



Anchorage
Health
Department

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Assembly Health Policy Committee

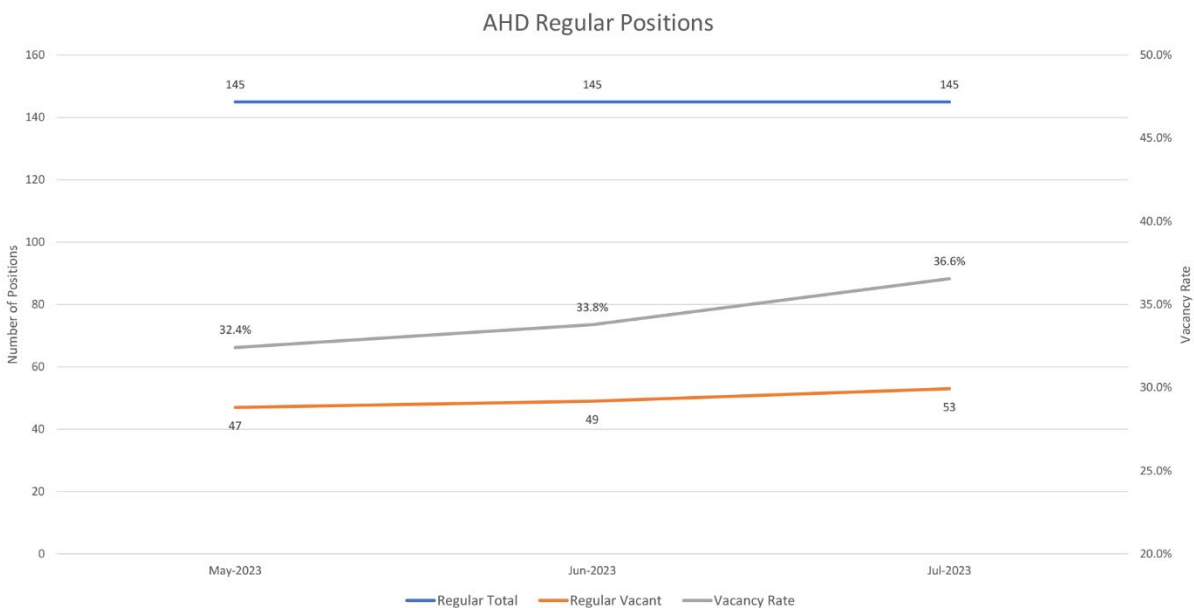
Please note: all report outs are related to July program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.

Director's Office

- Handled media requests and spoke with multiple reporters to answer questions about the situation with the Anchorage Safety Patrol and Center.
- The department posted on social media promoting the Environmental Health team being at community events like Music in the Park and Live After Five, continued to advertise open positions at AHD, and advertised an STI testing outreach event at the Girdwood Health Clinic and the WIC Giveaway Fair.
- The department continued to work with the Assembly's Legislative Affairs on the Reimagine Anchorage website and campaign. Draft social media posts highlighting the success of the Alcohol Tax were finalized and will be shared throughout August.
- AHD hosted an all-staff summer fling picnic for employees! The event had a great turnout of about 45 people, and a handful of staff volunteered to help prepare and cook.

Administration Division

Human Resources

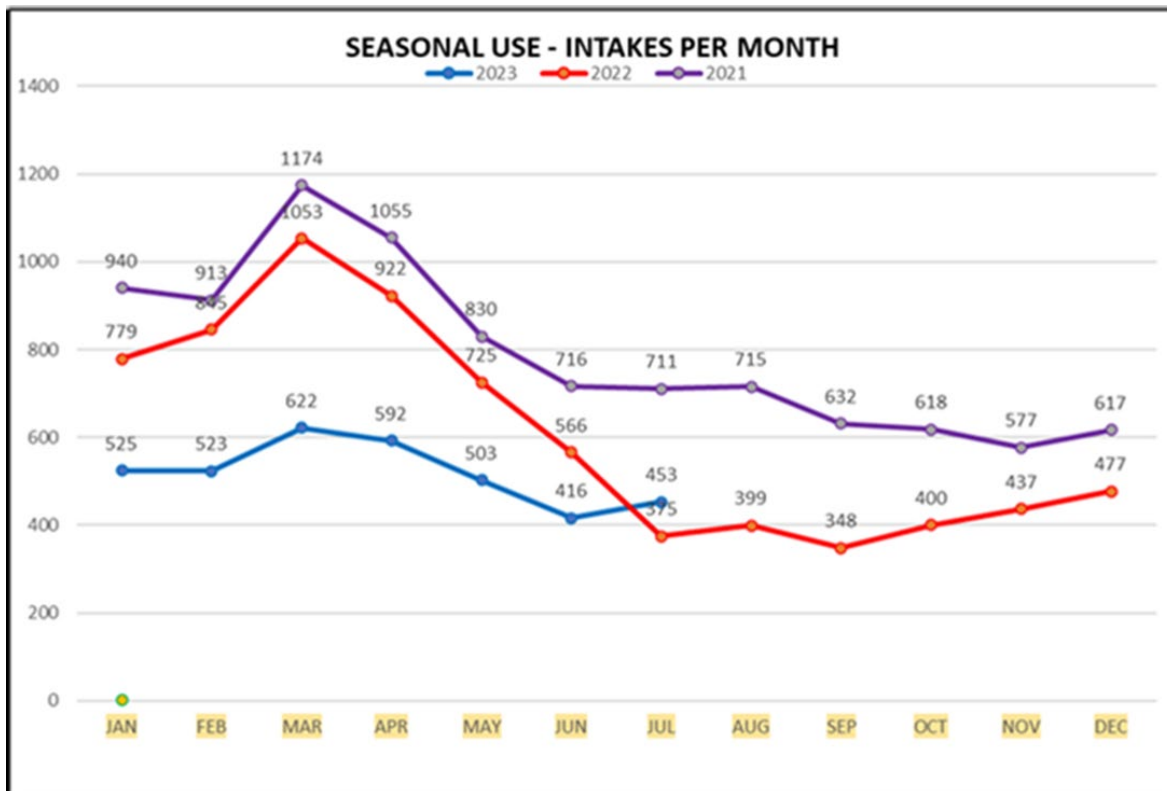


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P): Under Title 47, respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day.

- Intakes: 453.
- Responded to calls: 1,169.
- Transported: 323.
- Unduplicated clients: 323.

Overall, 323 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 453 intakes/occurrences due to multiple visits.



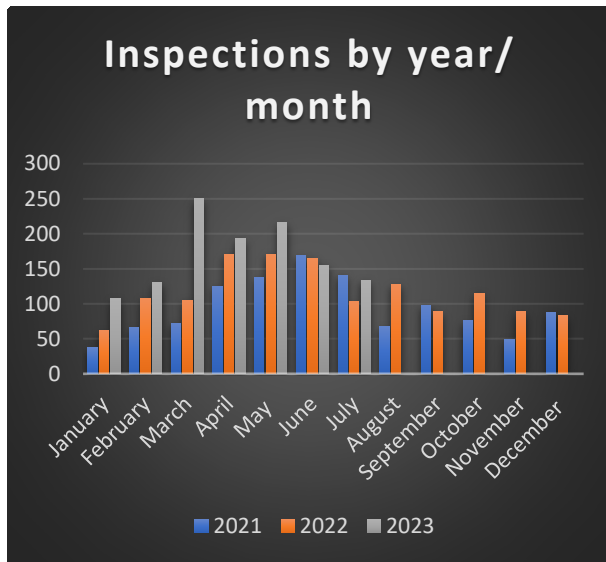
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2023	525	523	622	592	503	416	453					
2022	779	845	1053	922	725	566	375	399	348	400	437	477
2021	940	913	1174	1055	830	716	711	715	632	618	577	617

Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

- The EH Program addressed 100 Complaints in July.
- Performed 134 inspections.
- Made 1,026 Customer Service contacts.
- Responded to 3 food borne illness reports.
- Plan Reviews Completed 7. Plan Reviews worked 44.

- Issued 129 permits.
- Issued 9 Food Worker Cards.



Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- July WIC participant total: 3,880.
- Provided regular tabling services and nutrition education at Muldoon Library.
- Presented the WIC program to ten military families re: “How to Apply to WIC”.
- Consistently meets with Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center to continue the liaison process to connect WIC participants with services available.
- Hosted a health fair on the Park Strip. MOA WIC provided free fruits and vegetables to WIC and SNAP participants, while the Lion’s Club provided free eye screenings and the Food Bank of Alaska through the Diaper Pantry, provided free diapers and potty-training kits. 126 people attended; distributed 106 farmers market checks to eligible families.
- Providing Fresh Bucks to WIC and SNAP participants to purchase fruits and vegetables at Grow North Farms and Muldoon Farmer’s Market.
- Facebook: 40 posts: 5,411 reach.
- Instagram: 29 posts: 388 reach.

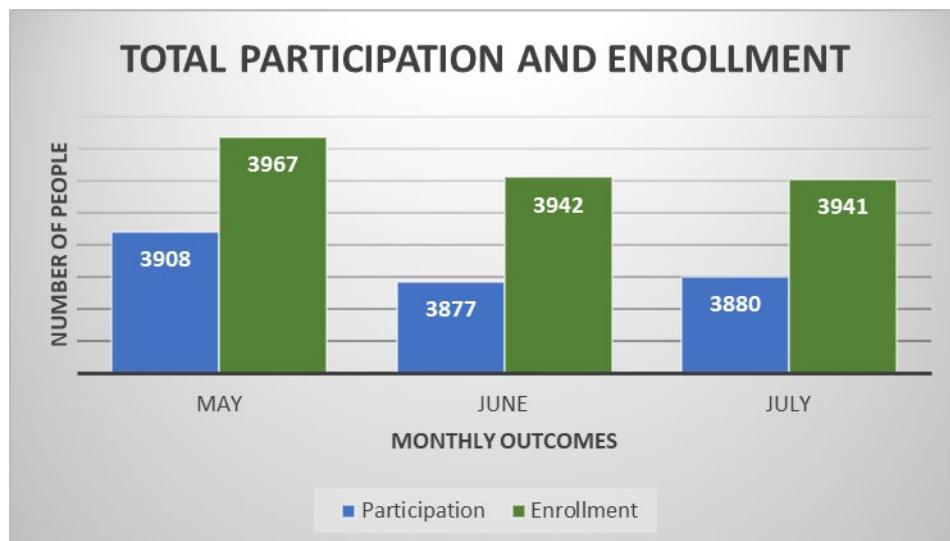
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

Provide consistent education, support, and guidance to breastfeeding participants.

- Hosted a Breastfeeding Awareness event at Russian Jack Park to provide free information, donated breastfeeding supplies and donated gifts to WIC participants in celebration of Breastfeeding Awareness month.
- BFPC is in the process of recruiting and training BFPCs. The supervisor who oversaw this program no longer works at AHD. There’s no data to report for July as it appears not to have been tracked that month. This will be corrected moving forward.
- Facebook: 16 posts: 1,274 reach.
- Instagram: 10 posts: 372 reach.

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.*

- There is nothing to report out for this program as MOA is waiting to learn the outcome from the state.

Alcohol Tax Grant Management

- **Volunteers of America Youth Substance Prevention (VOA)** - VOA hired a mental health clinician and intended to use this funding stream to cover labor costs. A new plan has not been provided to AHD regarding how they plan to utilize the funding stream.
- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)** – AFSP is partnering with Alaska Public Media to develop marketing content. They predict utilizing the entirety of the funds over the next three months.
- **Recover Alaska, The Foraker Group** - The Foraker Group through Recover Alaska is recruiting for Anchorage’s behavioral health workforce by graduating 45 MSW graduate students from UAA by 2025. UAA hired three faculty members to accommodate the increase in MSW student enrollment.

Opioid Remediation

- The Opioid Task Force met for the first time in 2023. A small group of about 10-12 people who were involved previously have become re-engaged and the group has great momentum. The group consists of community organizations, government agencies, youth organizations, people with lived experience, and law enforcement. AHD disseminated information regarding efforts completed by the task force and scheduled to meet monthly. It was determined that a needs assessment and hiring a task force coordinator would be the next steps.

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 10 pathogen cases in June.

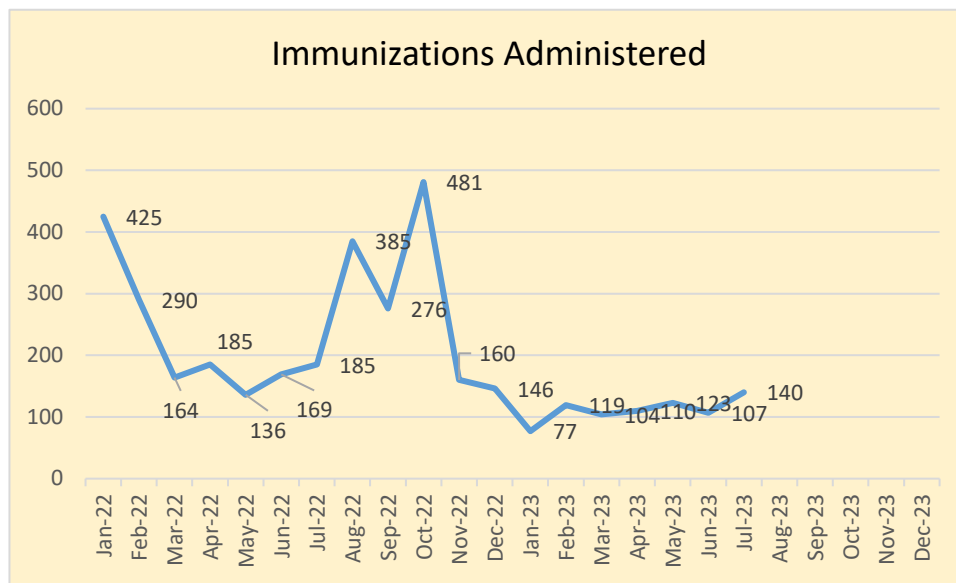
Pathogens	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Campylobacteriosis	1	4	2
Cryptosporidiosis			1
Hepatitis A	1	1	1
Hepatitis B-acute			1
Legionellosis	3		
Salmonellae	4	3	
Shigatoxigenic E. coli	1		1
Typhoid fever	1		
Varicella	5	5	1

Yersiniosis	1		
Vibrio			1
Shigellosis		1	1
Hemophilus Influenzae		1	
Malaria			1

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

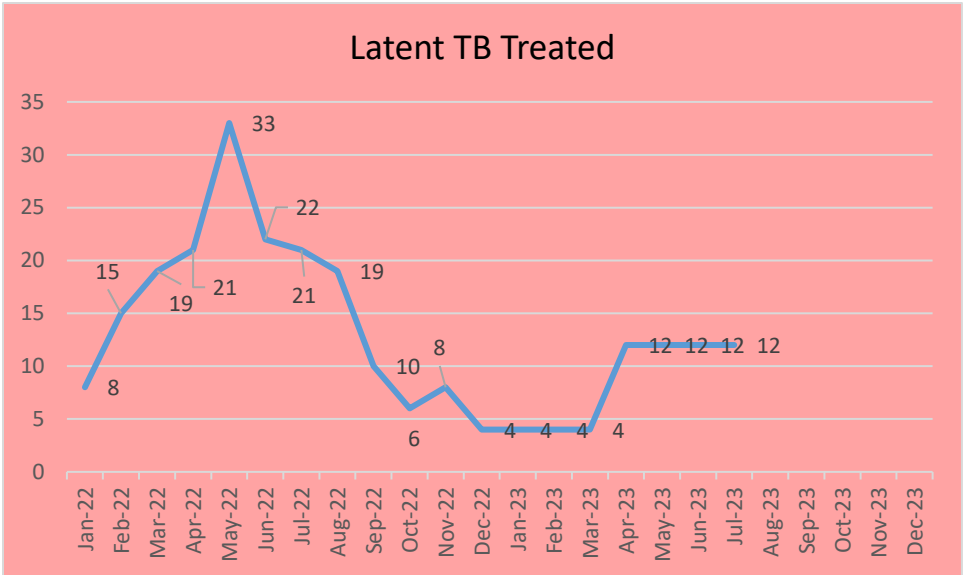
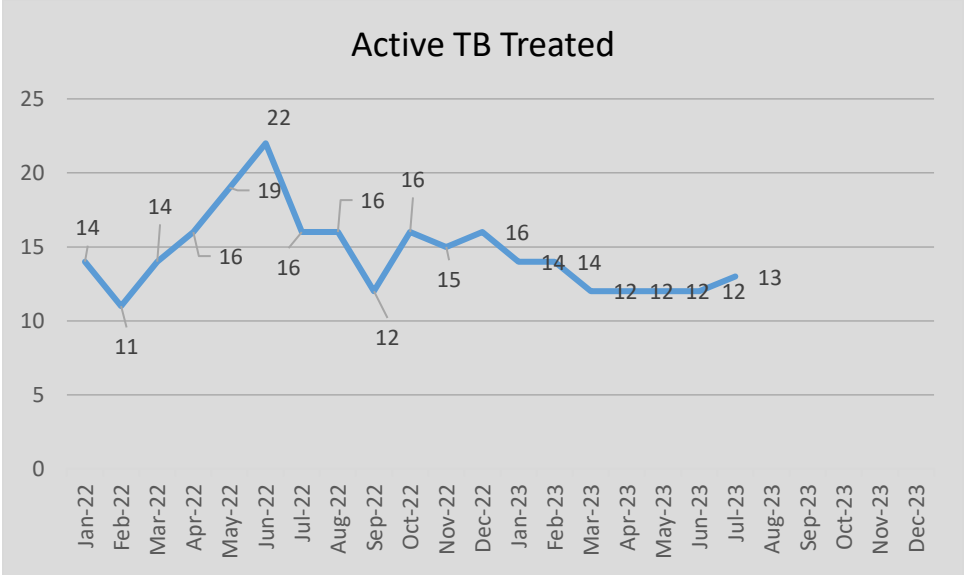
Immunizations

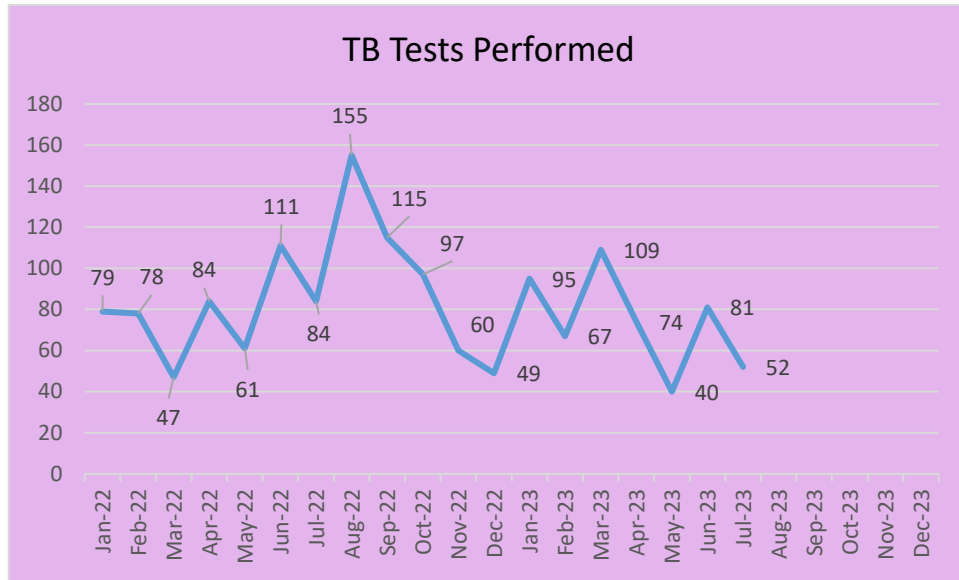
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 140 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 23 Moderna bivalent
 - 0 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 0 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 5 PPD (purified protein derivative)
 - 0 Mpox (monkeypox)
 - 112 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 13 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 48
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 4

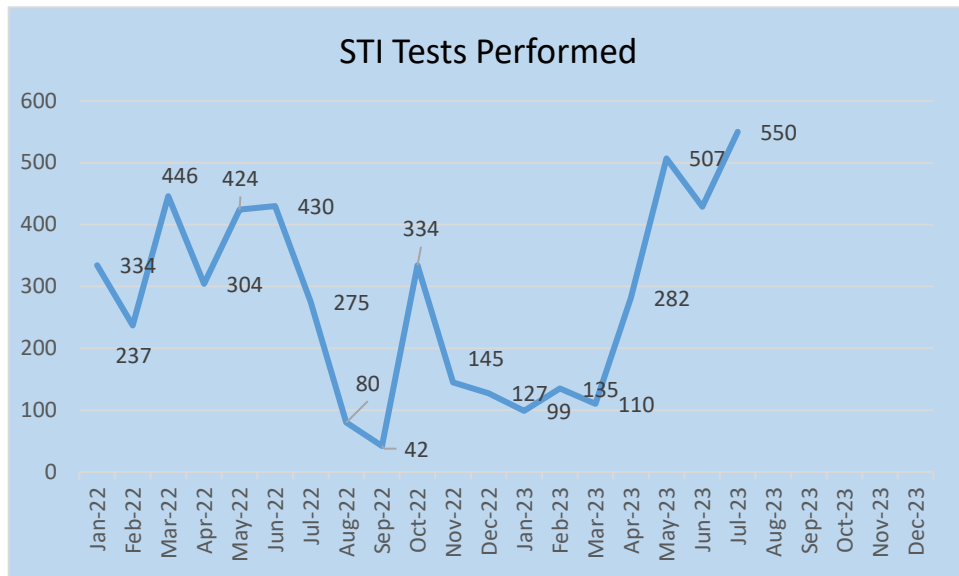


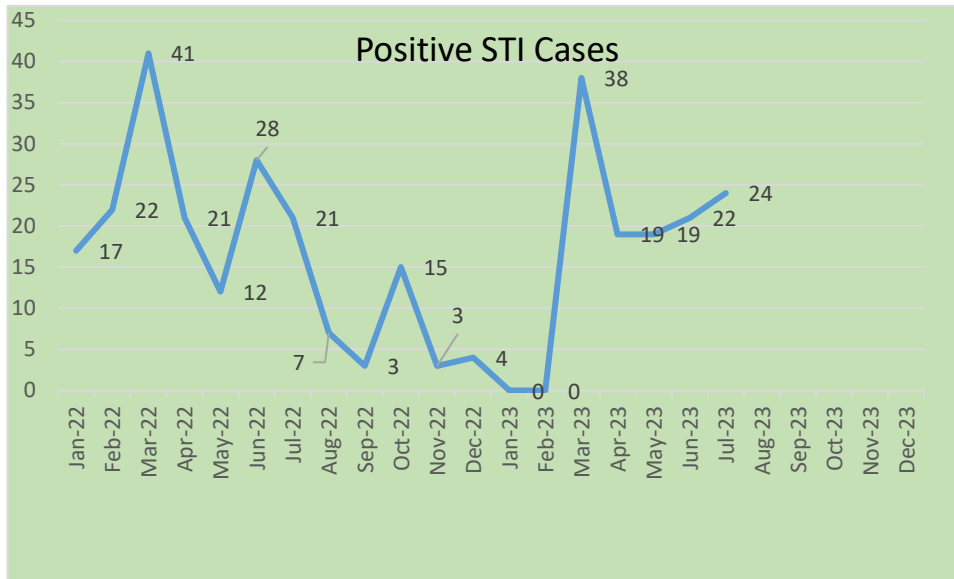


Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- 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.
- 139 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old; 5 during outreach.

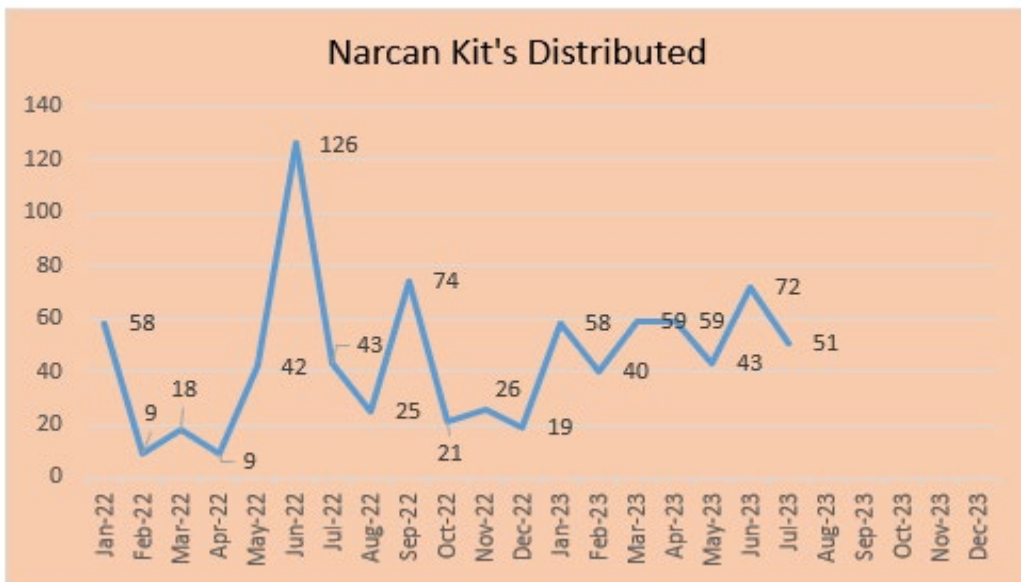
STI	Tested	Pos
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	138	15
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clampier (GC)	138	5
Syphilis	113	0
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	15	0
Trichomoniasis	133	4
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)	13	0





Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 51 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in July
 - 11 by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - 9 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 31 kits during outreach events.
 - Reportable activities: 1 Narcan build & 2 outreach events.
 - Offered Narcan at Girdwood Clinic STI Testing.
- 512 Naloxone kits given out in FY23, and 1,138 kits since 2019.



HIV Prevention

- 6,730 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 28 teens educated on sexual health and relationships.
 - One cohort of three teens educated on age-appropriate sexual health and healthy relationships (Volunteers of America youth).
 - One cohort of 25 teens educated on healthy relationships (OCS youth).

Aging & Disability Resource Center:

Update requested from Assembly Members Rivera & Brawley during work session for 2023 HUD Action Plan.

Overview

The Municipality’s Homeless Prevention program is designed to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a place not suitable for human habitation. Rental assistance and/or housing relocation is offered as part of the program. These funds are utilized to assist households to quickly regain stability in permanent housing that they are at risk of losing due to a temporary change in their health, employment, and/or financial status. The Anchorage Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is staffed with one full-time Resource Specialist along with assistance from a Senior Office Associate dedicated to administering emergency funds in the form of both utility assistance (funded by Chugach Electric, AWWU and ARPA funds) and homeless prevention rental assistance (funded by the HUD Emergency Solutions grant). The ADRC was chosen by Anchorage Health Department executives as the distribution point for these funds due to the services offered by the ADRC which include information and referral, a close connection to Alaska 211, and the ability to combine emergency assistance with connection to services for those at risk of losing their housing, seniors, and those with disabilities. Examples of other forms of assistance the ADRC assists with include SNAP, healthcare benefits (including Medicare and Medicaid), social security, disability benefits, all forms of public assistance, and community and home-based services.

Funding Amount	Spend Down Begin	Spend Down Complete	# Months	# Households
\$151,506 (spent \$98,922)	5/2023	Deadline 6/30/24	TBD	27 as of 8/30/23
\$ 77,922	12/2022	5/2023 Deadline 7/1/23	6	27 households
\$260,000 (CV)	4/2021	3/2022 Deadline 12/31/22	12	76 households
\$ 7,031 (CV)	11/2022	12/2022 Deadline 12/31/22	1	3 households
\$496,459				133 households (As of 8/30/23)

Household Demographics

316 total individuals served:

68% female Head of household

32% male head of household

Family head of household's average 25 years old and older, majority with children

Eligibility Criteria:

- Annual household income at 30% or below of area median income for traditional ESG fund availability, and 50% or below for CV ESG funds.
- Applicant must lack resources and support networks which could provide financial assistance. Applicant must have been impacted by Covid to access CV ESG funds.
- Documentation that assistance would likely allow the applicant to regain stability in their current permanent housing or access other permanent housing and achieve stability.
- The rental property must meet HUD Fair Market Rent and Rent Reasonability for traditional ESG funds. Fair Market Rent requirement is waived for CV ESG funds. The rental property must meet HUD Occupancy Standards, Habitability Standards and Lead-Based Paint requirements. The ADRC Resource Specialist conducts a virtual Housing Habitability Inspection (which includes verification of a water supply, heat, sanitary facilities, electricity, a food preparation area, and smoke detectors), attends HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule Training which applies to pre-1978 housing, and ensures completion of lead-based paint disclosure information.
- An eviction notice based on 30 days past due rent.
- Resident of the Municipality of Anchorage.
- Not currently living in subsidized housing, have a housing voucher or receiving another type of rental assistance.
- Adults in the household are working or have a form of income within the last 30 days.

PEH Safety Net

The ADRC's in the State of Alaska have been tasked by Senior and Disability Services to provide the Person-Centered Intake (PCI) as the first step in the Medicaid waiver process. The Anchorage ADRC conducts about 700 PCI's annually for the Anchorage Bowl. The Anchorage ADRC is connected to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and the shelter case management system by helping shelter case managers understand the Medicaid waiver process in Alaska, how those experiencing homelessness may benefit from Medicaid, and to schedule a PCI if appropriate for their client. This work began about two years ago and continues today. The ADRC meets with ACEH and the shelter case managers every two weeks (more often as needed) for case conferencing of individuals experiencing homelessness. About 18% of those experiencing homelessness that are part of the case conferencing process have found placement in an assisted living facility and 23% individuals have been housed independently.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES

Note: ADA Commission not presently active

SEPTEMBER 6	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
7	Thursday	4:00-5:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
13	Wednesday	5:30-7:00	Health & Human Services Commission
27	Wednesday	10:00-Noon	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
28	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board

Actively recruiting for Board/Commission Vacancies:

Anchorage Women’s Commission	1
Senior Citizens Advisory Commission	1
Animal Control Advisory Board	1