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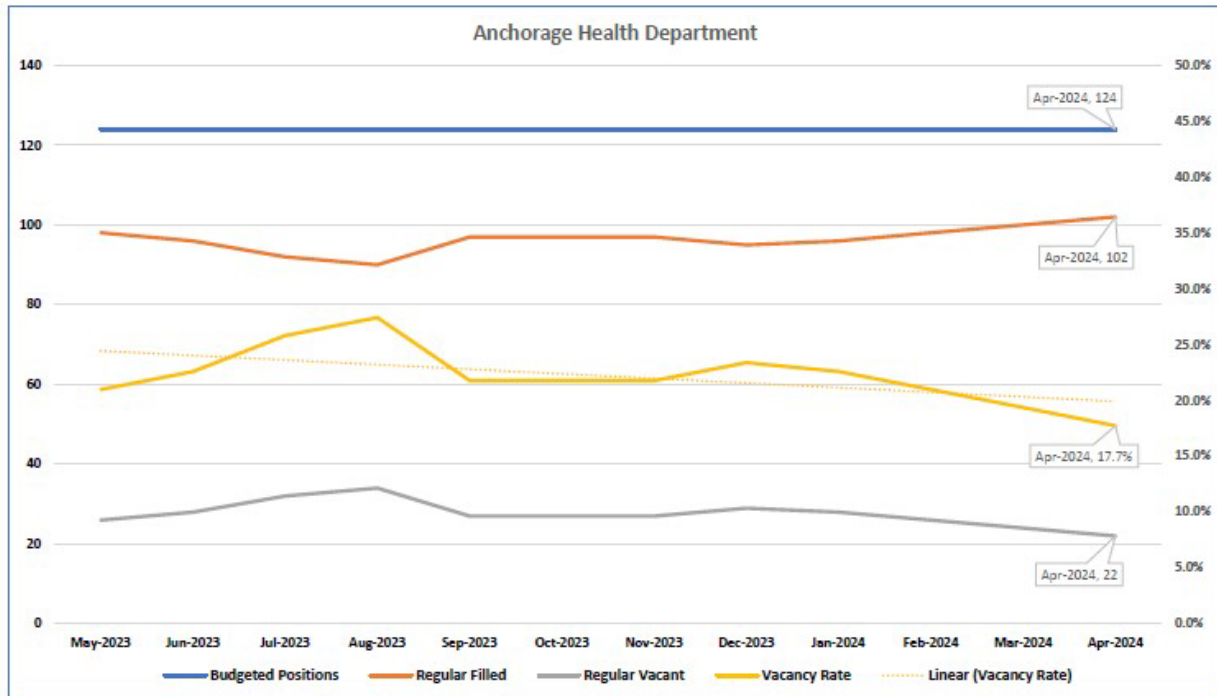
Assembly Health Policy Committee

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

Director's Office

- PIO interviewed with KTUU discussing the naloxone kit build that AHD hosted in its building with the Alaska National Guard Counterdrug Support Program and Project HOPE.
- PIO is working with staff in Environmental Health and the Public Health Clinic for Bike Month events and STI testing, immunizations, the well-baby clinic, and the lead testing clinic.
- Staff accepted a proclamation from the Assembly and Mayor Bronson celebrating National Public Health Week.
- Social media used to advertise National Public Health Week, food safety topics, Bike Month events including Yoga for Cyclists, the Bike Rodeo, Bike to School Day and more; the Aging and Disability Resource Center Brown Bag Education Series events, the Mayor's Job Fair, free walk-in testing for STI Awareness Week, resources for Stress Awareness Month, well-baby and lead testing clinics, tips for Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the opioid rescue kit build call for volunteers, info about the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, the Anchorage Senior Activity Center Health Fair, Earth Day, Drug Take Back Day, immunizations, air quality, flu and COVID-19 vaccine outreaches, temporary food permit establishment starter kits, and the downtown protected bike lane pilot project.
- Anchorage Opioid Community Resource Network (ACORN) formerly Anchorage Opioid Task Force (AOTF) is working with Travis Hedwig at UAA to conduct a secondary research review of existing opioid response work in Alaska and a project with the Division of Behavioral Health implementing the Icelandic prevention model. Funding for this research will be paid by utilizing Exhibit E Funds. The secondary research review will create an inventory document to be delivered to the Anchorage Health Department, and work with others as the municipality takes next steps towards implementation. This document will be used as a guide to assist in determining the most appropriate ways to implement Opioid Funds within the Municipality of Anchorage. The Anchorage Health Department Clinic has obtained a \$50K grant. With these funds we will be looking at where to install harm reduction vending machines in areas of the Municipality. The clinic will share their information with ACORN who will be hosting a town hall on 06/13/2024 at the Wilda Marston Theatre. This event is to learn about opioid use in Anchorage, share stories, and hear about how to get involved to make a positive impact in our community. Through this event we hope to gain community feedback on areas of need related to appropriate utilization of settlement funds.

Human Resources

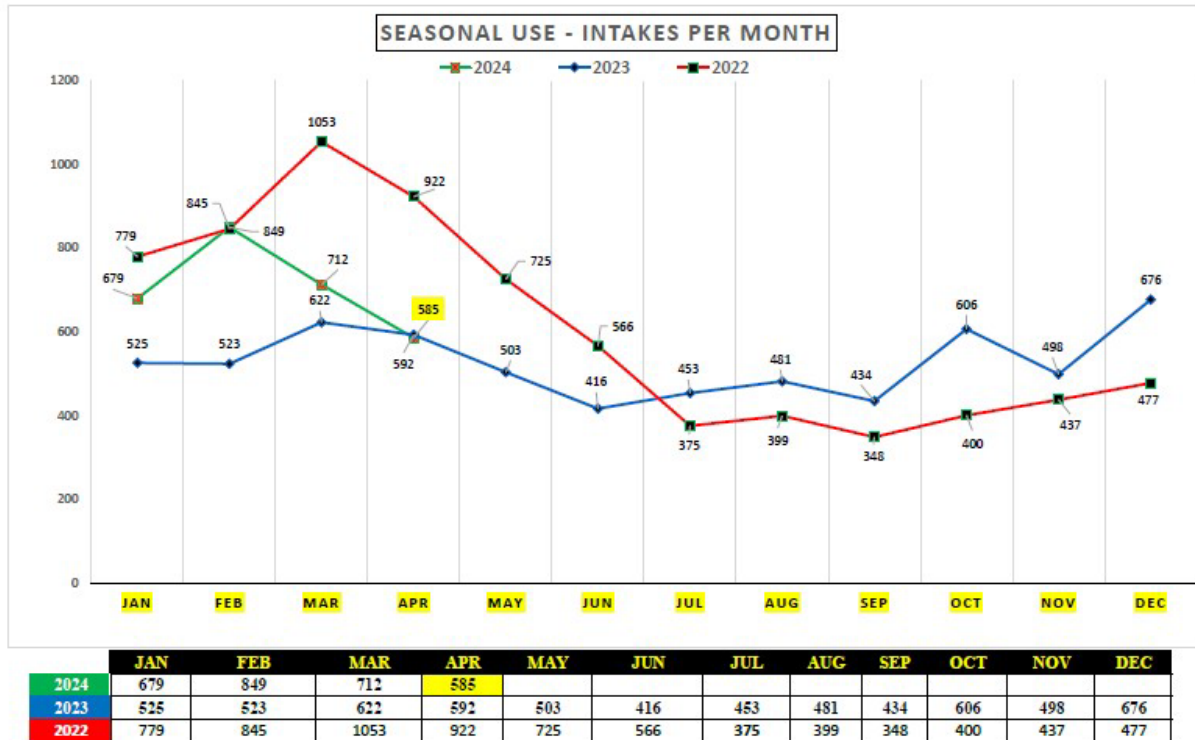


Recruitment efforts remain the same.

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: 585.
- Responded to calls: 1,099.
- Transported: 405.
- Unduplicated clients: 313.

Overall, 313 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 585 intakes/ occurrences due to multiple visits.



Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

The Environmental Health (EH) section of the AHD is responsible for the enforcement of numerous sections of the Anchorage Municipal Code including Title 15 (Health), 15.30 (Clean Air Code), and 16.60 (Food Code). The EH program permits, regulates, and inspects over 2,000 public facilities in the Municipality of Anchorage. EH also conducts initial plan reviews, opening inspections, changes of ownership and remodel plan review approvals. Regulated public facilities include food/beverage establishments, school kitchens and pools, hotel kitchens and pools, childcare kitchens, public pools and spas, beauty salons, barbershops, Correctional Community Residential Centers (CCRCs), pesticide applicators, adult establishments, and marijuana retailers. The program also responds to public health complaints regarding food, restaurants, noise, outdoor air quality, pest harborage, smoking in public places, mold in hotels, healthcare transparency, nuisance trash and neighbors, domestic and non-domestic animals, and recreational pools/spas. Air Quality monitors and reports levels of air pollutants, such as fire smoke and fine dust particles, within the Municipality of Anchorage. The program responds to local air quality complaints and is responsible for various air quality projects. Additionally, EH provides noise, special land use, and conditional land use permits. Our Environmental Health Educator coordinates with community partners to participate in public events, promote activities focused on air quality and reducing use of single-occupancy vehicles, and produces food safety education materials, among various other tasks.

In April the EH Program:

- Addressed 49 complaints.
- Performed 163 inspections.
- Made 547 Customer Service contacts.
- Completed 5 Plan Reviews. Worked on 26 Plan Reviews.
- Issued 66 permits.
- Issued 3 Food Worker Cards.
- Responded to 7 food borne illness complaints.

Air Quality Awareness Grant/ Environmental Health Educator

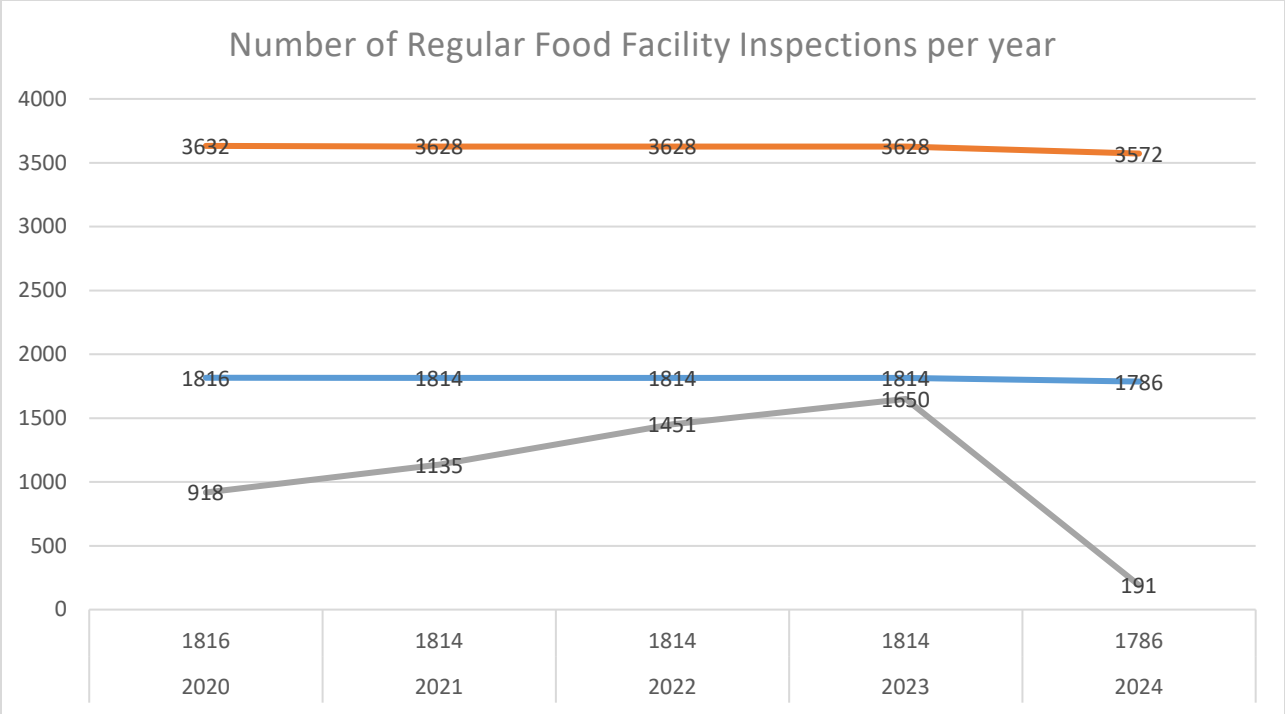
The purpose of the Air Quality and Business Awareness Education Campaign (AMATS) is to help improve air quality in the Anchorage area through advertising and education targeting a reduction in CO and other carbon emissions from high-emissions vehicles. Clean, non-motorized travel such as biking, and walking are promoted.

During April the Air Quality Specialist:

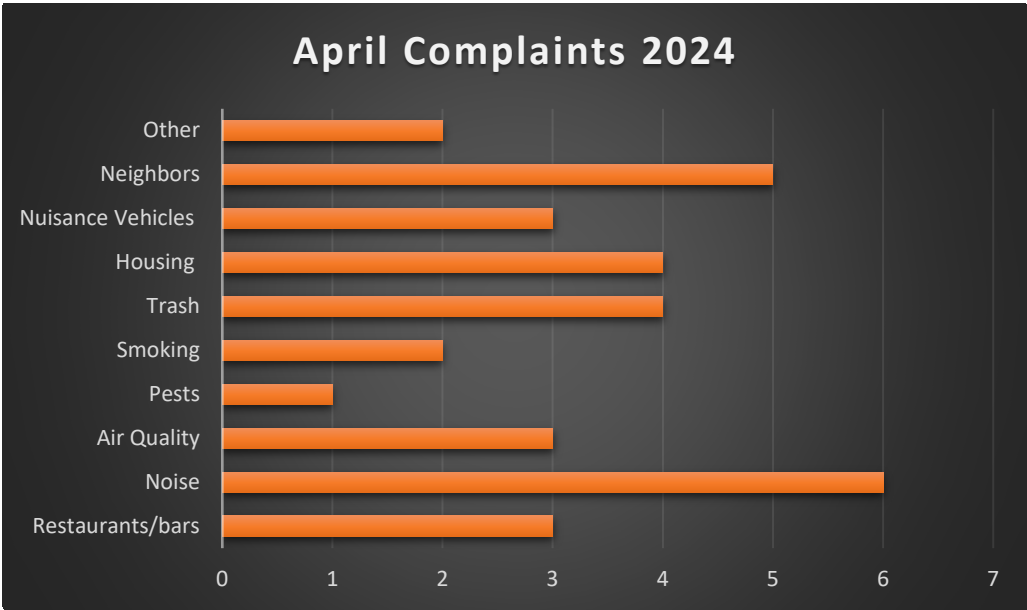
- Responded to 25 citizen complaints regarding air quality, noise, mold, and pest issues.
- Along with other Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representatives, jointly reviewed and recommended revisions to Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) & Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) comments concerning the Performance Environmental Linkages Study initial report concerning functionality of MOA's transportation system.
- Participated an AQ Earth meeting to plan DEC-Air Programs continued use of the air monitors from the Anchorage AQ Earth project beyond the July 2024 end of the one-year, grant-funded monitoring community air monitoring project.
- Posted daily air quality forecasts via web & phone message.
- Participated in AMATS-TAC meeting: responded to report on transportation linkages (network efficiency & impacts study) Participated AQ Earth data review and network planning meeting.
- Reviewed Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance to advise future Transportation Efficiency Strategies analysis to demonstrate project eligibility for FHWA grant funds for that objective.
- Participated in meetings to advance the Anchorage/ Mat-Su air quality network in cooperation with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)-Air Program.

During April the Environmental Health Educator:

- Planned for upcoming events in May and June.
- 1,400 Bike Maps distributed to bike shows throughout the city.
- City Hall Assembly Meeting – Bike Month Proclamation, 4/23/2024.
- Completed events: Senior Center Health Fair, 4/23/2024.
- Other Activities: Created/posted social media content for AQ and Food programs, bike safety, and event promotion, ordered and received supplies and incentive giveaways.



Minimum Annual Inspections recommended by FDA	Minimum annual inspections required by AMC 16.60	Number of Regular Inspections Completed	Number of permitted facilities each year
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Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

- April WIC participant total: 3,781.
- Performed one vendor audit in Girdwood.
- Provided referrals to the Well-Baby Clinic and the Lead Testing Clinic.
- Important news: USDA Food and Nutrition Service released its final food package changes which include permanent increase to fruits and vegetables amount, expanding whole grain options, more flexibility to dairy products, canned fish to more food packages, and [much more](#). WIC state agencies will have two years to implement these changes.
- Outreach events:
 - State Day at the Multi-State Farmers Market Manager Boot Camp, 4/2/2024.
 - Anchorage Early Childhood Community meeting - 1st community baby shower, 4/10/2024.
 - Alaska Literacy Project's Health Education Day and Bundles4Babies, 4/17/2024.
 - JBER "Kids in the Kitchen at JBER", 4/18/2024.
 - Program for Infants and Children (PIC), 4/19/2024.
 - Alaska Office for Refugees, 4/25-26/2024.
- Facebook: 63 posts: 5,551 reach.
- Instagram: 30 posts: 465 reach.

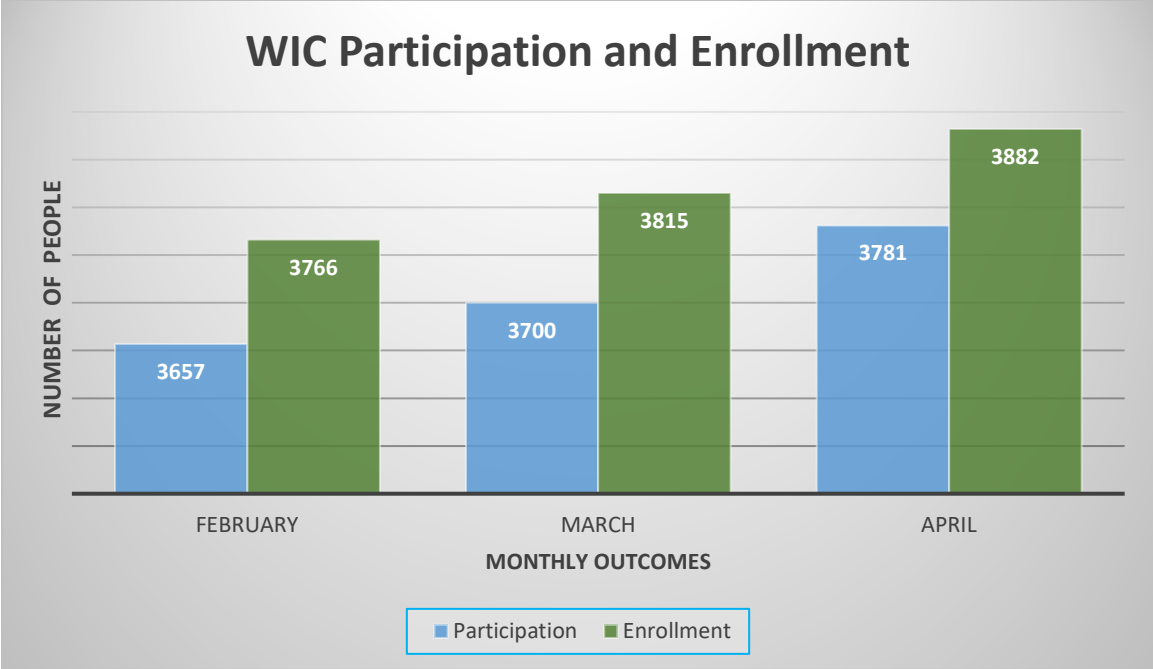
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)

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

- One Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 60 women currently enrolled.
- 59 total contacts were made in February to the 60 enrollees.
- Four BPFC in training and expected to see clients by end of May.
- Facebook: 9 posts: 109 reach.
- Instagram: 7 posts: 98 reach.

WIC Goal: Increase enrollment and participation to roughly 9,557 participants by 2025.

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



Community Health Nursing (CHN):

- Tracked 2 pathogen cases in April.

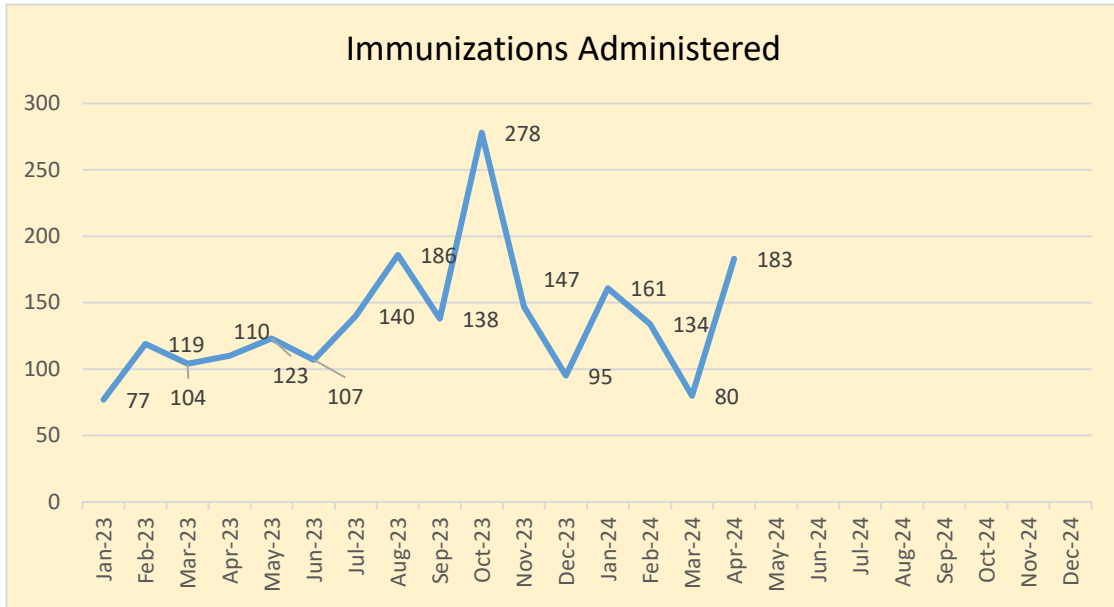
Pathogens	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024
Campylobacteriosis	1	3	
Legionella	1		
Salmonella		1	
Pertussis	1	2	1
Giardiasis	1		1
Hepatitis A	1		
Typhoid fever	1		
Vibrio infection, incl. cholera	1		
Shigellosis	1		
E.coli		2	

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

Immunizations

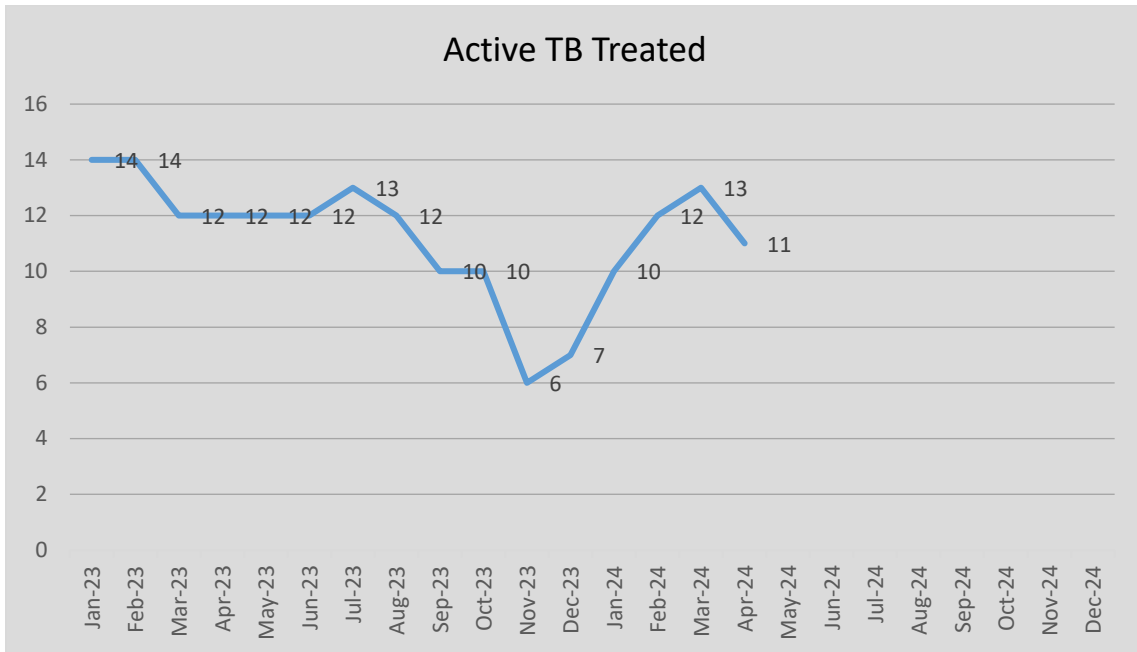
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 183 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 44 Moderna bivalent
 - 9 HPV
 - 7 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 9 RSV
 - 12 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)

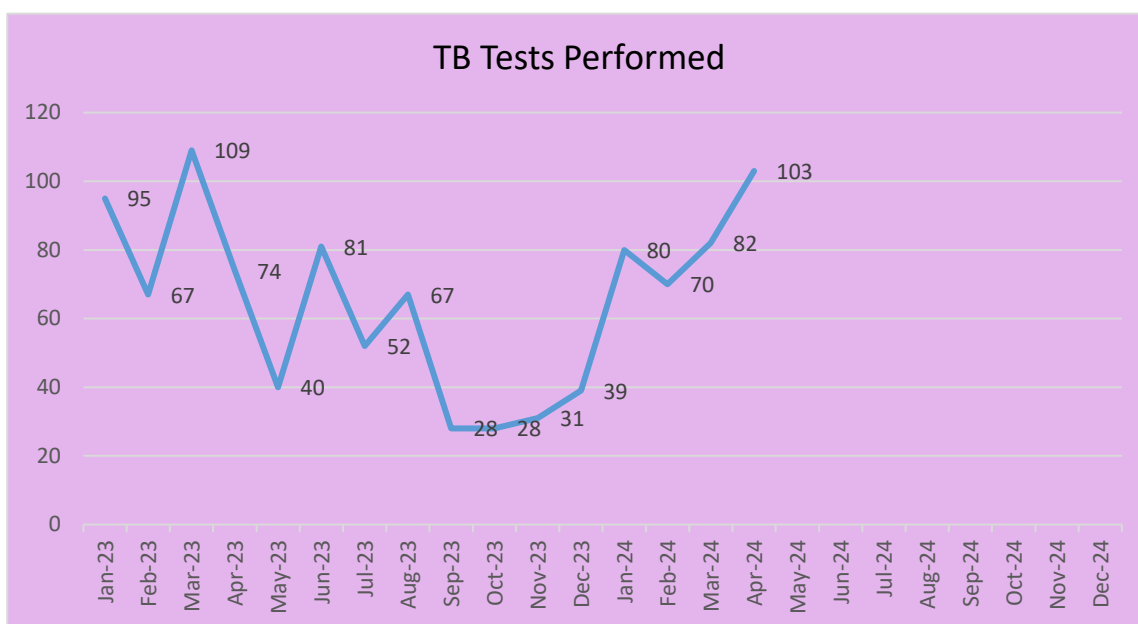
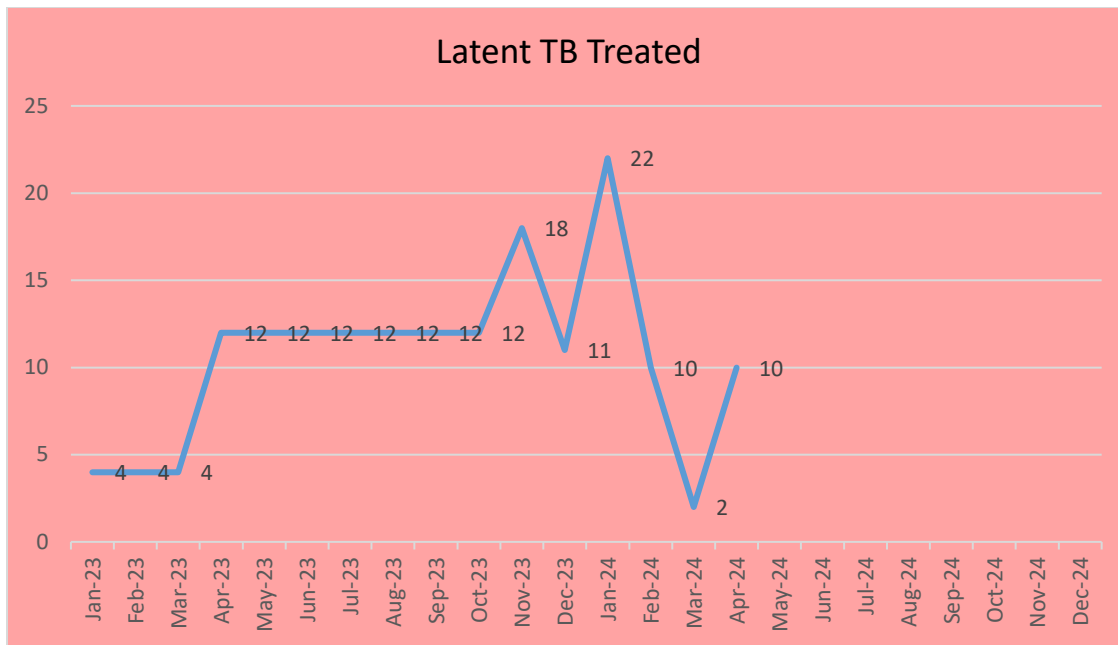
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Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 11 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 101
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 2





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.
- 144 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old.

STI	Tested	Pos
Rapid HIV	216	3
Rapid HCV	128	3
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	313	14
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhoea Clamper (GC)	314	8

Syphilis

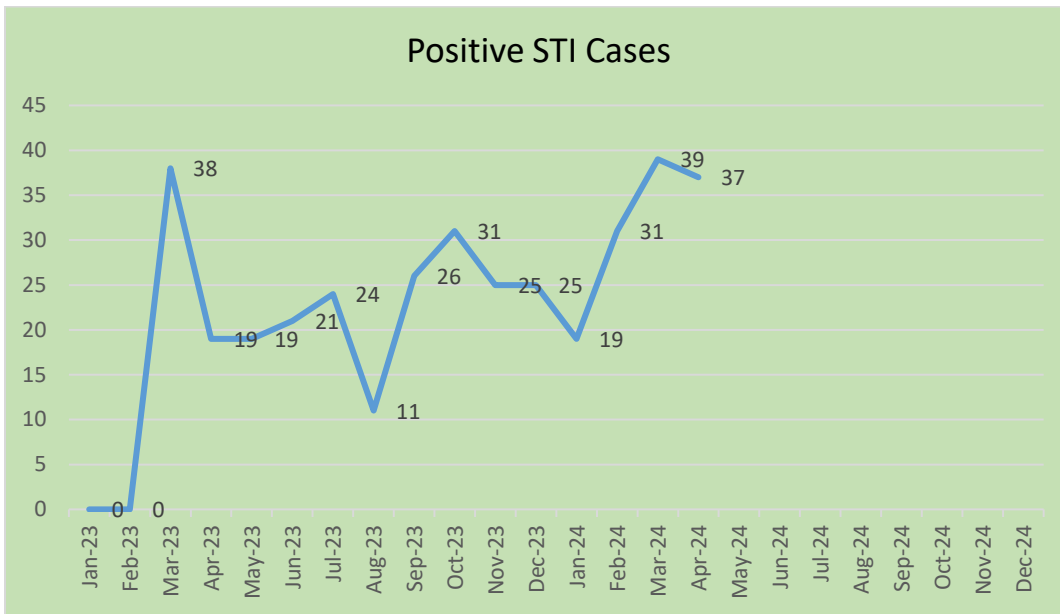
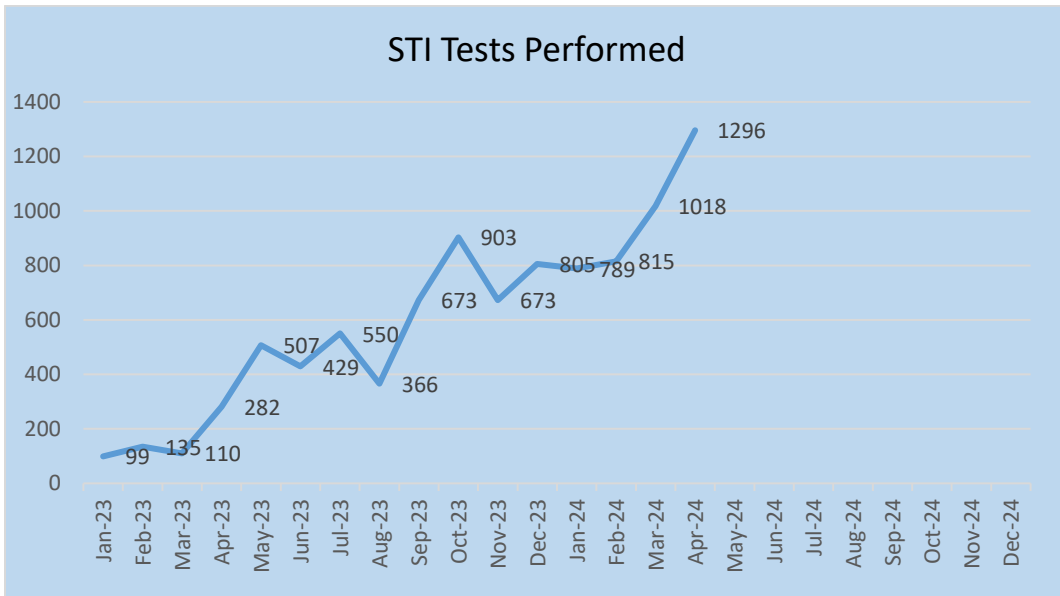
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Trichomoniasis

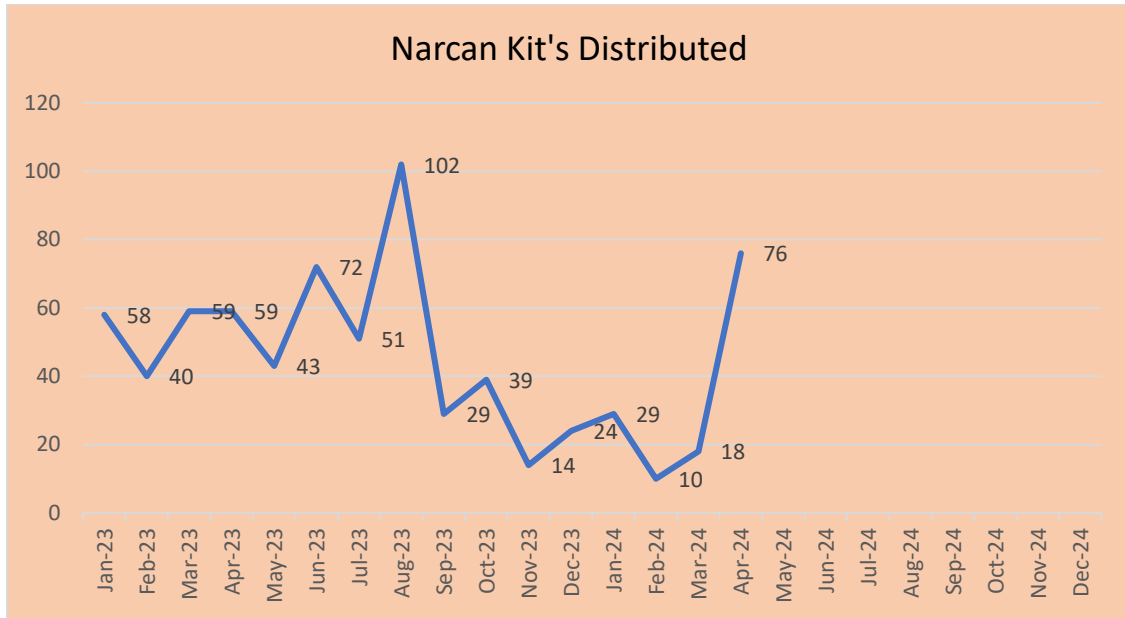
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Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 76 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in April.
 - 7 kits by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - 15 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 45 kits on outreach.
 - 9 kits for staff training.



HIV Prevention

- 5,638 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- 311 youth ages 13-22 educated on sexual health and relationships at 5 community partners: Mears Middle School, Steller Secondary School, Kusilvak Career Academy, Central Middle School, and East High School.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2024 MEETING DATES

JUNE	6	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	7	Thursday	5:00-6:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	26	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	27	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board