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Emergency Cold Weather Shelter 3rd Party Oversight

Weekly Report for Week 27

Project Name: 3rd 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 20 – 26, 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 27. This report is for the period May 20 - 26, 2024 (with some data from May 28, 2024). This is the Final Weekly Report of RRS under this Contract. RRS's contract ends May 31, 2024. RRS will be submitting its Final 360 Assessment as soon as all documents and data have been received and reviewed. (Note: RRS has up do 10 days after the close of the contract to submit its Final 360 Assessment but is hopeful this will be presented prior to the deadline)

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 28, 2024:

CWS – 200. CWS is maintaining a census near the maximum capacity of 200. During this reporting period, clients from the Aviator who would not have timely housing options were transferred to CWS, unless they voluntarily declined. CWS continues to report that as of May 29, 2024, no one has been turned away from CWS due to capacity issues.

Aviator – 38. This ECWS site decompressed from 104 to 38 since May 19, 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). A total of 88 Aviator clients have been housed from the Aviator. The decompression of the Aviator has been a steady process and the Aviator managers are confident the final transitions of clients in the next 2 days will go smoothly.

2. **Key topic - Preparation of Final 360 Assessment by RRS.** 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, has received additional data from shelter operators, and has a few more interviews to conduct of stakeholders before finalizing this document.

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

Preliminary numbers regarding housing that have been reported is that 88 have been housed from the Aviator, 117 from the Alex and, 48 housed from CWS.

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. One matter was referred by the Assembly for investigation to the AHD.

5. **Incidences** – No overdoses or significant occurrences were reported.

6. **Update of Henning, Inc.** – RRS has requested data from Henning, Inc. which has included number of birth certificates, IDs, Snap benefits, Medicaid application assistance, filing of PFDs, assisting individuals to enter treatment, bus passes, transportation, etc. The data is being consolidated and will be presented in RRS's 360 Assessment.

C. 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.

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