August 2, 2023
Assembly Health Policy Committee

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

**Director’s Office**

- AHD is partnering with Parks and Recreation to plan the Back to School Fair, which distributes bookbags and school supplies to children in the Fairview neighborhood. The event also offers free vaccines, haircuts, fun activities, and other giveaways to help students succeed in the coming school year. This year’s event will be held on Friday, August 11th from noon to 6pm at the Fairview Recreation Center.
- AHD has been more active on social media and is continuing to advertise outreach events, services, and open job opportunities on all its social media platforms.

**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: 416
- Responded to calls: 975
- Transported: 261
- Unduplicated clients: 267

Overall, 267 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 416 intakes/occurrences due to multiple visits.

![Seasonal Use - Intakes Per Month](chart)

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**Public Health Division**

**Environmental Health Services (EH):**

- The EH Program addressed 70 Complaints in June.
- Performed 155 inspections.
- Made 970 Customer Service contacts.
- Renewed Liquor and Marijuana retail licenses.
- Responded to 8 food borne illness reports.
• Plan Reviews Completed 24. Plan Reviews worked 42.
• Issued 301 permits.
• Issued 5 Food Worker Cards.
**Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):**

- June WIC participant total: 3,877.
- Partnered with Johnny’s Produce (JP) to provide WIC and SNAP participants with a $50 voucher per family to purchase fruits and vegetables on a first come first serve basis. Within three days of launching pilot project, 99 sets of vouchers were distributed, valued at $4,950. Approximately $3,700 of the vouchers were used within the required timeframe. JP will be reimbursed by the WIC Alcohol Tax to pay for the fruits and vegetables purchased with vouchers by program participants.
- Partnering with MOA IT to improve our website to better serve MOA and our participants. The Scope of Work and Development Plan were developed by MOA WIC which was accepted by MOA IT in June. This will be an ongoing project.
- MOA WIC made efforts to put MOAs in place to partner with local grocers and farmers’ markets. This is an ongoing project, more updates to come.
- Completed a SOA managerial evaluation with our USDA federal partners. The evaluation is ongoing, though feedback for MOA WIC was positive.
- Successfully spent down grant funding within the required timeframe.
- Participated at Pacific Community of Alaska Health and Resource Fair.
- Contacted eight different daycare facilities in June (in-person) to establish a partnership, provide guidance on referrals and to develop a positive relationship.
- Presented on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to prospective parents regarding WIC benefits.
- Relaunched the partnership with ANHC by identifying a new liaison and developing a new plan to coordinate referrals for services.
- Facebook: 41 posts: 12,123 reach.
- Instagram: 24 posts: 355 reach.

**WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC)**

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

- Four Breastfeeding Peer Counselors (BFPC) are on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 137 women currently enrolled.
- 363 total contacts were made in May to the 137 enrollees.
- Facebook: 32 posts: 3,174 reach.
- Instagram: 12 posts: 210 reach.
- Developed radio ads that mentioned providing breastfeeding services.
- Terriann Shell, International Board of Lactation Consultants, provided a presentation on, “What Moms’ Experience the First Months of Breastfeeding”.

**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.*

- SNAP-Ed position is vacant; AHD waiting to see if grant awarded to recruit for this position.
  - Facebook 12 Posts: 2,731 reach.
  - Instagram 7 Posts: 563 reach.

Alcohol Tax Grant Management

- **Volunteers of America Youth Substance Prevention** - VOA recently hired a mental health clinician which is great news, however the position stood vacant for roughly five months. VOA will most likely request to move funding from their labor cost center to a different cost center to account for the remaining five months of labor not spent. The funds were utilized to hire the mental health clinician. The amount is $100,000 which is reserved for labor.

- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** - Alaska News Source was the initial station identified to provide marketing services; however, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) later realized the plan was too costly. After learning this, AFSP reached out to Alaska Public Media (APM), who agreed to provide placement and marketing services at a more reasonable price. Due to the initial delay and change in strategy, AFSP predicts they will continue to utilize the grant for another four months, which is within the original grant agreement. The funds are being utilized to develop their marketing campaign with Alaska Public Media. The amount is $30,000 which is reserved for the campaign.

- **Recover Alaska, The Foraker Group** - The Foraker Group through Recover Alaska was awarded $100,000 in 2023, to expand Anchorage’s behavioral health
workforce by graduating 45 MSW graduate students from UAA by 2025. Currently there are 60 students enrolled in the MSW program which surpasses their initial goal of 45 students. UAA hired three faculty members to accommodate the increase in MSW student enrollment. The funds are being utilized to hire more instructors. The amount is $100,000 which is slated for labor.

**Opioid Remediation**
- Meeting on hold in June.
- More updates to come as the original taskforce will be meeting on July 12, 2023.

**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 15 pathogen cases in June.

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**Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)**

**Immunizations**
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 107 Routine vaccines were provided:
  - 0 Pfizer bivalent (no longer offered)
  - 17 Moderna bivalent
  - 0 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
  - 2 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
  - 8 PPD (purified protein derivative)
  - 5 Mpox (monkeypox)
  - 75 assorted other
**Tuberculosis Control**

- We treated and case managed 12 clients with Active TB.
  - TB tests performed IGRA: 73
  - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 8
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.
- 104 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old; 41 during outreach.

**STI**

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Hepatitis C (HCV) 11 0
Hepatitis B (HBV) 1 1
Trichomoniasis 9 0

**Substance Initiative in PHN Grant**
- 72 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in June
  - 21 by Sexual Health Clinic.
  - 20 kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
  - 31 kits during outreach events.
  - Reportable activities: 1 Narcan build & 2 outreach events.
• 6/7/23: 2,800 Narcan kits were built as a joint collaboration with DOH’s OSMAP at Spenard Rec Center, 20 community members + Mayor Bronson + Junior Aumavae assisted.
• 6/23/2023: Pacific Community of Alaska Health Fair at Spenard Rec Center.
• 6/24/2023: Pride Fest 2023 at Delaney Park Strip (we ran out of Narcan kits, a lot of public demand).

HIV Prevention
• 5,335 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)
• No TUPP education; will resume when school restarts in the fall.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES
Note: ADA Commission not presently active

AUGUST  2  Wednesday  4:00-5:30  Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
  3  Thursday  4:00-5:30  Anchorage Women’s Commission
23  Wednesday  10:00-Noon  Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
24  Thursday  5:30-7:00  Animal Control Advisory Board

Actively recruiting for Board/Commission Vacancies:
  Anchorage Women’s Commission  1
  Health & Human Services Commission  1
  Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  1
  Animal Control Advisory Board  1