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## **Emergency Cold Weather Shelter 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Oversight**

### **Weekly Report for Week 26**

**Project Name: 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Emergency Shelter Oversight**

**Submitted to: Anchorage Assembly, Anchorage Mayor's Office, Anchorage Health Dept., and Shelter Operators (Henning, Inc. and The Alaska Hotel Group)**

**Date: Reporting period May 13 – 19, 2024**

**Date Submitted: May 22, 2024**

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#### **A. Background**

As required under Contract #2023003145, fully executed on November 17, 2023, RRS submits its Weekly Report for Week 26. This report is for the period May 13 - 19, 2024 (with some data from May 21, 2024).

#### **B. Actions and Events During this Reporting Period**

1. RRS focus is on operations at the 2 remaining Emergency Cold Weather Shelter sites (CWS and The Aviator). The current census of ECWS sites as of May 21, 2024:

CWS – 195 - 200. CWS is maintaining a census slightly below the maximum capacity of 200. CWS has not turned anyone away due to being at capacity. Some individuals have had to wait until after the 10 p.m. count and cot change over in order to enter.

Aviator – 104. This ECWS site decompressed from 157 to 104 since May 12, 2024. Closure remains set for May 31, 2024 with reductions during the month of May continuing to be through attrition, both voluntary and involuntary (rule violations).

2. **Key topic - Preparation of Final 360 Assessment by RRS.** As noted in last week's report, RRS is preparing and finalizing its Final 360 Assessment. RRS met with Henning, Inc. and

a staff member of AHD on Monday, May 20, 2024 to review data that will be shared in this Final 360 Assessment.

3. **Review of exit data by RRS.**

7-10 clients at the Aviator are expected to exit to housing by the end of this week.

4. **Client Call Log** – This workbook continues to be used as the daily call log for RRS. It is submitted to AHD daily. All matters brought to RRS’s attention by clients and community members were timely noted and addressed by RRS, AHD and/or the shelter operators.

5. **Incidences** – No overdoses were reported. One incident was reported to RRS on May 21, 2024 at the Aviator which involved an altercation between security and a client who was being escorted out of the Aviator. The matter is being appropriately investigated by The Alaska Hotel Group.

6. **Update of Henning, Inc.** – None.

**C. Shelter Operations (2 remaining sites)**

1. **CWS – Congregate Shelter (Being used at Capacity)**

CWS continues to be operated at or near capacity. As noted above, CWS reports that no one has been turned away if they are eligible for a cot.

2. **Aviator – Non-congregate.**

The census is now 104 from 157 as noted in last week’s report. To date, it is reported 84 individuals have been housed through the Aviator program.

It is still anticipated that 15 – 20 of the most vulnerable and hard-to-place are expected to move to CWS upon full closure of the Aviator on May 31. (Note: On May 21, 2024, the Anchorage Assembly approved \$500,000 as bridge funding for shelter operations at CWS for the month of June 2024 so, CWS will remain open at least through June.)

One of the Henning, Inc. housing specialists left 5/15/2024. Two remain at the Aviator to assist remaining clients in their transition out of the Aviator by May 31, 2024.

**D. Recommendations, Conclusions and Summary**

Anchorage’s ECWS program for the winter of 2023-2024 is ending May 31, 2024. Lessons learned, strengths and weaknesses, gaps in services, and recommendations will be addressed in RRS’s Final 360 Assessment which will be completed within the month of May.

Any questions, please contact RRS through phone, text, or email at any time.

**Respectfully Submitted, Cathleen N. McLaughlin, J.D./M.B.A. Monica Gross MD, MPH**