-Conveners: Silvia Villamides and Caroline Storm

- Meeting Hosts/Chair
- Agenda Development

Facilitator: Michael Fredericks

- Agenda Development
- Meeting Facilitation
- Recommendation Report Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MEETING STRUCTURE & HOUSEKEEPING

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR'S REVIEW

5. TASKFORCE PROCESS DISCUSSION

- a. Timeline of deliverables
- b. Our Taskforce Work Sessions

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TEMPLATE REVIEW (See Attachment A)

7. SMALL GROUP WORK SESSIONS (See Attachment B)

- a. Location and Zoning
- b. Planning and Design
- c. Operations and Management
- d. Support Services
- e. Safety and Security
- f. Immediate Actions

8. REPORT OUT

9. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT B

Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

May 11, 2023



Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. MEETING STRUCTURE & HOUSEKEEPING
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR'S REVIEW
5. TASKFORCE PROCESS DISCUSSION
6. RECOMMENDATIONS TEMPLATE REVIEW
7. SMALL GROUP WORK SESSIONS
8. REPORT OUT
9. ADJOURNMENT



Critical Success Factors

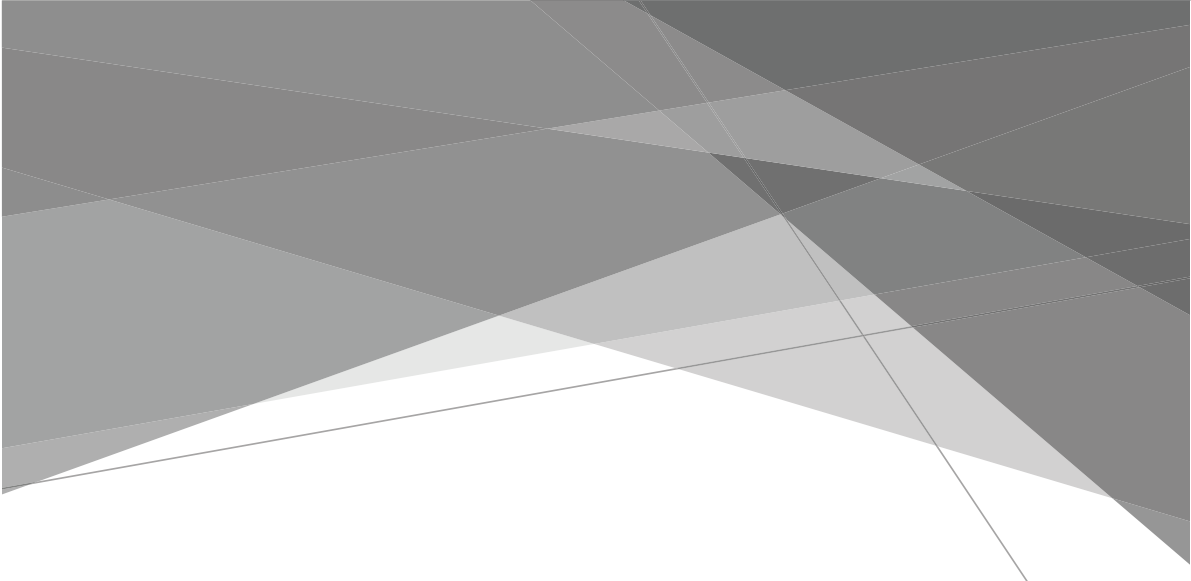
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- are a pathway to permanent housing,
- are safe and secure both for the campers and community,
- provide access to support services, and
- are designed intentionally and are welcoming.

Next Steps/Actions Items

- ▶ Meeting Summary and Agendas out Mondays
- ▶ Weekly meetings: Thursdays 2-3:30pm, Loussac

ADJOURNMENT



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Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Small Group Worksheets

Topic Area: **Location and Zoning**

Meeting Date: **5/11/2023**

Group Leader: Alexis Johnson

Group Recorder: Alexis Johnson

Group Reporter: Alexis Johnson

Group Members: Daniel Volland, Kris Stoenner, Tony J Andrew, Alexis Johnson, Mike Braniff

Our Scope of Work:

- Determine safe space(s) for camping/pallet shelters

What Information do you need to make recommendations:

- Where are homeless resources, locations, services?
- Is a sanctioned camp considered shelter under code?
- Where are existing camps
- Title 16/Title 21 review-planning
- Public property versus private property
- Potential size of camp
- AFD opinion
- Schools/safe routes/playgrounds
- Unused parking lots
- Pallet shelters are a part of sanctioned camp
- Ecological impacts
- Proximity to utilities

Lessons Learned in Other Efforts

- Food security
- Coordinated efforts/duplicative efforts
- Bears
- More campers means more predators

Initial Recommendations:

- Flat surface

- Possibly paved
- Possible Tudor/Elmore
- Possible sanctioned camp indoors
- Time-limited

Additional Notes:

- Possible locations - Please add Post Road(Industrial Area) & Centennial Park
- The difficulty of Rezoning parcels and lots within the Municipality?
- A list of all Municipality availability of lots and parcels to review for possible sanctioned camp locations and possible permanent locations.
- Is the Utility infrastructure at Tudor and Elmore in place from Roger Hickel Construction 2022? Let's ask and find out.
- Please add, Women's sanctioned Camp/Shelter location. TBD.(Hope Center?) Currently, houses 70 women. Could possibly use 1-2 ASD relocatable for overflow if there is space available there?

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Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Small Group Worksheets

Topic Area: **Planning and Design**

Meeting Date: **5/11/2023**

Group Leader: Michael Hughes

Group Recorder: Trish Franco

Group Reporter: Caroline Storm

Group Members: Bree Witzke, Michael Hughes, Trish Franco, and Trish Franco

Our Scope of Work:

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What Information do you need to make recommendations:

- where will the camps be?
- how do these camps fit in relation to the plan for the winter?
- are these temporary or are they part of our long-term vision as an intervention, as a part of our HPRS?
- who would maintain the tiny homes/pallet homes if we go that route?
 - would probably require 4 star insulation (R36)
 - can those structures last through the winter, can they last long term (over the years)?
 - how much will it cost/ how long will it last?
 - can we involve youth/community in the building of the structures?
- how are we going to measure success?
 - exits to housing, community buy-in/support, reduced harm to communities/individuals?
- What is the MOA's role?
- Where is the funding coming from?

Lessons Learned in Other Efforts

- necessary to figure out how to deal with the dynamic of substance use and providing a space that doesn't prevent that free choice in individuals
- also potentially provide separate spaces that are substance free
- part of supportive services, rehabilitation

Initial Recommendations:

- centralized hub kitchen, hygiene center (showers, laundry, trash services, etc.) with shelters, structures, tents surrounding that center facing inward

- while still providing a secure, safe, private place for individuals to store their belongings and sleep safely.
 - must feel welcoming, private, secure
 - need visibility - the community to be visible to the camps and vice versa
- close to transportation resources (bus stops, libraries, clinics, etc.)

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Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Small Group Worksheets

Topic Area: **Operations and Management**

Meeting Date: **5/11/2023**

Group Leader:

Group Recorder: Felix Rivera

Group Reporter: Felix Rivera

Group Members: Roger Branson, Ron Alleva, Susan Soule, Eric Glatt, Felix Rivera

Our Scope of Work:

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What Information do you need to make recommendations:

- How many camps?
- How many people are we talking about serving in sanctioned camps?
- How many resources do we have to allocate to sanctioned camps?
- How is there public accountability of spending?
- Who can we model costs and operations / management from?
- Who can be the operator?
- Who deals with liability and insurance questions?
- Who can do the research and work we need to do?
- Are these camps scalable up or down?

Lessons Learned in Other Efforts

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Initial Recommendations:

- Someone should do or present research to us on various models for operations and management of sanctioned camps.
- We should have a spectrum of camps run on different operating models.
- There should be established a minimum operational standard for each camp.
- We need to understand basic planning assumptions. Especially population and number of camps.

General Discussion/Recommendations:

- We should have different models of sanctioned camps
 - Intentional camp
 - Wet version
 - Dry version
- Operational model should be centered around folks staying at the camp taking some measure of accountability and responsibility
- Need to have a liability waiver or some way to mitigate liability
- Operations should be in partnership with a provider
 - So the provider would work closely with the “council” of leaders staying at the camp
- There should be minimum standards:
 - Secure storage
 - Water
 - Sanitation
 - Power
 - Food
 - Gathering space
 - Support services
 - Security
 - Within and without
 - Is accessible to all providers

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Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Small Group Worksheets

Topic Area: **Support Services**

Meeting Date: **5/11/2023**

Group Leader: Betsy Baker (907-787-9496, baker3b@mac.com)

Group Recorder: Betsy Baker

Group Reporter: Betsy Baker

Group Members: Betty Hertz, Michele Brown, Silvia Villamides, Izzy Gingell, Betsy Baker

Our Scope of Work:

- To determine services needed at sanctioned camps. Because outreach and intake services already function for the MOA (e.g. Coordinated intake, and the HMIS database- Homeless Management and Information System), our scope of work excludes those steps.
- To determine what services should be provided, and in which of the two “baskets” they belong:
 - Meeting basic needs within the camp: Triage (welcome, assigning case manager), potable water, food, showers, laundry, other personal hygiene needs, basic supplies, clothing, medical (first aid), electricity at a minimum for charging stations, WiFi, storage/lockers, transportation (bus pass)
 - Connecting homeless neighbors with services: ideally onsite, and ideally with a case manager assigned to each person to provide support throughout their stay, assistance with making appointments, paperwork, referrals. Types of services: medical/telehealth, benefits, financial, housing, job searches. Make connections easier for homeless individuals and service providers, and between service providers, volunteers, etc. ACEH outreach popups are one model (contact Jason Cates).
- Not yet clear whether our scope also includes determining *how* or *by whom* the services will be provided. But we do want to help build community between all involved

What Information do you need to make recommendations:

- Incomplete list; we ran out of time.
- Studies of what has and has not worked with support services in MOA, or elsewhere.
- Number of people expected to use sanctioned camps

Lessons Learned in Other Efforts

- We need access to this information, see request for studies above.
- Some group members are familiar with Centennial camp experiences from 2022

Initial Recommendations:

- Break support services into the two baskets identified above

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Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Small Group Worksheets

Topic Area: **Safety and Security**

Meeting Date: **5/11/2023**

Group Leader:

Group Recorder:

Group Reporter:

Group Members: Ron Alleva, Andy Bartel, Cathleen McLaughlin, XXXX

Our Scope of Work:

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What Information do you need to make recommendations:

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Lessons Learned in Other Efforts

- Bears in Centennial Park
- Fencing at Centennial Park

Initial Recommendations:

- Choice of living environments, cultural awareness
- Intentionality of mix of guests
 - Build community from inside out
 - Allow expulsion of predators
- Lockable/securable personal storage
- Wildlife protection
- Staffing
- Fencing to keep non-guests out
- Sanitation
 - clean, potable running water
 - First aid
 - Dumpsters
 - Can't use port-a-potties
- Unit numbers: identifiable for 911 response

- Consideration of weapons
- Electricity/charging stations for personal use
- No propane

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Sanctioned Camp Community Taskforce

Small Group Worksheets

Topic Area: **Immediate Actions**

Group Leader:

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Our Scope of Work:

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What Information do you need to make recommendations:

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Lessons Learned in Other Efforts

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Initial Recommendations:

- **Recognize that people are already setting up camps now-** and look at where these camps are. These camps are being set up organically around social groups and personal preference and that should be recognized. **If there are areas that we don't want people camping we should establish that very quickly before these camps are firmly established.**
- **Provide basic services to these established camps,** including portable toilets and bear proof trash containers. Let's get everyone (Assembly and Mayor) to have consensus officially that these services (from a public health point a view) should be provided.
- **Encourage our Assembly members and Mayor to sign a resolution supporting safe sleeping space/authorized camps.** Our group wanted our elected individuals to "say out loud" that camps are happening right NOW and we need to recognize them officially and do our best as a community to support them.
- **Use HMIS to help keep track of individuals in the camps** so service organizations can find them to deliver services.

SIGN IN: SANCTIONED CAMPS TASKFORCE

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