

## Situation Background

- Pandemic congregate sheltering at the Sullivan Arena was stood up by a previous administration to mitigate COVID-19 based on their belief that such expenses were FEMA reimbursable.
- FEMA reimbursement eligibility for pandemic-related sheltering ends on June 30, 2022.
- Current operations at the Sullivan are estimated at \$1 million per month.
- Due to the termination of FEMA eligibility, the Sullivan must close by June 30.

## This Week

- An additional 45 individuals exited the Sullivan this week, with most being placed into the Aviator's noncongregate shelter wing. More transports occurred on Saturday and Sunday, but are not yet reflected in outflow data.
- AHD staff from the Department Operations Center (DOC), clinic, and childcare licensing section dedicated significant time to canvassing remaining clients. Over 110 clients were interviewed and remaining clients are spoken to as they are located.
  - The largest issue reported by nearly all clients was receiving no follow-up information from case managers after they signed up for various housing options.
  - Additionally, approximately 25% of clients are actively declining assistance or have not attempted to work with navigation staff. AHD staff explained options to them, provided resources guides and a one-pager, and urged them to visit the Navigation Center.
  - AHD staff have spent the weekend attempting to fill severe case management gaps, and have had some success in placing complex care clients.
- Voucher-based camping has been opened at Centennial Campground and questions about this operation should be directed to Parks & Rec. Presently, up to 17 clients are interested in pursuing this route.
- AHD staff now have access to a variety of vans and transportation tools that are being used daily. Please let us know if transportation services are needed related to Sullivan decompression.

## Next Week

- One of the largest issues is clients believing they are "on a list," but subsequently receiving no updates or formal paperwork. Efforts to reconcile what clients are telling us with "list" data made available to us will continue.
- The following assistance would be valuable (contact DOC command staff or notify the DOC PIO to be connected the appropriate DOC staff):
  - Many remaining clients are unlikely to visit the Navigation Center and will benefit from cot-side assistance. <u>Service providers who need access to specific Sullivan clients or would like to canvas clients should reach out to us for escorts into the facility</u>.
  - Based on the data we've collected this week, AHD staff can assist service providers in highlighting clients most ready for placement (such as those with income, of which there are at least eight). Please contact us if there are specific categories of clients we can connect you with.
  - If you are aware of service providers, faith-based organizations, or other entities interested in assisting during this final week, please ask them to reach out to us. Every little bit helps as all stakeholders continue to work day and night during these final days.
- Space is available at the Aviator, Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, and Complex Care. The Salvation Army is providing air travel for any client wishing to relocate to a supportive situation. We are also working directly with CSS to temporarily transfer complex care cases to BFS when all other options are exhausted.



## Outlook

This week was a challenge as the Municipality seeks to continue housing placements at a high rate while also addressing the serious fire danger posed by a small subset of campers. Additionally, AHD's reliance on partners for case management, data, and shelter space adds another layer of complication. To address these concerns, AHD has expanded operations to 11 p.m. each day and is staffing 7 days a week while taking on significant extra duties in areas like case management and transportation.

At this stage in the operation, each housing placement is a hard-fought victory. This week's 45 client reduction represents a major effort on behalf of many partners, but much more work remains over the next fewdays. The department shares many of the community concerns we hear on a daily basis and remains committed to ending operations as humanely as possible.

COVID-19 Mass Care As of 06/24/2022				
Sites	Current Clients	Shelter Capacity	Weekly Change in Clients*	
Sullivan Arena	113	420 Clients	-45	
Non-Congregate Shelter	215 / 189 Rms	225 Rooms	+23	
All Shelters	328	N/A	-22	

\*From Friday, June 17 to Friday, June 24. Weekend changes are not included in this data.

Finance Status Report (as of 06/24/2022)			
EOC Dollars Spent to Date	\$117,617,341		
EOC Average Monthly Dollars Spent	\$4,238,462		
FEMA Public Assistance Cost Recovery As of 06/17/2022			
Project Amount Submitted for Reimbursement	\$87,523,169		
Pending Reimbursements	\$11,951,831		
FEMA Obligated Funds	\$51,035,052		
Total Paid to MOA	\$41,161,803		