



SEQUIM HEALTH & HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

Mission: To promote community health and pathways to housing with a synergistic and unified approach.

Sequim Food Bank – Healthy Families of Clallam County
Peninsula Behavioral Health – Sequim Free Clinic
Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic
Olympic Community Action Programs

In response to a request by the City of Sequim in the fall of 2018, nine organizations banded together to form the Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative (SHHC). Focusing on five areas set out by the City of Sequim – physical health, behavioral health, sheltering, substance use, and food insecurity – SHHC is creating a unique outreach network that promotes community health and offers pathways to housing in a synergistic and unified approach.

Areas of Work

- **Sheltering:** Healthy Families of Clallam County & Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP)
- **Behavioral Health:** Peninsula Behavioral Health & Healthy Families of Clallam County
- **Physical Health:** Sequim Free Clinic
- **Substance Use Disorder:** Peninsula Behavioral Health
- **Food Insecurity:** Sequim Food Bank
- **Family Support Services:** Healthy Families of Clallam County
- **Outreach & Advocacy:** Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic, Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP), Peninsula Behavioral Health & Healthy Families of Clallam County
- **Prevention:** Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic, Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP), Peninsula Behavioral Health, Healthy Families of Clallam County

Our Goals

- Address Health and Access Disparities in Sequim
- Research Needs & Gaps of Service
- Build Capacity and Increase Access to Services in Sequim
- Implement Strategic Outreach and Service Delivery
- Build Campaign for Capital Project (Solution Center)

2019

In 2019 SHHC had no aggregated data collection, so individual agencies reported the following details. The first year of this project was spent constructing a plan of action, negotiating roles, readjusting our leadership and objectives, responding to Sequim officials' intentions, and, most importantly, building a solid base in our relationships as partners in this project.

- **78 people** walked into Sequim Warming Center in 2018-2019, averaging 13.7 people per night with non-regular open nights.
- Over **180 students** were identified as homeless in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Sequim Food Bank provided food to over **2,000 individual households** in Sequim.
- Over **180 families** self-identified as homeless at Sequim Food Bank in 2018.
- **588 people** utilized Sequim Free Clinic for care with over 1,200 visits.
- Peninsula Behavioral Health in Sequim had **160 hours per week** of Behavioral Health Professionals servicing Sequim with full caseloads.
- Healthy Families of Clallam County housed and or served **419 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Survivors** as well as **1,269 Crisis** Line Information & Referral Calls.

2020

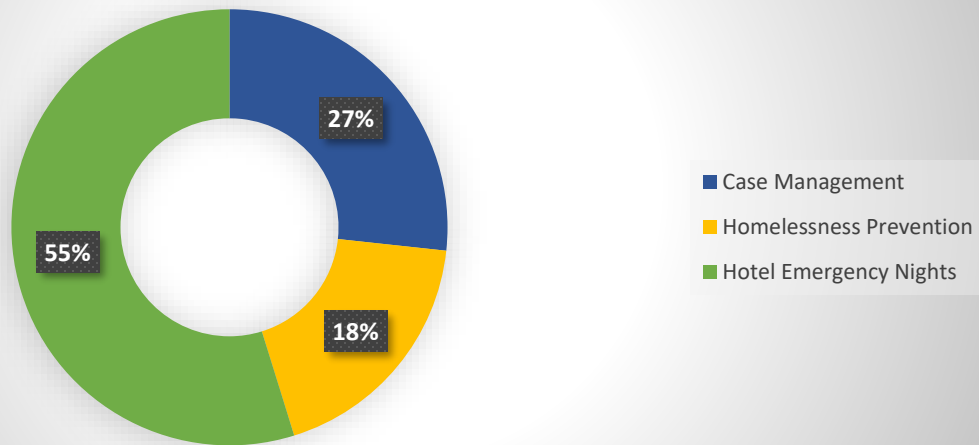
Made up of staff from Peninsula Behavioral Health, Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic and Olympic Community Action Programs, the **HOPE Outreach Team** of Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative was established. HOPE is an acronym for Helping Our People Engage. The equivalent of 1 Full Time FTE, composed of staff from among the agencies, provided Direct Outreach to Sequim residents. HOPE documented **832 Encounters**.

SHHC now has a mobile unit for Outreach that is dedicated to this project. SHHC's long-term goal is to construct a Solution Center with room for representatives from all agencies, but we just established an office that will offer a physical space to meet, safely, with individuals and families in the 2021 year.

2020 HOPE Outreach Encounters



HOPE Services Provided



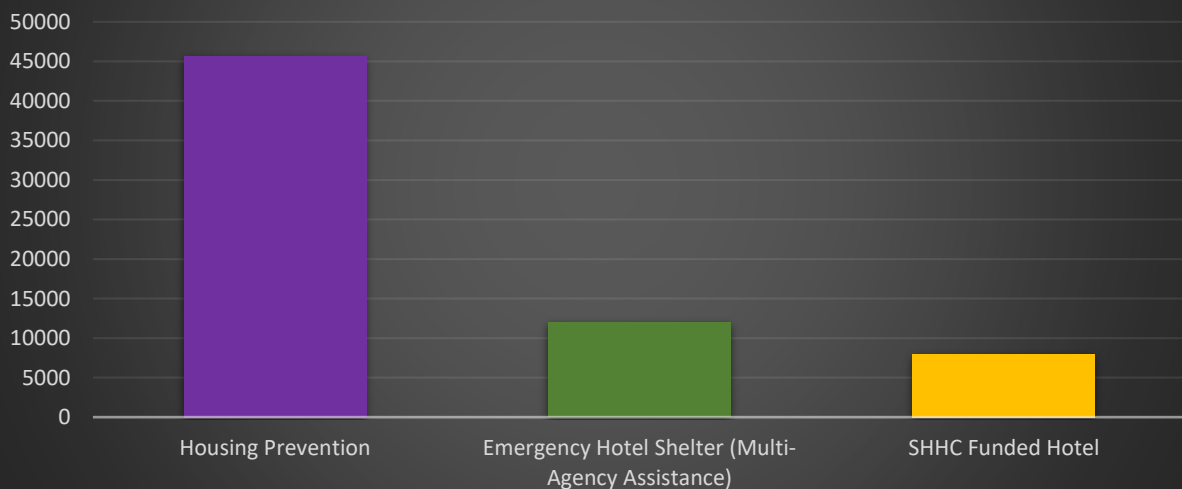
54 Households were prevented from Homelessness (\$45,682 Dollars)

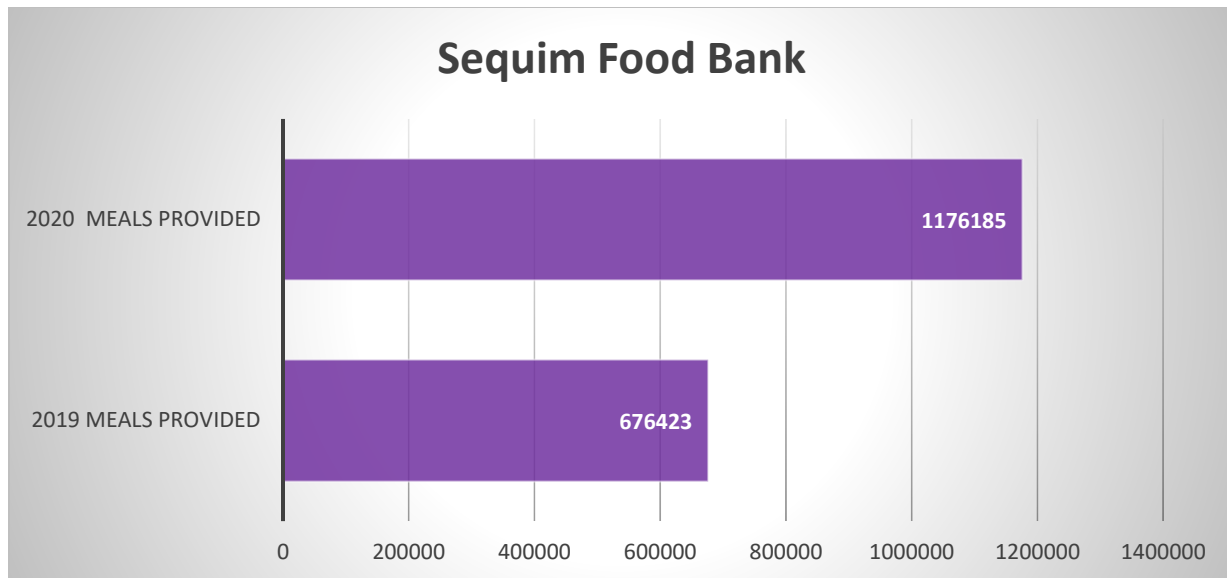
78 Households were enrolled in Intensive Case Management Programs

160 Nights of Emergency Shelter were provided for households that were impacted directly by COVID-19 but were unable to or did not qualify for traditional Shelter options. Reasons included medical needs and being a family unit.

569 Nights of *additional* Emergency Shelter were provided by Healthy Families for Sequim residents (excludes SHHC or COVID funding).

Rent/Mortgage and Emergency Hotel Assistance





This year was unprecedented in terms of the relentless uptick in demand for food and food security by Sequim residents. Although there were no significant increases in Weekend Meal Bags or Traditional Distribution, Sequim Food bank nearly doubled their service with the COVID Community Meal Distribution.

The HOPE Team worked closely with Sequim Food Bank and Sequim Police Department doing outreach:

- Outreach at Traditional Food Distribution Days
- Van Outreach at Mass Distribution and Holiday Meal Bags
- Partnering for Sequim Free Lunches

COVID-19:

Regular services for many of the organizations were suspended or shifted to meet the urgent needs due to the COVID-19 crisis. When SHHC resumed its efforts in June, there was clear evidence of:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased need in rental/utility assistance • Increased inquiry for housing/shelter • Increased DV/behavioral incidents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complex needs of vulnerable populations • Increased need for food, especially those experiencing it for the first-time • Limited emergency sheltering in Sequim |
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Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative’s COVID-19 Response:

- Retrofitted the mobile unit with PPE
- Increased hours of outreach staff
- Offered doorstep services
- Increased pathways to housing
- Facilitated mass food distributions
- Implemented telemedicine services

Looking Ahead

As a collaborative, SHHC has met – perhaps even exceeded – the goal of the City of Sequim’s RFP. The needs of some of our community’s most disadvantaged residents are being assessed and responded to.

- We have successfully found safe, permanent placement for people who were enrolled in our programs.
- We have organized an Emergency Shelter option.
- We have provided more food than ever to our community.

We have accomplished more as a collaborative than any agency could have independently. By working together we have maximized our resources and streamlined communication and processes. We appreciate the support of Sequim City Council for making this possible.

With funding and the future unknown, we hope to continue providing services at this accelerated pace. We are also requesting funding for Housing Prevention because it is unclear what will be available to our community, especially regarding Mortgage Assistance. Although some things are unknown, we are certain that the long-term impact of COVID-19 has not surfaced, and our services are going to be in even higher demand.

Goals

1. Continue to provide 40+ Hours of Sequim Centric Outreach and Support
2. Continue to provide Emergency Options, Prevention, and support pathways to stable housing.
3. Provide Measurable Project Outcomes (*Health Improvement, Community Connection, Accessibility*)
4. Expand Formal Partnerships
5. Solution Hub Feasibility and Capitol Project Development
6. Finalize SHHC Policy/Procedure Revision

As Sequim grows, so does the need for accessible and equitable services. The goal is to coalesce service delivery from varied providers to increase access. Our long-term vision is to provide a physical space in Sequim, a Solution Center, where access to services is available in a shared space serving families in the Sequim community.



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