Strategic Action Plan to Solve Homelessness: 2018-2021

Community Forum | Tuesday, August 27, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library
# Tonight’s Agenda

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<td>10 min</td>
<td>Welcome, Introductions + Purpose of Meeting</td>
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<td>Anchored Home: Updates on Our Five 2019 Priorities</td>
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<td>Community Volunteer + Involvement Opportunities</td>
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<td>Breakout Sessions</td>
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<td>2. Public Health &amp; Safety (Pillar 3 / 5): Learning Commons, 4th Floor</td>
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<td>Brief Transit Break: Group 2 returns to 1st Floor Theater</td>
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<td>Wrap-Up + Next Steps</td>
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### Thank You for Attending!

#### Anchored Home

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<td>Kameron Perez-Verdia</td>
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Thank you to our generous funding partners! Including...
Let’s agree to…

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VISION
Homelessness is rare, brief, & one-time

KEY PILLARS

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2019 Implementation Priorities

Priority 1. Improve community health, safety and emergency systems: increase available shelter beds and decrease unauthorized camps.

Priority 2. Increase permanent housing and supports resources in the community.

Priority 3. Assess and improve local capacity to prevent and divert from homelessness.

Priority 4. Improve data collection and support infrastructure to inform decision-making, track progress toward our goals, and monitor performance.

Priority 5. Increase use of and links to existing community resources. Advocate for more resources where needed.
Priority 1 Update:
Community health, safety + emergency shelter

• Cold weather shelter capacity for adults will be increased by at least 150 adult beds (over 2019) to meet current need providing funding is available.
  • The Municipality is developing a contract for these services as quickly as possible this fall
• Church Emergency Family Cold Weather Shelter, 2019-2020:
  – The churches and volunteers are ready to enter into the 10th year of serving families within the community
Priority 2 Update:
Permanent housing and supports

• **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project** (YHDP): The first youth was housed April 9, 2019. To date, 21 youth have been placed into Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and 9 youth have been housed into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

• **Path to Independence**: 22 individuals have been housed in 2019 so far. P2I has housed 36 individuals in total.

• **Family Community Housing Project (FCHP)**: 30 households were housed across the program to date in 2019.

• **Pay for Success**: Pilot was launched summer of 2019. As of today: 4 individuals have been housed.

• ACEH is partnering with Agnew::Beck to better understand the Anchorage Housing Capacity & Supports System
Priority 3 Update: Prevent and divert from homelessness

- **Alaska 2-1-1 usage increase**
  - 230% increase in referrals for food and meal assistance compared to 2018
  - Combined two-day call volume total 247 calls. Same days prior year 154 calls
  - Increase in calls for General Relief – Senior Benefits
- Top 3 Unmet Services for July 2019
  - Rent Payment Assistance
  - Utility Payment Assistance
  - Rent Deposit Assistance

- **Prevention**
  - Developing client tracking and monitoring system
  - Enhancing existing systems and determining future housing navigation systems

- **Diversion**
  - Analyzing public and private resources
  - Identifying predictive data within existing services
Priority 4 Update:
Data collection and infrastructure

Anchorage is participating in **Built for Zero** as of 2019!

- Change in timeline due to delays related to state budget cuts
- In April, we met 7/28 criteria for a quality by-name list. Today we have flipped 21 of the 28 questions to “yes”!

**Data strategy assessment** completed!

- Gap analysis and data systems project underway in Anchorage
- Anchorage and statewide coalition finalized a joint HMIS Strategic Assessment and an AKHMIS Strategic Plan is underway

- **Tracking our progress**: Anchored Home Data Scorecards are in the Piloting phase
Priority 5 Update:
Links to community services

• Develop and implement new communications to **broaden and deepen the public discussions about homelessness** including solutions
  – ACEH, MOA and HLC developing Communications Plan

• **Advocacy measures with State Budget**
  – Launched a shared advocacy platform with ACEH and Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

• **A funders collaborative in Anchorage is progress**
  – Discussions with potential funders for planned investments
  – Multiple funders interested in substantial investments
  – State budget situation has delayed progress on new investments
  – Public announcement of investment coming soon!
## Ongoing Risk: FY20 State Budget

FY20 State Budget – following signing of HB 2001 & SB 2002

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Because of your voice and efforts, a significant amount of the funding was restored to the budget. However, there were several vetoes that will impact our vulnerable and lead to an increase in homelessness in Anchorage:

**SB 2002 VETOES:** -$10M in Statewide Addiction Treatment Facilities matching grant, Weatherization Program

**HB 2001 VETOES:** -$6.1M Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants, Youth Detention and Treatment (Nome), Adult Public Assistance, Medicaid, Medicaid Dental, Village Public Safety Officer, Rural Airport Maintenance, Marine Highway System
Get **Involved** to Help Our Neighbors!

- **Volunteer**: Many opportunities at **Be the Change 907**
  - [http://www.bethechange907.org/need/](http://www.bethechange907.org/need/)

- **Donate**: Financial contributions
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- **Advocate**: Contact our Federal Delegation, Governor and state Legislators to share how important it is to sustain preventative safety net services
  - Partial loss of Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)
  - Loss of mental and behavioral health funds
  - Medicaid
Instructions for Breakout Discussions

Choose one of these two breakouts to attend:

**Breakout 1. Housing & Supports**
- Location: Wilda Marston Theater, 1st Floor (here!)

**Breakout 2. Public Health & Safety**
- Location: Learning Commons, 4th Floor
  
  *Elevators + stairs located in the front desk area*

After the breakouts conclude (at about 7:15), please return here for a brief sharing from our discussions and wrap-up from tonight’s meeting.

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Breakout Topics

Breakout 1. Housing & Supports

• What progress are we making to better connect people experiencing homelessness with housing and supports?
  ➢ Data and infrastructure
  ➢ Housing and supportive services

• How do state budget cuts affect current and future services?

Breakout 2. Public Health & Safety

• What is the Assembly and Municipality doing to improve public health and safety for those experiencing homelessness and surrounding neighbors?

• What is the emergency declaration for, and how has it helped the Municipality respond to our current situation?

• How do state budget cuts affect current and future services?
Highlights from Breakouts

➤ Did you learn something new in your breakout? What surprised you?

➤ What did you hear tonight that you will take action on to address homelessness in Anchorage?
Stay **Involved** with Anchored Home!

- Join the **Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH)** and attend bi-monthly membership meetings
  - Next meeting: Friday, September 13, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
    Alaska Housing Finance Corp. office, 4300 Boniface Parkway, 1st floor

- Attend the **Anchored Home Quarterly Community Forums**
  - The next forum is scheduled for November 20, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Attend **Assembly Committee on Homelessness** Meetings
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
    City Hall, 632 West 6th Ave., Conference Room 830

- Attend monthly **HHAND Commission** Meetings
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
    Anchorage Health Department, 825 L St., Conference Room 423
Stay **Informed** about Anchored Home!

- Follow progress on the **ACEH coalition’s website**:
  anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home/
  - Sign up for e-mail updates on the coalition’s website!
  - Follow ACEH on Facebook!
- Follow the **Muni’s current activities**:
  - Updates on Public Health & Safety:
    anchored-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com
  - Mayor’s Corner, Housing and Homelessness:
    http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Pages/MayorsHousingAndHomelessness.aspx
- **Contact the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness** at
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